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Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
November 10, 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 3:02 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2009, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

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

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Calvin Lester (Arrived at 3:10 p.m.), Monty Walford, Michael Long, Bryan Wooley, Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Joyce Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, October 26, 2009, Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 27, 2009, and Budget Meeting Minutes. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.

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

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

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Councilman Shyne: He must have seen you with a sermonette Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council, we don't expect to exceed 15 minutes today, but without question, the gentleman that we are about to honor certainly worth these 15 minutes and many, many more for the great service that he has rendered to the citizens of the City of Shreveport. At this time, I'd like to call up Chief Crawford, and Asst Fire Chief Bobby Robinson.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, looks like you just got your uniform out of the cleaners, it looks so fresh.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council and all those who are gathered there today and those who are watching at home, it's my great pleasure to stop today and recognize the career of an individual who has served the citizens of the City of Shreveport for some 39 years. As Chief Crawford just pointed out, as we were entering the Chamber, when this individual joined the fire service for the City of Shreveport, Chief Crawford was a 1st Grader. And yours truly was in kindergarten. And so this is someone who has not only served well, he has also served us long. So he has served us both long and well. Chief Robinson is soon to retire after 39 years of dedicated service to the citizens of this city. As he prepares for retirement, we wanted to take this opportunity to join Chief Crawford and all of the members of the Shreveport Fire Department to recognize Chief Robinson for his leadership, his sacrifice, and his

commitment. Chief Robinson has been a positive influence to many throughout the department and the Shreveport Community, and he has more seniority than any current fire department personnel. And today along with yourselves and all who are here, we present Chief Robinson today with a proclamation that declares today, five days short of his official retirement day from the City of Shreveport's Fire Department, a day specifically and singularly in his honor. So, Assistant Chief Robinson, it is my great privilege to present you this proclamation that reads very briefly:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chief Robert 'Bobby' Robinson is a 39 year Veteran of the Shreveport Fire Department, having joined this prestigious organization on June 22, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robinson currently serves as the Commander of Shift 'A' Operations and Personnel and directly coordinates and supervises Emergency Medical Services and Fire Ground Operations; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robinson is both a pacesetter and history-maker, having served as one of the original members of the first Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate class; and

WHEREAS, in addition of the vast array of accomplishments and awards that Chief Robinson has amassed over the years; he also possesses an outstanding commitment to his country, having served in the United States Army National Guard Company B-1st Battalion-156th Infantry, and is a proud Veteran; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Chief Robinson has demonstrated his unrivaled sense of dedication to those in need, by volunteering extensively with local efforts and organizations, such as: Boy Scouts of America, Paint Your Heart - Shreveport, United Way, Operation Santa Claus, and Firefighters for Christ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport would like to officially commend and recognize Chief Robert 'Bobby' Robinson, for his outstanding dedication, commitment and contributions to the Shreveport Fire Department and the Citizens of Shreveport;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cedric B. Glover, Mayor of the City of Shreveport, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 10th, 2009, as:

“CHIEF ROBERT ‘BOBBY’ ROBINSON DAY”

In the City of Shreveport and urge all citizens to join in celebration of this momentous occasion.

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

Mayor Glover: But now we are not quite yet finished. While I said that Asst Chief Robinson was - - - he started in June of '70, well I guess I was still 4, I hadn't made 5 yet. Chief Crawford was still yet 6. Now Chief Robinson might be an approximate shape to Chief Robinson, but I believe right now taking a look at 'em Coach Shyne, I believe he might beat me in a quarter-mile race around the track.

Councilman Shyne: There you go.

Mayor Glover: So, I will stand there and hold steady, Chief Crawford will now set forward and make a presentation.

Chief Crawford: I can't add a lot to what the Mayor has said about Chief Robinson's tenure with the Fire Department. I can tell you on the lighter side, if anybody knows Chief Robinson, or anybody whose ever spoken to Chief Robinson, they know that he does a lot of listening and not a lot of talking, because you can't get a word in edgewise. And there's an old story about when Chief Robinson was promoted to Assistant Chief, and he became a part of the Command Staff, they used to observe a moment of silence of the beginning of that meeting for any firefighters that were injured. And since his joining the Command Staff, that has since been done away with. There are no moments of silence when Chief Robinson is in the room. So, let me just say a few things. Bobby is literally a legend on this fire department. He has achieved icon status with his crooked smile, and his flat top hair, that which he has left. He's an example even today of the dedication, loyalty and commitment that has become synonymous with this great fire department, and what it should be in the future. As the Fire Chief, I had never been prouder to call someone my friend. And on behalf of the 600 brave men and women of the Shreveport Fire Department, we thank you for your service, and I've never been prouder to say Chief Robinson, job well done. As a token of the Fire Department's appreciation, this says the Shreveport Fire Department honors Assistant Chief Bobby Robinson for 39 years of dedicated service presented on Friday, November 13, 2009 by Chief Brian Crawford, Shreveport Fire Department. Would you like to have something to say?

Asst Chief Robinson: Some of you I've had the pleasure of working with throughout my career. I know Mr. Shyne and Mr. Lester. I met all of you before, Mr. Wooley, and Mr. Walford, each one of you, I've met at one time. It's mixed emotions that this day has come, and Shreveport Fire Department, definitely this has been the greatest ride that a person could experience. To work under the leadership of the Chiefs that have led this fire department, it's like the selection process, it's just been great. It's been exemplified by Chief Kelvin Cochran going to be the head of the Association for the Firefighters of the United States, and then Chief Crawford being our fire chief now. Any accolades, anything that I've ever done in my career that has put me to where I am right now and what has been said, is strictly because of the personnel that work under my command. These people are - - - I don't have to tell you how great they are. I just happen to be on A shift and you always as I say it's "Grade A". And I want to thank y'all for honoring me today for this. And it's just indeed an honor. Thank you. I'd like to recognize my family. I have right here, this is Christopher Neely, he is in the last recruit class, that came out with Shreveport Fire Department. Stand up Chris. This is his lovely wife and my youngest daughter Haley, this is my son, Trey Robinson, he's SPD, and tried to get him to be a firefighter. My wife and my supporter, Lisa. This is my daughter-in-law, this is Trey's wife Becca, and this is my grandson, this is Payton and this is what's your name son? My mind has just gone blank, Nalen, excuse me, that's my middle name. So, I should be able to (inaudible). I'm also blessed to have one daughter that was not able to be here. She lives in Frisco, TX, and about to be married I think in March, or least I hope so.

Mayor Glover: Thank you. Now with 39 ½ years, I'm going to ask the question as to why he won't go ahead and go for 40. I don't think we've signed the personnel actions form just yet, so who knows, he might decide to stick around. The last thing Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, I want to communicate during this portion of today's proceedings, is we all know that tomorrow is Veteran's Day, and certainly we will encourage individuals all around the City of Shreveport to take some time tomorrow to participate in one of the many Veteran's Day activities that will take place across Shreveport, Bossier City, and all of Northwest Louisiana. There will be those that start in the morning, there will be those in the middle of the day. There will even be some in the afternoon. But at some point during the course of the 11th of November, I encourage all of us to stop and participate in one of the collective efforts to recognize service of our Veterans, both those past and present. And the very last thing I want to ask you to do Mr. Chairman is to join me in a moment of silence. In silent recognition and appreciation for the soldiers whose lives were lost last week at Ft. Hood.

Councilman Shyne: Let's ask everybody to stand.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you Members of the Council.

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

Councilman Webb: Does any Council Member have any distinguished guests you like to recognize? I see we have our City Marshall, Charlie Caldwell here with us today. Charlie, welcome. If not, we'll move down to Property Standards Report.

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

Reports:

Property Standards Report

Councilman Webb: Mr. Holt?

Mr. Holt: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Councilman Lester, I assume you got my email yesterday concerning the demolitions on Ford?

Councilman Lester: Yes, yes.

Mr. Holt: And we need to converse and make a decision on that.

Councilman Lester: I appreciate that information. I'm going to do everything I can to assist in that effort, because my record and my position on shotgun houses is pretty well clear.

Mr. Holt: Thank you sir. Other than that, I'll be glad to take any concerns the Council has.

Councilwoman Bowman: When you get a minute, will you contact whoever handles the Parish's Property Standards? I know they have a new department for that concern, but my district butts up to a portion of the Parish there off Broadacres Road, and I think you're familiar with that Glenn Leaf?

Mr. Holt: Quinn Road, runs into Glenn Leaf?

Councilwoman Bowman: Right.

Mr. Holt: Yes Ma'am.

Councilwoman Bowman: And I have received another call today from a different individual in reference to that, and ask them to go over there and see what's going on. Apparently - - -

Mr. Holt: Primarily inoperable vehicles?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah and they said it's very trashy.

Mr. Holt: Okay, I'll contact the Parish.

Councilman Walford: I just wanted to pay Jim a compliment of sorts. One of our real chronic property standards violators, I know that it occurs in Councilman Long's district, your district, and Councilman Lester's district, came by my office, very, very agitated and irritated to tell me, he just doesn't like Jim Holt or the inspectors. I think that's a compliment Jim. Working around to it, but it's a compliment. You know who I'm talking about too.

Mr. Holt: Absolutely. I love that man.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I don't know whether this would come under Property Standards. It may or may not, and I don't know if Jim would handle this by himself, or Mike Strong. But you know we had talked about within let's say, 7-8 blocks of the schools, to keep the grass kinda cut. And we did it one time, but you know because of the rain, it has kinda grown back and I don't know whether you want Property Standards to do it, or maybe Mike Strong to do it, but I know a few schools in my district - - - it's not big, but you know the schools have really improved, and we want to make sure that we do our part in making sure that those kids focus and feel good. Because you know if you live in kinda good clean community, you have a tendency to feel good about yourself. So, I hope in the next 3, 4, 5 days that they could just kinda look at that, I would appreciate it and of course, I'll have some other places where we need to do some more grass cutting to make sure we do it for the winter time. And we'll all feel better about it, but because of this rain, you know it's just been kinda hard to keep up with it.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Shyne since that probably involves quite of just the public right a way, we'll go ahead and pass it to Mike to get him to address that, and he'll coordinate with Jim on anything that may involve any property standard violation.

Councilwoman Bowman: I have not really a question, a statement or comment. And I think that's something else that will probably fall under the Parish's jurisdiction as well. The mosquitoes are horrible since this rain. I mean, they are every where. And I wonder if they are starting up more spraying, I wish we could check with them and find that out. And the bees are really bad. I don't know what they do about that. But I mean, those bees - - - they're something else.

Mr. Holt: I'll call the Parish for you about the mosquitoes. The bees, we normally handle as a nuisance violation under property standards. We've had to hire exterminators several times this year to get them out of trees, or if we can't find the property owner willing to do something about it.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, because it's not just property owners, they're just out there, and I think they need to spray for them, or do something.

Mr. Holt: I've never heard of that happening, but I don't - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Well, we're living in different times.

Mr. Holt: I'll check with the Parish. I know the city doesn't spray for bees, but I'll check with the Parish.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well, get a beekeeper. Right, they know where they are. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Alright, I guess that's it. Anybody else? Thank you Mr. Holt. Mr. Sibley, Revenue Collection Plan?

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Today I think Bea has passed out, we put together some information about Occupational Licenses, some basic information Mr. Bowie who heads the Compliance Section is here, realizing that you haven't time to really read that, we'll bring him back in case you have specific questions. But he is available today to answer any questions that you may have in the interim until you get a chance to look through that. He's prepared to make some comments if you like, but if you'd like to just take questions, he can do that Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Go ahead with your comments Sir.

Mr. James Bowie: (Finance-Revenue Compliance) I'm James Bowie, Collections Manager for the City of Shreveport, in Finance-Revenue Division. I was just kinda spur of the moment asked to do a little Occupational License Registration and just to let the Council Members know that we have received the request for information regarding an Occupational License Tax Report. The initial information that was put out is not really been properly scrutinized. Some of the data that they've used to get there, the parameters to set up the program didn't include enough items to correctly report out businesses that were closed. So that's something that we're working on right now. And I'll have another statement for you about that at the end of my presentation. And if you have any questions, I'll be glad to try to field anything that I can.

Councilman Webb: What was your last name again?

Mr. Bowie: I'm sorry, Bowie. B O W I E.

Councilman Webb: B L - - - ?

Mr. Bowie: B O W I E.

Councilman Webb: Oh, okay. Bowie.

Mr. Bowie: Yes sir.

Councilman Webb: I wanted to ask you about the bail bond forfeitures.

Mr. Sibley: Ms. Scott is actually working on that.

Councilman Webb: Okay, it's on this list, that's the reason why I'm wanting to know. You have questions Councilman Walford?

Councilman Walford: I don't really have a question, just a statement for the benefit of the Finance Department and the Administration. This is the Fair Share Report that we got yesterday with the payments that have been made to various companies. This is the delinquent occupational license report. You'd be surprised how many show up on both, once again saying that we're violating our own ordinance, apparently paying people who owe us money. And it seems that every report that I ask for, that's what I find. And we have a very clear ordinance in place that says, we don't do business with people that owe us money. But we are.

Mr. Sibley: That's one of the things Mr. Walford, as soon as Mr. Bowie gets a chance to purge that list, so we can be sure exactly which businesses should be on there, then we can check that. But right now, the list that you have hasn't been purged, so there may be some businesses listed on there, that should not be in terms of holding an occupational license, that should not be in terms of holding occupational licenses. So, as soon as we have an updated list, we'll get a chance to reconcile those too.

Councilman Walford: And I still would like to have the list of those who hold an occupational license.

Mr. Sibley: Right.

Councilman Walford: That I've been trying to get since August, and we still - - - just are not getting there. But I get suspicious when I can't get things and then when I do get 'em, and I find clear violations of the ordinance. There's something wrong. There's either policies that need to be put in place, in both finance and purchasing, or we need to just do away with the ordinance and say it doesn't matter if you owe us money you anyway. I don't like the latter alternative at all. And I don't think the folks sitting up here like it. So.

Mr. Sibley: But we're going to purge that list Mr. Walford. We'll have a better idea as to which businesses that in fact there are businesses that owe us money and are getting paid, and we have systems in place to catch that, but we have to get an updated list first to see where we are with that. And we'll move in that direction.

Mr. Bowie: Just to kinda give you an example Mr. Walford regarding this. I've only had time to go through the year 2006 so far, and I did that yesterday. We reported to you 314 businesses active businesses without a license, okay for the year of 2006. So, they had one in '05, they didn't have one in '06. Okay, out of that list, because they missed some of the parameters that should have been included to purge that report, there's a total of potentially 57 businesses that legitimately did not have licenses. All the others were (inaudible), but as a matter of sorting and pulling the information, the IT staff missed that. And then again, we didn't review it, so we would have caught that.

Councilman Walford: I went the other way. I only used 2008 to balance off because I didn't have a lot of time, I got this list yesterday.

Mr. Bowie: Yes sir, now I can just show you that we will be completely going over this, getting the parameters straight, and we will produce a clean report to all the Council Members. And again, like I said, I was kinda led to believe on well, told on short notice to give a little presentation to kinda let you guys know what we're doing in Occupational License Tax. Of Course a small presentation, I printed out 8 pages of paper, but I can assure you, we're not going to go over those one by one, I'm just going to kinda go over the important facts. If anybody has any questions, feel free to stop me, I'll try my best to answer them at a later time. Occupational License Tax is based on voluntary compliance. The entire system is based on voluntary compliance. That means you have to let us know that you're out there, and once we know you're out there, we'll get you in the system, and we'll send you renewal applications. We'll tell you what you need to do from there. So, to start there, I'm backing up, I'm not going to go on about the voluntary compliance, but I will let you know the procedures we have in place to follow up if somebody doesn't voluntarily comply. There's not account receivable. A lot of people are into account receivables. Okay, with occupational license tax, the business that's not there or not operating owes you nothing. It's not until the point that you find them operating, and then they either tell you, or you can determine what amount of their gross receipts, and that's what the tax is based on, the business' gross revenue, gross commissions, or gross receipts. And until you can figure that out, there is no account receivable for it. So we do go against the budget, but it's kinda numbers plucked in there from prior year's collections and raised it a few percentage and there's your budget. My next point on here, I've got three asterisks by it. Businesses are required to notify the collector within 10 days of any change of corporation, such as closure, moving or change of ownership. This is key. The reason there's three asterisks, nobody does this. Nobody. Okay? We've got one full time Revenue Auditor I whose responsibility is

collecting occupational license tax. And nobody's told him that they're out of business. So, we don't have a field auditing program in place right now, we haven't had the staffing in several years. So, the way that we go around that is that we automatically renew all businesses that had a prior year's license. We automatically renew 'em. We consider them to be still in business and we send them a renewal application, ask them to report their gross receipts. If they fail to do that, then we send them a delinquent renewal application where penalties and interests are due on each of the accounts. If they fail to go through that process, then we'll go in and arbitrarily assess that account based on last year's known gross receipts, or we may make something up, based on our best guess. At that point, it becomes a receivable, because it looks like a receivable, but we still don't have proof or verification that that business is still in business. What we're doing is we're going out with the approach that you were there last year, so we expect you're going to be there this year. Okay, whether that's right or wrong, that's what we have to do with the staff that we've been given to this day. So, if they - - - once we arbitrarily assess, we send them a delinquent bill, we give 'em a certain amount of time to pay that, if they don't pay it, then we send them certified suit letters. We're going to send the certified letter threatening to sue if they don't respond within 10 days. That also comes with a tax bill. That's the most useful tool in our arsenal right now. The majority of the people that owe us money or are no longer in business will respond to the certified letter. Okay. If at such point they don't respond to the certified letter, we get the signed green cards back, we go on and file suit against the businesses, if they don't notify us and tell us they're out of business. If we get the unsigned green cards, the unclaimed, that's a problem. Because then you're requiring further research. And again we run into staffing issues as far as all that research. So basically that's just a short brief. The next two pages are just the business license schedule of events, when we do what. You guys can read that anytime, that's not something that's real important that I'm going to go over. On the following page, locating new businesses. Because we know there's businesses out there opening and closing every single day. So, these are some steps that we use or various tools that we use to locate new businesses and determine what their tax liability is. And I'm not going to read 'em to you, you've got the report right there in front of you. And the next page, General Procedures for Occupational License Tax, that's just to kinda give you an idea of what the minimum and maximum license taxes are and when payments are due. Again, that's something you can read in your own time. Now the next page, Occupational License Tax Collection to Budget. This is a five year summary, from 2009 back to the year 2005. And you'll see each individual there, the year there and with the totals. And so for budget over the last five years, we've budgeted, \$21,205,000. That's what we were supposed to collect. We actually collected \$21,384,290 for a difference of \$179,290. That's to the good. There is an asterisk up in the 2009 year because the year is not completed. We still have until the - - - the final payment's posted on the last business day in December to add to that total. So that just kinda gives you a snapshot at the last five years, where we're going with occupational license tax. And I want to tell you real quickly, let you know the personnel that are included in occupational, and what I did was, I did this for the Compliance section, I did leave out three employees. These three employees that I left out are my Customer Service Tax Manager that works down here in the tax office. And her two employees. Their primary responsibility is property tax. They do, they will also help somebody fill out an occupational license tax application. But primarily for the revenue collections, you're looking at 1 collections manager, that's me. And there's a long list there of all the things that I'm responsible for doing. For making sure happens. You have two Revenue Auditors. They're revenue producers. And unfortunately, you also see they have

administrative functions. So, my first Revenue Auditor's primary responsible, that's one full time employee, primarily responsible for occupational license tax, police, fire department, false alarm collections, he establishes payment plans, files small claim suits, educates citizens and business owners. My second Revenue Auditor is primarily responsible for movable property tax, code enforcement violation collections, and payment plans assessed with bankruptcies, file small claim suits, contract tracking and assist citizens. And we have one Administrative Assistant. Her responsibilities are time keeping, ADPICS functions, purchasing, scheduling, assist with NSF checks, some collection activities, inventory control, maintains division (inaudible). So you see we're not real deep personnel-wise. But now to my next page, this is the one I'm excited about. This is our future OLT Collection Plan. OLT is just the abbreviation for the Occupational License Tax. In October 2009, thanks to y'all, thanks to the Mayor's staff and the City Council, we're authorized to hire two new Revenue Auditors. And the reason for the request was based on the fact that we know there's money out there that we need to collect, and with the staff we have, it's just not possible. We were doing the best we could, but we just weren't maximizing our collections. So thank you. Thank you all for that. And here's where we're planning on going. We're going to initiate a field service based audit program for the collection of delinquent revenue due and payable to the city. You recognize I didn't say Occupational License Tax, I said delinquent revenue. It doesn't matter what it is that you owe the City of Shreveport, if we're out in the field, we're going to find you and we're going to collect our money, or do our best. Okay? That's our plan initially. The addition of the second auditor will take some of the stress off us by doing some of the newer administrative phase. Still collection focused duties, such as telephone research of accounts, in-house files, filed suits, and performs other collection duties as requires. He'll also be learning another - - - you know one of the auditors jobs from top to bottom. Cause both of my auditors are you know up there. Either one of them could walk out tomorrow. What we're going to do - - - this is a program that I've been working on for years trying to get us into. And it's the Internal Revenue Service Information Sharing Program. I don't know if any of you've heard of that yet, but I've been bugging the IRS for this for years. Initially what it will allow us to do is the ability to share tax returns, federal tax returns, now, just for the purpose of tax collections, but it will give us the insight of you know, hey we missed these five businesses over here, you know they're not paying an occupational license tax, or these people under reported. It's a way to double check to make sure that what people are reporting their gross revenues, that they're paying the correct amount of tax. The problem of us going with this plan for the year, it started - - - ;your city had to be over a million people. Now, the population is down to 250,000. Okay? And the way we can get involved in this is the fact, we could do an agreement, an inter-agency agreement with the Parish of Caddo, and maybe a couple of municipalities that would put us up over that 250,000 population that would enable us to participate in this program. According to the Finance Director, with the City of Lexington, KY, they have almost doubled their occupational license tax collections. And that was the first year that they instituted this program. I'm told it's huge. It is a huge program. But anyway that's one of the things that we would like to do. Also, there's a little known service provided by the U.S. Postal Service that allows for the sharing of names of individuals and companies that purchase a business post office box, or use other special services through the post office. That's another way to locate these businesses. Because nowadays with modern technology, anybody can have a cell phone and slap a placard on your truck and say you're Joe's landscaping business, and we would never know you were there. You're not in the phone book, you don't advertise on TV, that's another way to go to find these businesses that are avoiding paying taxes. And the things

that I'm most excited about right here also are 5 and 6. 5 and 6 are huge for the City of Shreveport, and I swear, I won't bother you anymore. I'm just going to cover these last two and we'll be through. IT is in the process of creating a brand new occupational license tax system. I know Councilman Walford will appreciate this. This system is going to be state of the art. It's going to be very much user friendly, and will enable us to produce darn near any kind of report you can imagine. If Councilman Lester wants a report of all the businesses in his district, if you want a report of businesses by zip code, you can do it. That's where we're heading. And also No. 6, I mentioned there are several new FTPs which is the Files Transfer Protocol. It's essentially a program that we're going to write that's going to go from our existing computer data base of OLT and other revenues, we're going to be able to download that into a laptop which our field auditor is going to have a whole lot of information out there in the field. We can give a real time eventually, but you know we're going to have to consider the cost, but we'll have them as near real time as we can possibly get. So instead of sending an auditor gassing up his car and sending him into a haystack looking for a needle, he's going to have all the information right at his fingertips. You know he can sit at strip mall center parking lot on Youree Drive, and he has all the businesses right there in front of him. Whose in Suite A, B, C, D, E, F, and oops! This one, we don't have this one. Let me go in there and make sure they have a license. So, that might be part of the reason why this program with field auditing was abandoned some 20 years ago, was that it was the needle in a haystack approach. You know probably wasn't real productive. And with other budget constraints, but we're hoping that this is really going to boost - - - in fact, I expect it to significantly boost the city revenues, according to occupational license taxes. And without boring y'all anymore, Mr. Walford, we want you to know that we're all working on the report, and we will absolutely have something to you before the next Council Meeting. Hopefully, it's exactly what you want. I did hear that you did say that you also wanted a list of the businesses with a license.

Councilman Walford: It's easier to check off this list than those that most don't have.

Mr. Bowie: Okay, we will make that note, and if anybody has any questions or anything?

Councilman Shyne: I have a question, and not so much for you, but a statement for you and the Administration. Mr. Mayor and Mr. Sibley, I'd like for him to be able to give a report to you all probably quarterly to see if we're justifying the amount of money that we might be putting into it, to see if we're getting a return on our dollars. If he could report to you all, and then you all could give us a report. I would appreciate it. I want to say this, it sounds good, I saw the - - - Chief, I saw the game plan that LSU had for Alabama, and it sounded good. Had me all up in the air, and I just had my LSU T-shirt on, and (inaudible) I had my LSU socks on, and at the end of the ballgame, I was pulling them all off. So, it sounds good, but if he could give a report to you all and then you all can report back to us, that'd be good.

Mr. Bowie: Could we get a grace period for that first quarter?

Councilman Shyne: Oh sure you could.

Mr. Bowie: Just for training.

Councilman Shyne: Yes, sure you can.

Mr. Sibley: We'll take care of that Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Walford: Before that I just had a statement. But I wore my Oklahoma State, sweat shirt and cap all the rest of the evening.

Councilman Lester: Did you hear that?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, I hear that. Smart. He's smart

Councilman Walford: Mr. Bowie, I - - - Mr. Shyne is putting you on the hot seat a little bit, but the truth is your boss did worst because he said that if he got those two collection folks, that it was going to make a significant difference and they would more than pay for themselves.

Mr. Bowie: That's a fact. That's a fact. I gave him that information. That is a fact. I'm going to treat that as if my job depends on it.

Councilman Lester: It might.

Councilman Shyne: There you go Calvin.

Councilman Walford: There seems to be a hot issue about the bails bondsmen, because there's a bunch of those that owe us money. Do y'all interact with SPD, or the City Marshal after their deadline? Or can you, if you don't.

Mr. Bowie: This is not directed at the bondsmen. The bondsmen owe money to the jailor for bond - - - what's it called?

Councilman Lester: Bond forfeiture.

Mr. Bowie: Forfeitures. We have never gotten into their business regarding - - -.

Councilman Walford: No, I'm asking if they don't renew their occupational licenses, can you revert it to the Marshal, or SPD for the jail, and then hopefully, we don't let them write 'em until they come down and pay you?

Mr. Bowie: Yes sir. They have got to do a bondsmen registration once a year if that which includes paying your occupational license tax and all fees and everything. They have to do that with us to be able to write at the jail. And we report that to the jail.

Councilman Walford: Good.

Mr. Bowie: What the jail does with it, that's up to the jail. What the jail does with it, that's up to the jail.

Councilman Walford: No, as long as we know from you, that's what we're after. Thank you very much.

Councilman Webb: Anymore questions? Thank you Mr. Bowie.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, that concludes our collections report today, unless there's any specific direction that the Council would like to give.

Councilman Webb: We're going to move on to Public Hearing.

Public Hearings:

The Chairman read the following:

Pursuant to Notice of Intent to issue not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) taxable water and sewer bonds (DHH Water Project) Series 2009C for the purpose of financing the cost of acquisition and construction of improvements, extensions, and replacements to the drinking water portion of the utility system.

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

Mr. Sibley: Yes Mr. Chairman, as indicated yesterday, this public hearing is required as the previous public hearing held on the same matter on October 13th. There was a request for a change in language by the Department of Health and Hospitals. That language has been changed, and the request is that we have a new public hearing to adopt it of course with the new language, and none of the basic terms, financial or otherwise of the deal have changed. It's simply a language matter. We have Mr. Jerry Liang with Grigsby and Associates here today and

Mr. Alex Washington who is Bond Counsel, I've asked that they both come forward in case there are questions or comments that the Council or the public may have on these matters.

Councilman Webb: Any Council Member have a question? Do y'all have any comments you want to make in reference to this?

Mr. Washington: Not really, it was just a minor change that needed to be made. The public notice that we sent out before included the administrative fees, the lawyer for the DHH asked us to take that language out. The interest rate for the bond won't change, it'll still be 2.95, and it won't affect the funding, it will just delay the process. But we should be complete by early January.

Councilman Webb: Questions from y'all? Anyone else here in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of this legislation? Do we have anyone here who would like to speak in opposition to the legislation? Alright, then this public hearing is now closed.

Mr. Sibley: I was just going to say thank you again, we'll ask your positive consideration of Resolution No. 223, which adopts the findings of this public hearing.

Councilman Webb: Okay.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to add that I wanted to commend the staff for the work that was done in helping to put the city in a position to be able to borrow money at a rate of 2.95%. I think the only thing we've gotten any cheaper than that, and correct me I'm wrong, Jerry and Alex and Jackie, I think we're working on one that may allow us to be able to borrow some at .97.

Mr. Sibley: .95.

Mayor Glover: .95, so we've got some folks who are earning their keep Mr. Chairman.

Proposed 2010 Budget Appropriation Ordinances:

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

Mr. Sibley: We have none in particular Mr. Chairman, we'll take any questions.

Councilman Webb: Okay, and we have two cards here that would like to speak, the first one is Sylvia Goodman.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, while she's coming up, just so the public will know, this is the public hearing for all of the budget ordinances that the City will adopt in December, so if anybody has any comments on any of those ordinances, this would be the time to speak.

Ms. Sylvia Goodman: (409 Southfield Road) I'm here speaking on behalf of the Robinson Film Center. I have met with several of the Councilmen, but there are a couple that I haven't had the opportunity to meet with. And basically our budget last year was cut from \$200,000 to \$25,000, our operating budget from the city, and I'm asking that this appropriation be restored to its previous level of \$200,000. We have as most of the organizations have a real difficulty operating with our budget and to have it cut that much, we actually had to let our Liaison with the Film Industry go because we didn't have the money to pay that salary. Those of you with whom I've met know that the economic impact, that's the actual dollars the film center has brought into Shreveport is \$9.2(million), and these are funds we've raised from private individuals, government sources including the federal government. We got a federal grant to purchase the building next door, and by the end of 2010, we hope to have a workforce training development building open, and people in it working to train for digital media and for film. And this whole project which we'll do in two phases is a \$5.8(million) project to renovate the

adjacent building, but we will do the first phase at a cost of a million dollars. We've received \$500,000 in capital outlay funds towards it's construction. So, we're \$500,000 short. But the funds that I'm really asking the council (inaudible) are operating funds for our present building so that we can concentrate on raising the capital outlay funds for the adjacent building to get this workforce training under operation. I think a couple they're a couple of councilmen I haven't met with and may I just hand y'all a packet?

Councilman Webb: Give it to the Clerk, so we can make sure they get it. Thank you. Our next speaker is Mr. Ron Hardy.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Chairman, while Ron is coming up, Ron I believe you had a video? Were you able to get that?

Mr. Hardy: Yes, I was.

Mr. Ron Hardy: (720 Hope Street) One of the things as I got down here, I kinda live in a world of my own, but I see that you're going over the 2010 budget right?

Councilman Webb: That's what we're doing, a public hearing for the 2010 budget.

Mr. Hardy: Yes, well I didn't come for this, and I'm glad I did. Have we gotten any resolution on the verbiage on that Proposition No. 2 from 1996 where I showed you - - -

Councilman Webb: Are you here to talk about the 2010 budget?

Mr. Hardy: Yes, that's what I'm saying. Has the verbiage changed? That's part of the 2010 budget verbiage right? You know if you write the verbiage on budgets, that's part of the budget right? And I presented a case to you for the last six months.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, the Council has not changed any language. No language is changed. That change has not been made.

Mr. Hardy: Okay, thank you. Thank you Art. So we haven't addressed that yet? I just wanted to see where our Council is at and how we're addressing - - -?

Councilman Webb: What change are you in reference to?

Mr. Hardy: Well, in reference to - - - on the verbiage. I don't have it in front of me. It's for the Ledbetter Heights Park, and where the verbiage was changed to Ledbetter Heights/Allendale.

Councilman Webb: I can tell you that it has not been changed.

Mr. Hardy: Okay, and the last time, I was here, we asked the City Attorney what was going on with it. There was no resolution, and it was left to you to see what was going on, and I understood that there would be some talk with the Attorney General, to see if that was legal or not legal, so where do we stand?

Mr. Thompson: You'll recall that you did make a request for the Attorney General in that particular issue, and he did not respond. He didn't give an opinion on that. The City is now looking at a Mr. Schleuter, prior Bond Counsel to answer those kinds of questions, and at some point, it may be that the City Council will ask Mr. Schleuter to come in and to give an opinion concerning that issue, that is the title of the project and the scope of the project, how it's supposed to be changed, and the Council did in fact adopt legislation so that we know how to do it in the future, but we have not addressed the issue that Mr. Hardy is talking about.

Councilman Webb: Yes, did you understand what he was saying?

Mr. Hardy: Yes I did.

Councilman Webb: And I agree with what you're saying and recall now the whole conversation, and me myself, I'd like to see that verbiage changed because I think it's wrong. It's a shame that we didn't get a reply back from the Attorney General, but maybe it'll be a little further down the road before - - - the money is not going to be spent until we get the air cleared

on it. I'll put it that way. Hopefully, it won't be.

Mr. Hardy: Well okay. Well see part of it, this is what my presentation comes into play. You know Ledbelly Square, as you all know I've been setting up, trying to put this thing together. We're ready to move and take action. But the first action comes from the City Council as far as, or the Mayor as far as getting our dominoes in line ready to fall. We want to purchase - - - okay, we have a Community Economic Development Plan fueled by music and art. That's our most viable resource here in north Louisiana. I mean we've got oil going under the and gas under the - - - but we have people, we have art and music and it's a viable resource for this city. We have a CDE, Community Development Entity status from the U.S. Treasury. It wasn't easy to get this, but we'll allow our investors, both Playaz and Playettes and Red Beans and Rice Productions. It's a key component to our plan, that CDE to attract the music industry investors to this area. To invest in this valuable commodity that we have in Louisiana. As you know we've got the Hayride, Shreveport is the Hollywood of the South going on, so you all know the revenue that the movie industry bringing in and what's going on with that, so you know the impact that the music industry as well can have on this place. So, the overview of our plan and what we need you to act upon in this 2010 budget is get that verbiage back to where it was at, Ledbelly Square Community Park, and I believe you all know the location where it will be at, and then Phase II, we can start the placement and restoration of historic structures over there. We need Phase I to take place. And then Phase III will be the Shreveport as the regional music distribution center. And part of this hub we have for this music industry, the distribution hub, the part of the idea here is that we have some great music here. That Southern Soul category, that category just like down south there, Zydeco wasn't - - - now it's part of the Grammy, it was Southern Soul actually back to Otis Redding. That's all it is, Otis Redding reborn. And we've got a bunch of great artist like this. There's a picture there from just the concert, the festival that Playaz and Playettes put together with M C Productions for Labor Day. We had the first year, 2200 people from all around the Ark-La-Tex in town here to enjoy this Southern Soul music. Which is as I said, our "Zydeco", it's Jamaica got their Reggae. Well Shreveport got Southern Soul. And there's a big hub, there's an international appeal to it, but we're back to asking our City Council to take action. Our Mayor seems to have a different opinion with a different direction on the bond issue that was put in place, back in - - - I put this together on account, I spent six years putting this whole project together on account of something that he said eight years ago before he became mayor, that there would be a park in Ledbetter Heights. So, I got together with some friends to put one together, and been out on the grind in New York, overseas, dealing with people who love the idea and want to put it in place, but I have to action. And as far as the 2010 budget goes, we've got to get that verbiage changed before it gets in there. We've got to take action so the dominoes start to fall down. And this Ledbelly Square Community Park will create 100-150 jobs. It will create them. They're not pie in the sky jobs, they will be created. And we don't have to go to China to get that, we can do it right here. We'll create minority business and encourage entrepreneurship. And I see people coming, you know, if I can just interject this, people coming out of jail, everyday. Can't get a job. Great ideas, great things that they want to do to turn their lives around but no chance. So, we want to address that as well, because people can put their minds together, become a productive citizen and an entrepreneur, because they had to be entrepreneurs if they're in jail for drug sales and all this. They were entrepreneurs, they were just in the wrong way. We want to teach them the right way to be entrepreneurs, so they can pay taxes. The people want that. They want their kids to be good and be proud of them. It would generate revenue for businesses and the City of Shreveport, and we

would maintain the rich musical heritage of Ledbetter Heights, provide a nice outdoor amphitheater and the unique little shopping area, a very attractive extension for Downtown Shreveport and it's historic cultural district. But like I said, Mayor Glover when he was down in the House, he gave us a special commendation in 2002 for the work he done. We, Playaz and Playettes have won the Governor's Art Award. Probably the only organization in North Louisiana who has, for our commitment to the arts and what we've done. We've got proclamations, and we've got our back to school jamborees, I do have residency at Central Elementary, I mean so, we're embedded here and we just need y'all to take action on making something happen. And I see from my last visit, the ball just slipped down. And as a Viet Nam era veteran, I'm proud to say that, 52 years old, probably one of the youngest ones you'll find. You know you can't drop the ball when it comes to doing things. I'm very much serious, and committed to doing what I do, and I don't do it for money, I don't do it for anything. But y'all pray to God everyday up in here, you know, listen to God and take steps. And I tell you one thing about those shotgun houses too. When we talk about God, read your bible. Go back to where your people, the way they used to live, once a year, so that you don't forget. So we don't want to tear them all down. We want to remember things that's going to build us up and stronger. So, especially things that build a positive - - - so there's a whole lot that I really wish you guys would really recognize and see, and take action. And don't think I'm a joke. Because I'm not funny. I know but it's the truth, because this is real business, and we need to take care of it. And I wish you would. Calvin, we've been working on a project for five years. See I was very patient, very patient. I didn't even make a move on that project, but I've been waiting and it's kinda slipping away because right beyond this development we want to put, we want to put an artisans court, the very foundation that's agreed to give me (inaudible) houses, and they demised over these last five years, but I'm still seeing that we can grab something and pull it forward.

Councilman Walford: I was going to answer something he said. We did do something. We made the request of the Attorney General for an opinion on the bond issue money. That has not been resolved. He declined to give us an opinion. So I know there are some strong opinions up here. But that hasn't been resolved yet.

Mr. Hardy: So that was through the State Attorney General?

Councilman Walford: Right.

Mr. Hardy: Maybe if they go to the federal, I mean but you know - - - I want to address that, because you know we sit here and say that we're going to make bond issues. Well you're going to ask the citizens of Shreveport to vote for a bond issues that you're not going to fulfill. That's what I'm hearing. Is that what the city councilman said, is that what Mayor Glover is saying, is that what whose running this city is saying? That you're really going to ask the citizens of Shreveport to vote for these bond issues and they won't be fulfilled. We'll just decide, 'okay well lets buy something from my friend up at the church there and put the money over there.' Is that the way it's going? That's the way it looks now. It appears that way. And you know I've got pretty good eyes.

Mr. Thompson: I think it's just the opposite of that. Whenever circumstances change, people no longer live in Ledbetter Heights the way they did at one time, and then you have to move the project or do something else with the money. We want to make sure, the city wants to make sure that it gets the best legal advice it can and then go to public and let them understand what it is the city proposes to do with the money. That's what the city is doing now.

Mr. Hardy: Well I can agree with that Art, but no one came to the citizens and asked

them. Because when I came to the citizens and then there are still citizens in Ledbetter Heights, and there will be citizens. This is a project to bring citizens to Ledbetter Heights. This is not a project to have a park there where nobody comes. This is to bring an area that is demised, that is culturally and historically significant to everybody.

Councilman Webb: Hold up there Mr. Hardy, Councilman Lester - - - because you're getting off track here.

Councilman Lester: Yeah, just a couple of comments and then we'll (inaudible), but I just didn't want you to leave thinking that those issues had not been addressed. Certainly, as it relates to the - - - first of all, if you listen to what Mr. Thompson said, at one point, we all know that Ledbetter Heights was a very thriving area, just like other parts on the eastern part of Allendale that I represent. And the last time I checked, I think at the last election, there were 17 registered voters in Ledbetter Heights, and I think that's even fewer now. In fact if you look at the last residential structures, they're just about all gone. And so, you could ask yourself a question. If the city and the Administration prior to this one would have built the building, then this would have been a moot point. But it wasn't.

Mr. Hardy: Right, right, I'm in agreement with that, I'm in agreement with what Monty had proposed too.

Councilman Lester: Well, let me finish. Where we are right now is does it make sense for us to build a recreational center?

Mr. Hardy: No, no c'mon, c'mon.

Councilman Lester: No, now let me finish. I let you talk, okay? Does it make sense for us to build a recreational center.

Mr. Hardy: And I say no.

Councilman Lester: In that area, where there are no people.

Mr. Hardy: It does not make sense. It's not a recreational center. Not for - - -

Councilman Lester: Hold on.

Mr. Hardy: Okay, c'mon. No, we'll roll.

Councilman Lester: The city has taken an opportunity with the Millennium folks to build a movie theatre, that's going to create jobs and economic development. The money has not gone anywhere, it's still there. Out of an abundance of caution and prudence this Council has said, if we want to move forward with spending this money on recreational facilities or anything like that, what is the process by which we do it, because this is something that has not happened before. At the point where we get the advice from legal counsel, because certainly as you've heard the Chairman of the Council asked the Attorney General to render an Attorney General's opinion. It does not have the affect of law, but it is an advisory. The Attorney General declined to get into the deal. We have then even as recently as today, because I happen to be in the Council Office heard our Clerk of Council speaking with the Bond Counsel that put those deals together in 2001 to find out what is the process for us dealing with these bonds? At the point that we get a valid legal opinion by someone that has dealt with this, then at that point, we will have a road map for us to do what we need to do. There is no one that has had more angst about what is going on in Ledbetter and by extension Allendale, I. Because I've been down here since 2002, and was an advocate for some of those issues even before. So you've got to realize this is not a scenario where we just slap our hands and make a decision. Be it there are process that are involved and anytime we make a decision, it has far reaching implications. And so we cannot just willy nilly decide to do that, and we haven't. Regardless of what you have heard or think, this Council, this Mayor, this administration has been put under circumspect in dealing with this

issue because it is something that has not happened before. We've even gone to the point of going back and if you've been paying attention to the Council, we have - - - the Administration has gone out and strategically closed bond issues. We've got a whole process so we know what we're doing in moving forward. But where we are now is you've got this pool of money that hasn't been spent and we're trying to figure out how it is that we need to do that, so that's ongoing. Secondly, as it relates to the Ledbetter and Allendale piece, a lot of those functions are functions of money. Yes you have a CDE. If you had the money, you wouldn't be down here.

Mr. Hardy: Had what money?

Councilman Lester: If you had the money to make your project, you wouldn't be down here.

Mr. Hardy: This is to build a park, no, no. I don't have it. You have the money to build a park.

Councilman Lester: Right. That's why I'm saying this is - - -

Mr. Hardy: That's why I'm down here. I have the money to buy the mansion - - -

Councilman Lester: You put together.

Councilman Webb: Point of Order.

Councilman Lester: You put together a CDE to get new market tax credits to get investors to spend money.

Mr. Hardy: Yes.

Councilman Lester: My point is all of this regardless of whether you're talking about the revitalization of Allendale, or the revitalization of Ledbetter Heights, everyone has great plans. It all comes down to what part of your plan can get financed. If you can't get your plan financed, it's no good. And I can tell you on more than one occasion, we have had four or five different plans for Allendale that have not been funded, and nothing has happened. So, it's a function of money. Now we're in a better position now, because the last program we had, we were able to get some money from the federal government and we're going to move forward, and as I appreciate it, if you listen on this particular agenda, there is something relative to Ledbetter Heights planning and trying to put together some funds to go get some more federal dollars. So, to say that this council, this administration and the city has just ignored that, that's not exactly accurate. I know it's a popular thing to say, and it makes the headlines and all of that, but it's not accurate, and I didn't want you or anybody else to leave thinking that we're just sitting here because we don't care about what happens to Ledbetter Heights, and we don't care what happens to Allendale. It's just a lot of the things that you see, don't see because it's a process that we're having to go through. But we have not, at least I can speak for myself, I haven't given up on those areas. As I appreciate it, the councilman for that area has not. And if you look, we've dealt with (inaudible) Court, and you've got brand new sidewalks and things of that nature, so the city has never walked away from it's commitment from that particular area.

Mr. Hardy: You mean when they tore down Mary's Court?

Councilman Lester: Yeah.

Mr. Hardy: Okay, so I mean and that's dealing with it? From your perspective, but you don't want shotgun houses? And I understand Calvin.

Councilman Lester: What would we do with Mary Court?

Mr. Hardy: Okay, well (inaudible)

Councilman Webb: Hold up now.

Councilman Lester: We offered the shotgun houses to anybody. We offered to give them away, nobody came got 'em. We offered to sell 'em, nobody came and got 'em. So then what

did you do? You just continue to let something fall off. If we offered for free and nobody - - - I mean, I heard a lot of people say, we want shotgun houses, they're beautiful. But when we offered them even to help people take them off, not a single person came forward.

Mr. Hardy: Calvin, I think we need to stop, cause you and me, can't discuss - - - cause we're filibustering right now.

Councilman Lester: I'm not filibustering, I'm telling you something you don't want to hear.

Mr. Hardy: No, no. I agree with what you said, but you still missed the point of a park in Ledbetter Heights about music. Bring your citizens from Arkansas, from Mississippi, from Alabama to Ledbetter Heights to hear some music. We need children. I've got kids - - - White kids out of the (inaudible) and everybody coming down to Ledbetter Heights practicing with their bands. So, we're not talking about a park that would not, but just for a little park that would be right there for the little kiddies to run around and play swing on, no. We're talking about a community development park that will bring revenue to the city, that would (inaudible) just like a small Festival Plaza. Okay? That's what we're talking about. So, we're not talking about you know a park that's going to cost you more money, we're talking about a park that's going to make the city some money. That's why I'm saying we're going at it wrong.

Councilman Lester: The problem with that - - -

Councilman Webb: Point of Order.

Councilman Walford: I agree Calvin.

Councilman Lester: Okay, I'm just saying.

Mr. Hardy: Not a recreation center.

Councilman Webb: I understand. Is it related to the budget?

Councilman Lester: And it is related to the budget, but look guys, we can't have citizens to come down here and ask questions and make innuendos and post up, and that just ain't true. It's just not.

Councilman Webb: I'm not going to go back and forth today.

Councilman Lester: And I have supported Ron's organization. He's one of the founding members of the Black Cultural Organization and we have funded money. And I love Ron to death.

Councilman Webb: And I do too. Okay.

Councilman Lester: And for you to say that, that's not true.

Councilman Webb: Let's stop right there okay? Your point is well taken, and you've heard the comments.

Mr. Hardy: Okay, I just want to leave with this, this is not a park where kids can come and play.

Councilman Webb: Okay, well let's go ahead and wrap it up.

Mr. Hardy: Well thank you for your time and consideration in this matter, and please send me a post card or something and let me know what you decide to do, because I'm on the ground working. I don't really have time to be down here. I should be out working right now.

Ms. Hardy: If I may say this, I think the point that he made was about the fact nobody has let him know. After the last time we were here, nobody let us know. Thank you.

Mr. Ken Krefft: (157 Archer) Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council. Speaking of parks and music, the sound of music I want to hear is the little tinkle, tinkle, a little plop, plop of little children doing No. 1 and 2 at the restrooms at A.C. Steere Park.

Councilwoman Bowman: Wow!

Mr. Krefft: And that's for the handicapped children. For the cost to install and remove the Gilbert Drive traffic circle, I've spoken with several contractors who could have put up restrooms, better than the port-a-potties. We don't need the fancy stuff. SPAR's budget for next year includes \$175,000 to extend the bike and jogging trails on the parkway, and that's good. But for one-tenth of that cost, we could have restrooms. Also the loss of the Convention Center in 4 ½ days would pay for the restrooms. Lets do this. The Mayor promised that a four months of September 30th of '06, at the Broadmoor Presbyterian Gym, (inaudible) opponents, that he would do it. I didn't get you to say when, so you have your second term to do it. And could anybody tell me, maybe Ms. Bonnie, BNA - - - well willingly in 2011 apply it's entire \$10,000 Phase III grant to the restrooms if that's a legitimate use, if it's allowable, and therefore the different schools wouldn't get their little \$1800 each, but I would be willing to do that for 2011, or budgets are noting more than a set of priorities for the legislative and the administrative branch, and by choosing to do A, and not to do B, it just like in a family, we simply saying let's do A, and not do B. And as Mr. Shyne mentioned the LSU socks and the shirt, so I came up with a connection between Hamlet and the non-interception. In Hamlet, the king says, "The king hath note of all that they intend, by interception which they dream not of." Well I guess those officials couldn't dream of that interception, so anyway and I just want to thank the Fire Chief Brian Crawford and Asst Chief Sanders and some of those good folks who came and visited with us Neighborhood Night Out, it was really nice last Tuesday, and let's keep it in the fall, and keep it out of August, it's way too hot. But seriously, if y'all could come up with at some point, Riverfront Development Fund, General Fund left over money, maybe the roof bids will come in a little low, all we need is a little bit of money to put up permanent facilities, and recycle those port-a-potties for the Mardi Gras parades. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Thank you. Okay, is there anyone else in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of the budget ordinances? Is there anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in opposition to the budget ordinances? 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])

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we have several items that the Council may want to add to the agenda. The first has to do with the appointments to the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board. These four people were elected by their respective services. They've been appointed by the Mayor and now they are up for Council Confirmation in accordance with R.S. 33:40, 24:76.1 and the Charter of the City of Shreveport. You may want to suspend the rules, if you want to add them because they did not have the two week notice as the rules require before you would confirm an appointment.

The Clerk read the following:

Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board:

Ronald C. Mulford

Perry McDaniel

Jason Brooks

Joe Lewis

Councilman Webb: If we don't add it to the agenda today, it will lay over for two weeks?

Mr. Thompson: We would just bring it back in two weeks.

Councilwoman Bowman: Who did the - - - and I've just read this earlier today. The governing authority appointee. Who is our appointee?

Mr. Thompson: The governing authority, Julie just correct me, if I'm wrong. But the governing authority is the Council, however, we have an opinion on one of the City Attorneys, Charles Grubb I believe, going back maybe 10 or 15 years, which says, well it hasn't changed. Which says because of our Charter provision, the Charter provision says the Mayor shall make all of the appointments and the Council shall confirm those appointments. So, when you read the Charter provision and add the State Law together, it's his opinion that the Mayor makes the appointments whenever the state law says governing authority shall and then the Council has to confirm those appointments.

Councilwoman Bowman: (Inaudible), just the idea that I read that today. And whose law was that? That's state law?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Councilwoman Bowman: So, in all other things, the state law supersedes what we?

Mr. Thompson: Not all other things, I don't think. Julie?

Councilwoman Bowman: Well most other things.

Mr. Thompson: Julie, she's asking whether or not state law always supersedes the Charter.

Ms. Glass: Well the Charter provision says that the - - - well I don't have it in front of me.

Councilwoman Bowman: I understand that part of it, but - - -

Ms. Glass: (Inaudible) says that conflict with the general law of the state. Basically you follow the state civil service law, but we also have the Mayor make the appointment and the Council to confirm.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay. Just going by what was sent per email, and I read. And - - -

Mr. Thompson: That's what it says.

Councilwoman Bowman: That's what I want clarification on. And No. 2 Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to vote on either one of them anyway, because I don't see a female on the Board. Not one, so in protest - - -.

Mr. Thompson: If I could address that, there are 8-9 members?

Mayor Glover: Nine members.

Mr. Thompson: The Mayor appoints five other members that have to be confirmed by the Council, and there's nothing to prevent some of those from being female and/or minorities, and/or whatever.

Councilwoman Bowman: Hey, I understand.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I was - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Don't start Mr. Mayor. Don't you start.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Mayor, I was about to say, I'm going to probably vote, but I do agree with Ms. Bowman on what she said, and I know you do take it at heart. Because we have some fine ladies, southern ladies I guess I could say. If I'm right Charles, you and I are old enough to say southern ladies. But Mr. Mayor, I believe what is that two, no not two, maybe four or five years ago, you extended the - - - because it used to be seven.

Mayor Glover: Five.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, it used to be five, and we extended it to nine. So, this is what

we're living under today.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, if I could offer just some (inaudible) with regards to these four appointments. Understand that these are the members who were voted on by the members of the fire and police service. These are not individuals who are appointed by the Mayor's office. These are the individuals who the firefighters and the police officers select from amongst their ranks to represent them. Not individuals that I as Mayor selected. It's just that I am required once their election takes place to pass along those election results to you all for confirmation. And so Councilwoman Bowman, there is not an option from the Mayor's office with regards to these four to be able to deviate from the outcome of what those elections are. In fact, it should be noted that Shreveport happens to be the only city in the entire state of Louisiana that is governed by a fire and police civil service board that actually has a board that is larger than the five members that we had prior to the legislation that I authored as a member of the legislature, that expanded our board from five members to nine. And part of the motivation in expanding that number from five to nine was part of an effort to try and increase the level of diversity, both in terms of race and gender with regard to the board. In fact I think prior to that point, we never had more than one single woman who served on the board. Never have we had any one single minority serve on the fire and police civil service board. As it currently stands, I can't speak for the number of women, I do know that there are five Whites who serve right now and four Blacks which would be four times as many has ever served before on either of these boards. I think the other point that would be worthy of note is that part of what I included in that legislation as a member of the legislature in an effort to try and give the fire and police service greater opportunity to be able to send a woman or other minorities to represent them. They have what's called a cumulative voting system within the fire and police when it comes to electing these individuals. Now, most folks may not know what that is, but what it means is when this election comes up, and individual who is nominated or individuals nominated, each member of the fire service, each member of the police service when it comes to casting a vote is given two votes. Now with those two votes, they can either vote for one person and then vote for another person, or than can cast two votes for one person. Now part of what that allows is an opportunity for individuals to coalesce or organize amongst themselves to try and figure out how best to be able to position someone to get elected, whether that's a minority or female or what have you. I don't know the race or the gender of any of the four individuals who've been submitted to you, but I do know that's an option that we included within that legislation that is unique to Shreveport ending up to try and hopefully increase the level of diversity that would end up coming form the both the fire ranks, and the police ranks. Whether or not that's happened or not, I guess I'll find out the next time I show up for a fire and police civil service board and see whose sitting behind the podium.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Mayor I understand everything that you're saying, but I asked the question yesterday and you weren't here. How many women served on that board, and I was told there were not any. So, thank you for your comments, but let me say this. To the Fire and Policemen, since you go and choose who you want to be elected as far as your part is concerned, you're eliminating women, and there are some very qualified women in both of your departments. I hope that's duly noted. And I will be voting no. Not because I have anything in particular against these individuals, but as a matter of principle.

Mayor Glover: Understood.

Councilman Shyne: Can I say Amen, would that be alright?

Councilman Webb: Mr. Thompson, would you read the four names out again please?

Mr. Thompson: From the Fire Department, the ones who were elected by the fire department are Ronald C. Mulford and Perry McDaniel. And the Police Department elected Jason Brooks and Joe Lewis.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, can I ask a question?

Councilman Webb: Yes.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, both of you all.

Councilman Webb: Chiefs to the floor.

Councilman Long: Men in White.

Councilman Shyne: I don't want to be piggybacking on what Councilwoman Bowman said, but I don't want to be misled, because I saw a name one time, and I thought it was a female name, and it was actually a male's name. So, could I ask you Chief, how about - - - you know they sound like they're male names. Are they?

Chiefs Crawford and Whitehorn: They are.

Councilman Shyne: And how about the race of them? Are they - - -?

Chief Whitehorn: White male.

Chief Crawford: They're all White males.

Councilman Shyne: Okay. I didn't want to be misled by the names, cause sometimes you know you hear a name, and you just.

Councilwoman Bowman: Especially if you've got one name, Joe Lewis. Hello? Sorry.

Councilman Lester: And as fate would have it, I happen to know Joe Lewis, and Joe Lewis is an individual that has ridden part of my district, and I know him to be an outstanding officer. In terms of dealing with community issues, he's always been the type of person that has gotten out there, has parked the car, and can walk amongst the people whether it's Cedar Grove, Mooretown or Cooper Road. In fact, I know Joe so well, Joe has a helluva jump shot. And he works very good in terms of getting out there and working with community people and making himself - - - you know. Before we started the Community Liaison Officers, he was one of those people that just police along those lines like that, I guess they used to do in the old days. So as fate would have it, I happen to know Joe, and I know he's a great guy, great family man and the whole nine yards. I do think that everything that Council Member Bowman said is relevant. I think you cannot summarily dismiss people because of their sex, you certainly can't summarily dismiss people because of their race. Having said that, I think those individual bodies have a right to choose those which they select and they have confidence in, and a failing, not hearing that there is anything inferred with the process, we respect the fact that they made the choices that they made and we move on. And so that's my position on that, but I do understand what Councilwoman Bowman said relative to the females.

Chief Crawford: Mr. Chairman, if I could just address Councilwoman Bowman, I'm in complete agreement with you. I embrace diversity as far as that appointment goes or any committee that I have, and I've done that since my tenure as Fire Chief. I just want to duly note that the members have to either be nominated, or they can nominate themselves. And this last time and the time before that, we didn't have a female officer or member step forward to even go through the process. Not through lack of encouragement from the department, and I'll be glad when the day comes when a woman firefighter steps up to the plate, runs for the board and is elected.

Chief Whitehorn: And I'd just like to say that we did have a female candidate, she did not win the election, a Black female in fact that was a candidate for the police department.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Chief, I bet some male discouraged her.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we still have not asked for comments.

Councilman Webb: Well that's what I was fixin to do, I wanted to do these individually. So I wanted to ask if there was anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of or opposition to adding these items to the agenda? If not - - lets.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Walford to add the to the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board Appointments to the agenda. Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilwoman Bowman. 1. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Webb, and Shyne. 5. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Wooley. 1.

Councilwoman Bowman: See, that was a female's vote.

Mayoral Appointment to:

The Clerk read the following:

Shreveport Housing Authority Ms. Wyvornia DeCarol Carol" Nunley

Councilwoman Bowman: I'll move on that one.

Councilman Webb: Well let me ask the audience if there is anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to adding this to the agenda. If not, then I'll accept a motion.

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Shyne to add the executive appointment of Ms. Wyvonia DeCarol Nunley to the Shreveport Housing Authority to the agenda.

Councilwoman Bowman: I agree with you on this one Mr. Mayor. She lives in "G".

Mayor Glover: Thank you Councilwoman Bowman.

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

Mr. Thompson: Before that, if I may Mr. Chairman, on the Fire and Police nominees, the reason that you had to add them to the agenda is that the Council did not have them for two weeks. But at the next meeting, you will have had them for two weeks, and they will automatically be (inaudible), and so for anybody whose listening, they will be on the agenda next time.

Councilman Webb: Okay, I understood that. Next item?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we now have one resolution and 4 or 5 ordinances to add to the agenda. This resolution and these ordinances were introduced at the Special City Council Meeting, November 9th, that was yesterday. A motion is in order to add them to the regular agenda today.

Councilman Webb: Okay, you want to read them out?

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 217 of 2009**: Amending the Pay Plan for General Classified Employees to provide a one time lump sum pay increase and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 144 of 2009**: Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 145 of 2009**: Amending the 2009 Information Technology Internal Service Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 146 of 2009**: Amending the 2009 Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 147 of 2009**: Amending the 2009 Airports Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 148 of 2009**: Amending the 2009 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: These budget ordinances would provide the money for the pay raise if the resolution is adopted.

Councilman Webb: Anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to adding these items to the agenda? Then I'll accept a motion.

Motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Bowman to add Resolution No. 217 and Ordinance No(s). 144, 145, 146, 147, and 148 of 2009.

Councilman Shyne: Did Ms. Bowman's amendment get added to the first resolution?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Shyne at the time that we, or the Council gets ready to vote on that, we do have that amendment, and we will let the Council know, so if anybody wants to move on that amendment, they will be able to.

Councilman Webb: At the appropriate time.

Councilman Shyne: I just wanted to make sure that we understood that Mr. Thompson, thank you so very, very much.

Councilman Lester: In all thy getting, get understanding.

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

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

Confirmations and Appointments:

The Clerk read the following:

Shreveport Housing Authority

Ms. Wyvornia DeCarol "Carol" Nunley

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Shyne to confirm the executive appointment of Ms. Wyvornia DeCarol “Carol” Nunley to the Shreveport Housing Authority.

Councilman Webb: She’s not here is she?

Mr. Sibley: No Mr. Chairman, she’s actually out of state at a conference and sends her regrets for not being able to be here. Again, we would ask the Council for positive consideration because this will allow the Housing Authority to go ahead and meet.

Councilman Webb: And have a meeting, because they don’t have enough people to have a quorum.

Councilman Shyne: When she gets back, I would ask you to please have her come down.

Councilman Lester: If there are any other vacancies, it would be nice to have somebody from District A, since the biggest piece of the Housing Authority’s property is in District A, no aspersions to the gentlewoman from District G.

Councilwoman Bowman: I’m going to let you go with that.

Councilman Lester: But I just wanted to throw that out for what it’s worth Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: We will be looking for qualified females from District A.

Councilman Lester: And believe me, we have plenty.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: 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. 218 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WESLEY THOMAS, INC., LOCATED AT 915 ROCHEL DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Wesley Thomas, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 915 Rochel Dr., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I see some no votes, is that because no women will be connected to the water and sewer?

Councilman Webb: Well there's women out there connected, so.

RESOLUTION NO. 219 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KNICELY PROPERTIES, INC., TO CONNECT THE PROPOSED NORRIS FERRY CROSSING UNIT 6 SUBDIVISION TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Knicely Properties, Inc. be authorized to connect the proposed subdivision to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

Councilman Wooley: This is part of Norris Ferry Crossing.

Councilman Lester: Not that it's going to make dime worth of difference, but I'm just curious. Does Norris Ferry Crossing Unit exist? I mean is it a development that is planned, or is it?

Councilman Wooley: No, it's proposed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 220 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WILLIAM MCKENZIE HANCOCK & SARAH CARLISLE HANCOCK, LOCATED AT 327 MAGGIE LANE TO CONNECT TO THE

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

WHEREAS, William McKenzie Hancock & Sarah Carlisle Hancock 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 William McKenzie Hancock & Sarah Carlisle Hancock be authorized to connect the structure, located at 327 Maggie Lane to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 188 of 2009**: Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the performance based energy efficiency contract with Johnson Controls, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Postponed October 27, 2009*).

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

Councilman Walford: I moved to bring it up, but I'm going to ask for a 'NO' vote, I think it's time to take this off until we come up with a better alternative. But what we're going to do, a better idea of a parity cost, and what the funding source is. So I think it's time to quite postponing on this one, and - - - we still haven't gotten anything for a comparison. All we've gotten is how good a deal this is, and then we get another summary of what a great deal this is, but we haven't gotten anything that gives us any comparison, and so I'm not pleased with it. I'm not pleased with the funding source, and I would ask for a 'NO' vote just to get it off the agenda.

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

Councilman Wooley: With the 'NO' vote and with the comments that Councilman Walford just made, what is going to be the next step for us to?

Councilman Webb: Well that depends on the Administration I guess putting together some other ideas for us to move forward.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council, I think we have pretty well laid out what we think the two options are. One where we've laid out with regard to amending the contract, the other would be to decide to put it out to bid, which would cost about \$175,000, but then also at that point, you'd have to identify what the funding source would be. Mr. Walford says he doesn't like the funding source. You want to go to reserve and suggest that, then that's obviously one that we probably would not support in that we have a source of capital dollars available to be able to address this situation, but I think as I've heard you all mention in previous meetings, that it's not the city at this point that's getting wet. It's the people that we share this building with, and so if there's not a greater sense of urgency from the Council, then you know, we're obviously ready to sit and continue to allow this situation to play itself out. I think that comments that you all got yesterday indicates that if we were to go through the bidding route, assuming that we identified a source of funding based upon a time frame that would lay out from that, it would 11 months from now before the project itself would be prepared to go to construction. So I think the information is out there, it's available, the question is whether or not there is any desire or motivation on the Council's part to do anything about it. We would certainly welcome the opportunity to be able to engage in further discussion with you all about this, but if you don't think that what we've given you is adequate, then it's because we're not quite sure exactly what it is that you're asking for. We're certainly open to suggestions.

Councilman Webb: Some of the comments in yesterday's Work Session were about the leftover money in the Capital bonds for drainage could possibly be used for some of the drainage problems that exist elsewhere in the city, and rather than take it and use it for a different purpose than what the tax payers voted on, we would still use it for drainage purposes, but maybe in a different - - - not necessarily a different area, but for drainage work itself versus roof problems.

Mayor Glover: Instead of about \$4.95(million) in additional left over streets and drainage dollars that's still available. At whatever point the Council and Administration can manage to be able to come up with a process and develop a consensus in terms of what we want to do with that, but I think it's also pretty well certain that repairing the roof and the HVA system is an allowable use of the dollars that are available from the 2001 bond issue. Like I say, it's either using those dollars for a source of funding and putting the project out for bid. Putting the project out for bid, first of all identifies a source of funding. 2) Recognizes that the time frame for that right now as staff has predicted dates up to October of 2010. And you know if that's the attitude and the position of the Council, then you know it's regrettable, but I think our friends that we share this building with would hope that we would manage to figure out how to come up with a better solution. And certainly putting it out to bid does not put us in a position to be able to achieve the guaranteed \$65 + thousand dollars a year in additional savings that goes directly to the city's bottom line if we were to do this through the process that we've suggested. So, one is either a year from now with a source of funds that we're able to identify, or we do it this way, and we end up being able to do it cheaper, and end up having a savings that accrue to the City of Shreveport on an ongoing annual basis. You know \$65,000 as I mentioned I think in a previous discussion would be enough to run two of the city's swimming pools. You know that's enough to hire a police officer and a half. It's enough to be able to hire two sanitation workers. So there

are any number of ways in which we could make use of those additional dollars. The question is whether or not there's any consensus, but if the decision is that you want to defeat it and pull it off the agenda, then I mean obviously that's the council's prerogative, but it does not get us any closer towards a solution.

Councilwoman Bowman: I just have a question. The Parish, how long have they known that it was leaking, because we just found out on August 22nd. So I mean, they were getting wet and they had this problem, surely they knew about it before then is my understanding.

Mayor Glover: Certainly if the Parish approached the Administration before August 22nd, to say here's a problem with the building, lets see if we can't come up with some ways to try and figure out how to get this resolved. And so, that's when we set about the work of trying to figure out what's the best, most cost effective way to get it done. Staff to their credit came up with a solution that to me just simply makes a whole lot of sense. And you guys may not like it, and obviously you've - - - that's your prerogative, we can do it without your approval and support, but again, some other methods about going to the reserves or what have you, probably won't meet with my support. So.

Councilwoman Bowman: I've never heard of anybody saying go to the reserves, if they did, it wasn't me, but one thing I would feel comfortable with is going out for bid. Because just reading the resolution or the ordinance, and it says something to the effect of it being exempt, and that just kinda made me feel a little uneasy about it. It says that, "The authorizing legislation further provides that such contract shall be considered a contract for services and exempt from the provisions of the Public Bid Law." So, I didn't feel good about that. I'm just explaining myself.

Mayor Glover: And that's certainly your prerogative. I mean one of the reasons as to why you, a city or any other entity has the sort of energy management contracts is that it gives us the opportunity to be able to engage in the types of things that the city has done in the prior years of this contract. And I think that Shelly could come and detail for you in specific detail exactly what benefit has inured to the city benefit as a result of operating under this energy management contract. This gives us an opportunity to amend it and add the roof and HVAC up under it.

Councilwoman Bowman: We've done this before?

Mayor Glover: We currently have a JCI Johnson Controls energy management contract for the city.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, but I mean, have they done roof work before with the energy management contract?

Mayor Glover: The reason as to why it's being amended, would be to add the roof and the HVAC to the contract that currently is in existence right now.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, I understood that part.

Mayor Glover: Shelly, why don't you come on up so you can tell them exactly what it is.

Councilman Webb: But that's also - - - and not just for this building, that's for 6 or 7 other buildings.

Mayor Glover: Certainly.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: I think the question was have we ever done the roof work to achieve energy savings. The answer is no, we haven't. We've done all kinds of other work, commode retrofits to save water, we've done lightening retrofits to save energy with lighting, air conditioning and heating. Roof work is a big energy savings. I think one of the things we talked about early on, is we talked about this roof in particular. Our value is you know the value of what heat can penetrate through a roof. Our value on this roof right now is an R-value of 2. This

would give us an R-value of 12. That tells you, that right there is a big energy savings. And that's what their job is. That's the job that we asked Johnson's to do, is to look at what we have and figure out how do we get the most efficient equipment to save us money, and that's the way their contract works. So we probably did Councilman Webb, probably at 36 facilities in 2004, when we did our original energy contract.

Councilwoman Bowman: I just wanted to know if it had ever been done before, and you said no.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: No ma'am.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, and to be clear, 2001 bond funds are not just drainage funds, those funds were intended for Police, Fire, Public Assembly, Recreation, Streets and Drainage. So there's a wide range of available uses of those dollars, not just drainage. And as I mentioned, there is some \$5,000,000 in un-appropriated streets and drainage dollars that I've had some discussions with you all about, that would be available as well. As well as the which takes us back to our discussion of a need for an overall bond issue for the city as a whole. And so, but this, when your roof is leaking, and it's leaking right now, and you have resources available to not only pay for it, but to also be able to put yourself in a position to be able to save money, it seems to me that that would be the viable scenario for us to pursue. But what I'm hearing you all asking the administration to do is to come up and to make a recommendation to you that does not represent what we believe is the best and most viable option. And I think that that's something that's difficult to do. As we said, there were essentially two options. The one that we've offered, or to identify a source of funding for the repair, and then come up with specifications and put it out to bid. Again to do that, and correct me if I'm wrong Shelly, takes us somewhere to about October of next year.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: Right. Because we'd have to do A&E selection for the architects and engineer. Because have to design the roof and you have to have an engineer design the HVAC. So, we have to identify funding source for that. And it's based on safety for architects and engineers averages about 10% of what our project costs. We need about \$175,000 to do the architects and engineering fees. So, we've got to identify a funding source for that first. That selection process takes us about 30 days to do, and then we have contracting with them, and then they begin the design work which our architect estimated that should take about six months. And so that puts us into next year. And then you have the bid process. The contracting process. It would be about this time next year doing it. But we have to identify the funding source to do the A&E to go out and hire an architect and an engineer, we're going to have to pay them, and we're saying that's about \$175,000. And then we'd need a funding source still to do the roof repairs.

Councilman Webb: I'm going to cut you off right there Shelly, and we'll discuss this at the end of the meeting, because we've already - - - don't actually have a motion on the floor, and we are out of order basically. And we'll discuss this at the end of the meeting. Lets move on to the next item Mr. Thompson.

2. **Resolution No. 214 of 2009**: Declaring the City interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester, C/Long, D/Wooley, E/Webb, F/Shyne, and G/Bowman) (*Postponed October 27, 2009*)

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

Councilman Lester: And if I could Mr. Chairman, real briefly, I would ask the Council to indulge me for a second, if we could. Art, Sharon can you communicate to the folks in back and ask them to pull up the map please. Thank you Councilmember Bowman. When we had the discussion, one of the things that I had been requesting for quite some time is a map of adjudicated property, and this is - - - I want to thank Malcolm Stadlander and the folks in DOS and his shop down there. This is the City of Shreveport. It's hard for you to see on the overhead, but each one of those red dots represents a parcel of adjudicated property that's been adjudicated for more than five years. As you can tell, there is a lot of that in the width and breadth of Shreveport. And I would suggest to you Council Members that a lot of the problems that we're having from a budgetary standpoint and from a crime standpoint, and just from a neighborhood aesthetic standpoint, and a neighborhood security standpoint, derives from the fact that you have scores of parcels of property that have been literally abandoned for more than five years. And when we're talking about the budget, you're talking about grass and spending a million dollars cutting grass on property that's ostensibly adjudicated, and so I agree with the idea of dealing with the city's interest, but I think what we need to do is as we're moving forward particularly in this budget time, look to come up with some concrete ways to get rid of this property and get it back on the city's rolls. I have been working with, he was in here a little while ago, Matt Bailey from the Administrative relative to an idea that I have that has been used in Washington, D.C., and Baltimore that kinda steps up what we've done with adjudicated property particularly as it relates to commercial structures to try to further incentivize people to come and get this property. And I think one of the things that we need to do is look at and let me do this now. I got maps for everybody, so this one is for District F, District B, E – you, D, lets see, C.

Councilman Long: Si Señor.

Councilman Lester: B, and Council Member Bowman, I have two of these for you.

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh, you're so kind. Thank you very much.

Councilman Lester: And Mr. Mayor, after 10 years, I've learned something. One of the city for the Mayor. And each one of the maps is each one of our respective Council districts. And it shows in pretty good detail all of the properties that are adjudicated and literally abandoned for five years. And I think what we need to do from a Council's standpoint is look to do some innovative things like I've seen West Palm Beach, FL bundle those contiguous properties, to put them out and say to a developer, 'Look, I've got these 10 lots on Sumner Street, or I've got 10 lots on Murphy Street. They're ours, we go out and get them.' Hey! If you want to build low-income housing, or you want to build an upscale housing, or if you want to build something from a commercial standpoint, we will give the land to you so that you can get this land back on the public (inaudible) because, I would dare say and I've asked Jim Holt to show me this, I would dare say a great portion of the million dollars that we spent cutting grass is spent on those properties that have been abandoned. And for us to continue to do that just makes absolutely no sense at all. We need to find a way to get rid of this property and get it back on the stream of commerce, and we need to do something innovative, and do something different. So, I want to again thank Malcolm Stadlander and his folks for giving me those maps. Yes sir.

Councilman Wooley: You say these are after five years?

Councilman Lester: Yes. These are properties that have been abandoned, and the reason why that's important, thanks for asking that question Councilman Wooley, is state law, and while we put on kudos, want to thank former City Councilman and State Representative Roy Burrell for helping amend the legislation, but if a property has been abandoned for more than

five years, and adjudicated for more than five years, we have shortened the period of time from 180 days to I believe 60 days, by which the city can actually go out and take that property into it's inventory from a monitions standpoint. And a point of fact, I would dare say if you drive to those areas and cross reference that against what Jim and those folks cut, we probably spend a lot of money cutting that grass and boarding those houses up and so, I mean, we've spent more money on the property than the original property owner, and so it should be ours. But there's a process by which we have to undertake to go get that.

Councilman Wooley: One more question.

Councilman Lester: Yes.

Councilman Wooley: What does it means when you have an address and it says 'none'?

Councilman Lester: None means that it has a GEO number, but it doesn't have a physical address. But what, if you will ask Malcolm, IT put together the list and they have the field so, you can ask for the actual list, you can get the list that goes with that. But I just thought it was better to look at it from a visual standpoint to kinda know those areas that are in decline. And a point of fact, a lot of times, people think that this is just an Allendale or Queensborough problem. But every last one of our districts has adjudicated and abandoned property in it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Long: Councilman Lester, and relative to the passed five years and the monitions factor, I mean does that - - - what about people who have tax interest in these properties? Is there a way that we can streamline and cut through that to get to that as well?

Councilman Lester: Let me say I believe my understanding of the law is that to the extent that it's almost like a scenario where you were a tax sale purchaser and you waited the three year redemptive period, then you would file a monitions suit to acquire the title, but then because the property has been abandoned for more than five years, the city can do what a normal person can do what a normal person could. And so because it has been abandoned or adjudicated for than five years, it's considered, and there's a process by which the city can take it into it's inventory. I think there is a (inaudible) requirement that you have to send out and then there's the deal with monitions. I don't have instant command of the process. The process is a lot shorter than it was. Instead of having to wait six months, we can do it in 90 days.

Councilman Long: I don't want to help the tax sale buyers, holding out for more money.

Councilman Lester: We're not. No, no, no. I mean these are properties that have been abandoned for more than five years. The only thing that holds us up is actually filing. And it's a lot like the process that we use in dealing with some of the land in and around the Ledbetter Heights to do the Millennium Studios, as well as some of the stuff that we've done in Allendale to get some of those properties as well.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 215 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON A PERMIT TO ENCROACH ON A PORTION OF CROSS LAKE BELOW THE 172 FOOT CONTOUR LINE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By:

WHEREAS, Jerry Y. Davis is the owner of record of a .33 acre tract of land in the N/2 of Section 5 (17-14) as per Assessors Country Plat 171405-000-0077, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as

per plat attached, and having been acquired by instrument recorded Nov. 5, 1992, and recorded as Registry Number 1364683 in Conveyance Book 2853, Page 459, of the records of Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, a request has been received from Jerry Y. Davis for an encroachment in and to a portion of public property as depicted on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, to accommodate the improvements already located thereon; and

WHEREAS, the proposed encroachment upon public property is not adverse to the public interest of the citizens of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Y. Davis promises that if the encroachment is granted, he will not construct any additional improvements on said property; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Y. Davis shall not, without the express written consent of the City of Shreveport, assign the permit or any interest hereunder; and

WHEREAS, any consent which the City of Shreveport may give for an assignment shall not destroy the above provision, and later assignments shall be made likewise only with the prior consent of the City of Shreveport hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the instrument or Permit to Encroach shall provide for the payment by Jerry Y. Davis to the City of Shreveport of \$300.00 for the encroachment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor's signature on the Permit to Encroach and Jerry Y. Davis shall be bound by all provisions of the Permit to Encroach, as well as this Resolution, and, after due notice thereto and after the effective date of this Resolution, the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, an instrument or Permit to Encroach substantially in the form of the document filed along with the original copy of this Resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on October 27, 2009, attached hereto as Exhibit A. Provided further, the instrument of Permit to Encroach shall provide for the payment by Jerry Y. Davis to the City of Shreveport of \$300.00 for the encroachment.

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

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

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

Councilman Lester: Quick question. Mr. Mayor, I guess my, my - - - I don't know if this is on my side of the lake or Councilwoman Bowman's, but it's pretty close to it. I guess my question is how tightly is this agreement going to be written, because I mean when you're talking about encroaching beyond a contour line, that's a pretty serious deal. What - - - can someone maybe speak to the safeguards that we've built in so that you know this individual does what they say that they're going to do?

Mayor Glover: We're going to yield to Ron Norwood and is Terri here? She's over hiding behind the post. Mike Strong is on his way back from Baton Rouge.

Ms. Scott: Mr. Lester, what usually happens is that with these types of permit applications, it's specific for the owner of the property, and it also provides in the agreement that it is nontransferable.

Councilman Lester: Okay, well that answers that question.

Ms. Scott: (Inaudible) to enjoy the lake, to put the encroachment in, however if the property is subsequently sold, then the new owner would have to come in and make new application and we would go through the same review process for that new owner as was done with the present permit holder.

Councilman Lester: And the other question, I want to make sure that you know if they encroach, I don't want to see if the lake gets high, they turn around and sue us, because - - -.

Mr. Norwood: Good point. Actually, this is not a precedent we're setting. This is basically for an overhang that will encroach the 172 contour. It's not like you're placing a building within the contour.

Councilman Lester: Oh, okay. Well that helps me out. That answers my question.

Mr. Norwood: It's not going to have any affect on the lake itself.

Councilman Lester: Good, good, good.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 216 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH OLIVE BRANCH MINISTRIES, INC., IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 3RD ANNUAL GENTLEMEN'S COOKOFF AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN WOOLEY

WHEREAS, Olive Branch Ministries, Inc., will host the 3rd Annual Gentlemen's Cookoff on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Olive Branch Ministries is a non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, the cookoff is one of several events hosted by the organization throughout the weekend; and

WHEREAS, the events are free, open to the general public and intended to foster community spirit, community awareness and community involvement within the Cedar Grove neighborhood, which is a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Olive Branch Ministries, Inc., is hereby ratified.

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

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

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

Councilman Walford: Question. Did Councilman Wooley cook?

Councilman Wooley: Sorry?

Councilman Walford: Did you cook?

Councilman Wooley: No, I did not.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 221 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED FOR IFB#09-061 FOR ANNUAL SUPPLY OF DRY BULK POWDER ACTIVATED CARBON (PAC) AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, six (6) bids were received as a result of solicitations for Annual Supply of Dry Bulk Powder Activated Carbon (PAC), IFB #09-061; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected these bids in accordance with La R.S. 38:2214 B, because all bids received were over the budget of \$400,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB #09-061 be rejected;

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

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

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

Councilman Walford: I'm not sure whose going to answer this, but how much over budget were we and what's the alternative?

Mr. Sibley: I have it Mr. Walford. The lowest bid was \$40,000 over and the highest was as much as \$394,000 over.

Councilman Walford Do we go back out?

Mr. Sibley: Yes sir.

Councilman Walford: I mean it's obvious - - -

Mr. Sibley: It may change specs, if we put it back out.

Councilman Walford: Okay, thank you.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 222 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT

ANNULING, RESCINDING AND/OR REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 197 OF 2009

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the “City”), acting as the governing authority of the City (the “Governing Authority”), adopted Resolution No. 197 of 2009 on October 13, 2009 accepting the findings of a public hearing held pursuant to a Notice of Intention (the “Notice”) to issue, sell and deliver not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000 Taxable Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2009 (DHH Water Project) (the “Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health (“DHH”), the proposed purchaser of the Bonds, has requested a change in the Notice and the City has agreed to such change; and

WHEREAS, the effect of such change requires a new public hearing and acceptance for the findings thereof by the Governing Authority; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly effectuate such changes, the Prior Resolution should be annulled, rescinded and/or repealed in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said City (the “Governing Authority”), that:

SECTION 1. Rescission. Resolution No. 197 of 2009 is hereby annulled, rescinded and/or repealed in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Authority hereby authorizes and directs officials of the City to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Councilman Webb: Well, for the record, tell us what Resolution 197 was.

Mr. Thompson: Well Mr. Chairman, that had to do with the same thing as Resolution No. 223, that you will be considering in a moment. That is the \$15,000,000 taxable Water and Sewer Bonds.

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, the Council held a public hearing a few moments ago concerning the notice of intention to issue, sell and deliver not to exceed \$15,000,000 taxable Water and Sewer Bonds. For the record, I will state that there were no objections to the Council Proceedings, and therefore 223 accepts the findings of the public hearing as a result of a notice of intention to issue, sell and deliver not to exceed \$15,000,000 taxable water and sewer bonds, (DHH Water Project), Series 2009C for the purpose of financing the cost of acquisition, and construction of improvements, extensions, and replacements to the drinking water portion of the utility system, approving publication of the minutes of such public hearing, seeking final approval of the Louisiana State Bond Commission, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 223 OF 2009

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT
ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS OF A PUBLIC HEARING AS A RESULT OF THE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE, SELL AND DELIVER NOT TO EXCEED**

FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$15,000,000) TAXABLE WATER AND SEWER BONDS (DHH WATER PROJECT) SERIES 2009C FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS, EXTENSIONS AND REPLACEMENTS TO THE DRINKING WATER PORTION OF THE UTILITY SYSTEM, APPROVING PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING; SEEKING FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE LOUISIANA STATE BOND COMMISSION; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City"), applied for and on September 17, 2009, received preliminary approval and permission from the Louisiana State Bond Commission ("SBC") to publish its Notice of Intention (the "Notice of Intention") to issue not to exceed FIFTEEN MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000,000) Taxable Water and Sewer Bonds (DHH Water Project) Series 2009C (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, to-wit, November 10, 2009, a public hearing was held pursuant to the Notice of Intention (the "Public Hearing") and at such hearing, no petition of opposition thereof was filed which would prohibit the issuance of the Bonds without an election and the City desires the SBC to deliver its final approval for the issuance of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said City (the "Governing Authority"), that:

SECTION 1. Public Hearing. Pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other Constitutional and statutory authority, the Governing Authority does hereby accept the findings of the Public Hearing held pursuant to that Notice of Intention to issue not to exceed FIFTEEN MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000,000) Taxable Water and Sewer Bonds (DHH Water Project) Series 2009C (the "Bonds") and, due to the fact that no petition of opposition was presented objecting to the issuance of the Bonds, the Governing Authority desires to proceed with the issuance of the Bonds. Said Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery and shall bear interest from the date thereof at a rate or rates not to exceed two and ninety-five hundredths per centum (2.95%) per annum and shall become due and payable and mature at such time or times, not to exceed twenty-two (22) years from the date of issuance.

SECTION 2. State Bond Commission. Application be and the same is hereby formally made to the Louisiana State Bond Commission in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for final approval for the issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 3. Publication. The minutes of the Public Hearing shall be published as soon as possible in the official journal of the City. For a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such publication, any person in interest may contest the legality of this resolution, any provision of the Bonds to be issued pursuant hereto, and the provisions made for the security and payment of the Bonds and the validity of all other provisions and proceedings relating to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds. After said thirty (30) days, no person may contest the regularity, formality, legality or effectiveness of this resolution, any provisions of the Bonds to be issued pursuant hereto, the provisions for the security and payment of the Bonds and the validity of all other provisions and proceedings relating to their authorization and issuance, for any cause whatsoever. Thereafter, it shall be conclusively presumed that the Bonds are legal and that every legal requirement for the issuance of the Bonds has been complied with. No court shall have

authority to inquire into any of these matters after said thirty (30) days.

SECTION 4. Ordinance. The Bonds will be issued and authorized pursuant to an ordinance to be adopted by the Governing Authority.

SECTION 5. Costs of Issuance. The Governing Authority acknowledges that it has received from co-bond counsel a report of the estimated costs of issuance of the Bonds required by LSA-R.S. 39:1405.4(A).

SECTION 6. SBC Swap Approval. By virtue of Issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Authority hereby authorizes and directs its Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Finance, Clerk and such other officials of the City individually and/or collectively to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

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 to be severable.

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

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, you added Resolution at the beginning of the meeting, No. 217 of 2009. *The Clerk read the following:*

RESOLUTION NO. 217 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR GENERAL CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE A ONE TIME LUMP SUM PAY INCREASE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILWOMAN BOWMAN

WHEREAS, the general classified employees of the City did not receive a pay increase for the year 2009, even though most employees earned a pay raise under the pay plan, because the city did not have sufficient funds for pay increases; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have sufficient funds to authorize a permanent pay increase for said employees for the year 2010, but funding is available for a one time pay increase in lieu of the regular raise because of the one time payment the City received from leasing its mineral rights; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, with the approval of the Mayor, will amend the City's 2009 budgets to include funding for a \$1,000 one time pay increase, effective on December 15, 2009, for general classified employees of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that the pay plan for general classified employees is hereby amended as follows:

1. A one time salary increase of \$1000 shall be paid to all full-time classified, non-civil service employees who are actively employed as of November 30, 2009, who have completed the six-month probationary period as of November 30, 2009 and who have fully met all conduct standards and have been evaluated at an overall "meets requirements" or "exceeds requirements" level as of their most recent anniversary date of employment.
2. This one-time payment shall be due and payable on the first paycheck to be issued on or after December 15, 2009. It will be added to regular salary or wages, and therefore subject to all usual and customary deductions.
3. The provisions of this resolution shall not apply to any elected or appointed officials, any unclassified employees, nor any employees of the City Court, City Marshal, Metropolitan Planning Commission or other agencies using the city payroll system.
4. Except for this one time payment, the pay plan for general classified employees adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006, shall remain in 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 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 Bowman, seconded by Councilman Walford. *The Clerk read the following:*

Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 217 of 2009

Delete paragraph 1 and substitute the following:

1. A one time salary increase of \$1000 shall be paid to all full-time classified, non-civil service employees who are actively employed as of November 30, 2009 and who have completed the six-month probationary period as of November 30.

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 217 of 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: Councilman Walford. 1.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt Resolution No. 217 of 2009 as amended.

Councilman Shyne: I think this is a fine piece of legislation.

Councilman Long: I'm just concerned about the deficits that we're possibly experiencing right now with all this. But I'm just being cautionary. I mean, I'm all for giving the employees this money, don't get me wrong.

Councilman Shyne: I'm concerned about the deficit too! But I'm also concerned about

those employees that have to go and buy a loaf of bread, or have their lights turned on, or get their kids some shoes, or need to buy some medicine, or need to pay their rent or mortgage or need to pay their car note, or need to take their little girl to the doctor to get those flu shots. To me, that's more important than the deficit. I'm kinda like the Bush Administration that said four or five years - - - I believe that was Dick Cheney who said, "Hey, deficits ain't no problem." So, I'm not a Republican - - -

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Shyne, that's the federal government.

Councilman Shyne: Well I know, I know, but I'm using it on the local level. Attorney Washington, I'm not a Republican, and I'm not about to change, but that's one thing that Dick and I kinda agree on in this particular case, so I think our employees deserve that, and they need that and it's going to those employees that really don't make very much money. And they need it, they need it to live off of. I don't want to see 'em going hungry. Mike, I hate to see city employees in my district walking down the streets hungry and cold, and don't have (inaudible) to wear to work, and that kind of stuff. So, I think \$1,000 for a Christmas gift would be - - - I don't want to be a Scrooge. I want to show some Christian spirit. To me this is more of a moral issue, not a financial issue. And I'm a good ole Christian Boy. Mr. Mayor, I almost said Southern Baptist, but I forgot, you and I are Methodist.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think this is a real simple vote. When we were fortunate enough to get some expected and yet unbudgeted resources, and we are going to reward and acknowledge - - - well let me not say reward, let me say acknowledge, I think that's better. We're acknowledging the contribution of our Classified employees with this one time pay increase. It's not going to materially alter the pay scale, and I think it's something that we should do. I think that at some point, we may, should look at other employees that are not Fire, that are not Police, but that are not I guess the technical term is appointed, and see if there is something that we can do to adjust their situation given maybe a - - - as opposed to picking and choosing, come up with a formula that's below this particular level, that may not have been classified, but are appointed, that work as classified folks do, should also get this particular \$1,000. And for the record, that's something that I'm working on it, and I was working on with Council Staff. And when I get that, I will bring that to the Council for it's edification to maybe look at that. Because I do understand the idea of giving the money to those folks that wear the white shirts, the blue shirts, and you know when the water is out at 2:00 in the morning, they roll out of bed and go take care of it. And I think that this is absolutely, positively something that we should do, and it reminds me of one of the big fights that Councilman Walford and I had about four years ago. We kinda fell out about one of these. But it was about the funding source and a local non-profit, but we've gotten past that.

Councilman Shyne: Great!

Councilman Lester: So I think we're all on one accord now, at least on this issue. I do think this is something that we should do, and I don't think it's going to bust the budget because this is money that had not been accounted for, it's not a recurring situation. I do think at some point we do need to look at the budget relative to giving our employees a pay raise. But to the extent that we do have the money, it's in the bank, it has not been obligated for anything else, and we can afford to do it. I think as Councilman Shyne said, I think we have a moral obligation to acknowledge those hard working men and women with the City of Shreveport on their uniforms. And do this. So, I'm happy that we're doing this. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: It's hard to follow those eloquent comments, because they said much of what I wanted to say, but I do want to thank Mr. Seaton for being very, very quick in

coming up with the numbers. As soon as we knew the money was coming, Ms. Bowman started an email and Mr. Seaton was very good about coming up with accurate totals. I'm not going to repeat what Mr. Shyne and Mr. Lester said, but I want to tell the employees I'm glad they're getting this, but at the same time, I want to apologize for the fact that we can't give them a pay raise. Because they all deserve it, I think the Administration knows that, everyone of us up here knows that. It something that we just can't do. We wanted to do and when the time comes that the money is available, we will do. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: I agree with everything that has basically been said, and yes I agree also Councilman Lester and Walford that we - - - it would have been nice to give everybody an increase, but we know the condition that we find ourselves in at this time. But I do think about our employees that get out on those trucks early in the morning whether it's cold or it's extremely hot. 100 degrees some days, when the temperature is so high, and garbage doesn't smell good period. But when it's mixed with the heat, you've got an entirely different problem. We know that insurance went up, it's been two years basically for them as well. And you look at a lot of our folks with SPAR get out on Clyde Fant and walk and pick up trash, and in the heat. And then you know even when it's - - - the weather is cold, freezing or whatever, these folks just get up and they go and if they complain, I don't know nothing about it. And when you need sandbags for flooding or whatever, you know you see 'em out there gladly doing what they're being paid to do, but doing a little extra, that means a lot. And I think the city is all about customer service. You know our job is to serve, whether we're in paid positions or not, and that's a big thing. But to see people go a little bit extra, it's good to see that to let them know that we do appreciate that. We appreciate all of the employees. It's just that these people are in a special class, and you know giving them a hand up at a time like this with so-called recession, and their price for food in the grocery store went up. Gasoline went up, but yet they're just holding on, and I think it's just a good thing for them the Council did, the Administration to want to do something like this, to let our people know how much we do appreciate them, and let 'em know as well that we appreciate all of 'em. It's just these are in a special position. And we want to kinda lift them up where we can.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Well, I'm not going to repeat a bunch of what people have already said, but I do want to say these are well-deserved opportunities for us to bless those who take care of us day in and day out. We see a lot that they do, and a lot of things that they do for us that we don't see. So, I just want to say thank you to those employees. We are grateful to get an opportunity to bless you, and most of all I do want to thank Councilwoman Bowman for leading the way. She has been on this for months and months. So I appreciate her passion and I'm glad we could do it. So thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Councilman Webb: Is that the last item Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: Yes sir.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, just want to state to each of you, thank you for casting what I'm assuming all of you are considering to be an easy vote. Obviously, like each of you we would like to be in a position to be able to do more for our employees with regard to pay, but thankfully, I think that because of the fact that you all have been willing along with this administration to make hard decisions, we have been able to position ourselves and be fairly

reasonable financial conditions. Based upon the current regional state-wide global economic circumstances, but obviously this decision became a little easier with the Haynesville windfall that came in recently. But I want to give some kudos to Joe Lunt and all the various department heads, Dale Sibley and Rick Seaton for putting us in a position to where even had we not gotten the Haynesville Shale money, this still would have been a consideration that we would have asked this Council to move forward on based upon the way in which these individuals have run their various departments over the first 10+ months of this year. Some of you all have gotten complaints that we have gotten in the Mayor's office, that trash pick up scheduled for Tuesday sometimes doesn't get completely picked up until Wednesday morning. There are some potholes and some other things that may take us a little bit longer than they might have in previous years. But the reason for that by and large is that these individuals have been asked to do more with less. Less money as well as fewer employees. I think as we stand right now, and I'm sure Joe would be able to give me the very exact number, we are some 200+ positions unfilled right now across the City of Shreveport. And a good number of those are everywhere from police and fire, but also specifically in water and sewerage, SPAR, and sanitation. And so, you've got some folks who have worked real hard this year. They have done things as each of you have just acknowledged, that some folks probably would not have imagined that they could have done with the resources that they've been given. And I also want to thank the citizens of the City of Shreveport, because just like you all, we've heard from them as well. People who have complained, 'My garbage pickup is on Thursday, but nobody showed up until Friday morning. Why is that?' And while many people call and approach me with those types of complaints initially, very bothered and very upset. When I've taken the time to be able or when those individuals have given me the time to be able to stop and explain to them exactly why it is that some of those things have occurred within recent months (inaudible) that they have to a person, everyone of them has responded positively. And so I want to thank you all again for your vote, I want to thank the staff for pulling together the numbers to make it happen, and most importantly I want to thank the greatest group of public employees I think anywhere in the world, the employees of the City of Shreveport for the hard work and sacrifice they put forth everyday. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Mayor, when you said, 'Joe, could furnish you with all those numbers,' Joyce looked right at me.

Mayor Glover: She knows you're so good with numbers Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, okay.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: *(Not to be adopted prior to November 24, 2009)*
The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 224 of 2009:** A resolution authorizing and providing for the waiver of all permit and inspection fees required for the construction of new homes within the City of Shreveport within a 60 month period following the passage of this resolution, but limited to 100 homes, for the Fuller Center for Housing of Northwest Louisiana, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 225 of 2009:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement allowing Petrohawk Energy permission to traverse city right of way for

purposes of laying a temporary water line to allow completion of a gas well, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (C/Long)

3. **Resolution No. 226 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Northwest Louisiana Youth Golf and Education Foundation, Inc., DBA First Tee of Northwest Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to introduce Resolution No(s). 224, 225, and 226 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make a small comment. I believe we have a gentleman here from the Fuller Center. Would you stand up? What's his name?

Councilman Lester: Lee Jeter.

Councilman Shyne: Lee, I know you, but you're also a gentleman. That's why I said the gentleman. Lee, I just want to let you all know personally that I appreciate the work that you all have done. Because you all are providing houses for people, you all are providing homes for people who work at Burger King, work at McDonalds, people who make \$15,000 a year and less. And these are the people that I truly feel like the government has a moral responsibility and a moral obligation to help. And this is what you all are doing. Because the house notes are from \$300-350 to 400 a month. These are the kinds of homes that people can afford that make \$8 or 900 a month. People who make \$8 or 900 a month, it's hard for them to afford some of these apartments around here. Because the problem is when you go to \$500 a month. And if you can invest in a home with that kind of house note, God is somewhere involved in it. And I just want to let you all know personally that you all are doing a heck of a job. And I hope I didn't sound like President Bush when I said that. It just came to my mind, "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job." But Lee you all are. You all are doing a tremendous job, and you're providing a tremendous service for people who need it because basically we are in a depressed economy, and there are people out there who are actually hurting and need to invest in a home. That's one of the things that has made America so great. Because we have been able to invest in homes in this country, and this is what democracy is all about. And some of you attorneys, I don't know whether I can say this or not, but this is what Christianity or Brotherhood, or 'Am I my brother's keeper' is all about. And I'm going to volunteer Dale, and one of these days, we're going to get out and put on our carpenter cap on and our big boots on and we're going to help you all out a little bit.

Mr. Lee Jeter: (Fuller Center for Housing) I would like that Councilman Shyne. Thank you very much.

Councilman Webb: Hold him to that.

Councilman Lester: Yeah, please. He didn't say he was going to do any work, he said he was going to put his hat on and his boots, is what he said. And wait a minute - - - That's Dean from the Democratic Party, they want to talk to you. I kid you, in all seriousness, I think what you're doing is great, and you were not here yesterday, but I suggested and we're working with the City Attorney's office to expand this. I don't think it should be limited to just 100 houses. What I would like to see, because I know Fuller Center does an outstanding job. You've got Grace Project, you've got People of Praise. What I'd like to do is see any one that comes in to the City of Shreveport to build affordable houses that we waive those fees period. So, it's not

just a limit that said 100 homes. If you build 200 affordable houses, if you're building houses that deal with this very needed population, this very important population of folks, so that they can have part of the American dream, I think we should waive those fees. We've done it in the past, and this is something different, but I think we should just make it a blanket policy and move forward. So, hopefully, we can come up with something that gets us there, but certainly we continue to support with the Fuller Center.

Mr. Lee Jeter: Councilman Lester, and to the Council, the Mayor. We asked for 100 because that was keeping within our five year strategic plan and that's what we're planning on doing over the next five years just trying to build 100 affordable homes for individuals who otherwise would not have that opportunity, but in keeping with that plan, it is a public partnership. We cannot do it without this council, we cannot do it without this administration, because as you alluded to earlier, there is a lot adjudicated property that's out there, and we just want to be able to take some of that adjudicated property and turn that back into an asset for the city and create homeownership opportunities for those individuals that would not otherwise have that opportunity. So, that's an effort that we all must undertake and we appreciate this administration and this council for their support of what we're attempting to do and not only in Allendale, but throughout the City of Shreveport. And that is our focus is trying to provide affordable housing for every citizen throughout north Louisiana. And it's a great start, but we've got a lot of work to do, and we're just trying to put the troops together to make sure that we're going to be successful in that endeavor for the next five years and beyond.

Councilman Walford: Lee, I supported what you do, you know that, but one thing I wouldn't take anything for was the opportunity that Mr. Shyne and I had to have lunch with the late Mr. Fuller. And it was a very enlightening lunch. I like seeing the legacy that he's left.

Mr. Jeter: Well I'm just honored to be one to help carry that legacy on with our board and our staff to be able to provide affordable housing. It's not an easy task, because one of our challenges is we want to build a quality home. And we want to make sure that those individuals that have homeownership have the same quality home that I pay for in my neighborhood. And that each of you pay for. So we don't want to just throw a home up, we want to make sure that we get good homeowners, but we also give them a quality product.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, just one other observation. Lee, when you all get through it, Chief, I want to stand up and say this, please come to Mooretown where the crime rate is very low.

Councilman Lester: But not as low as the crime rate in Allendale.

Mr. Jeter: Well we'll be there Councilman and we're just waiting on the adjudicated property.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before Mr. Jeter takes his seat, I just want to let Mr. Shyne know for the record, that he can join me the next time I go and work with Mr. Jeter or Minister Jeter now would be more appropriate and the other team of volunteers. One of the most satisfying days I ever spent, I spent working to construct I believe the initial wave of houses that came post Katrina.

Councilman Shyne: Bring Dale with you, and I'll be there.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. And to make sure we get some real work done, we'll bring Rick as well.

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

Councilman Webb: Did you have another question?

Councilman Lester: I had a question, and since this is on introduction, we have the time, I would ask the administration, I know that No. 225 deals with the Petrohawk situation in Councilman Long's district, but we also have an issue with the folks that are drilling going into Cross Lake. I know that they are supposed to be meeting as I appreciate it Thursday, but my question - - - I have not - - - they are informing us what they want to do, my question is what are they asking us relative to the drilling? And I know that a part of that has to go under the road there, and I don't know how that's going to affect the lake, and if we could get some information, if they have to do some of those similar right of way agreements, I'd appreciate that, because you know I have a lot of constituents that ask when they drive and see the corner of Huckaby and Russell Road, why are they clearing all of this out? What's going on? I'm glad to know that I have an answer for that, and certainly I'm concerned because with the rain, that area floods a lot. And so the question is how are those activities going to deal with the natural gas and the flooding, and what type of policies and procedures do they have to make sure that none of those activities could necessarily have a bad affect on the people that live in and around those areas. Bad enough we already have one objectionable situation over there that we're going to talk about a little later. But I'd appreciate, in keeping with this that there are some things that we need to do, let us know.

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 144 of 2009:** Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 145 of 2009:** Amending the 2009 Information Technology Internal Service Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 146 of 2009:** Amending the 2009 Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 147 of 2009:** Amending the 2009 Airports Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 148 of 2009:** Amending the 2009 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
6. **Ordinance No. 149 of 2009:** 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 \$12,000,000 principal amount of Taxable Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2009D, of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the terms of Resolution 172 of 2009 adopted on September 8, 2009; approving and confirming the sale of such bonds; pledging revenue of the System to secure such bonds; designating said Bonds as Build America Bonds pursuant to Section 54AA of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as

amended; prescribing the form, and certain terms and conditions of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

7. **Ordinance No. 150 of 2009**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Sections 50-176 and 50-188 of the Code of Ordinances relative to posting on city right of way and city property, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Ordinance No(s). 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, and 150 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. 121 of 2009**: An ordinance authorizing the use of the Cargill Soccer and recreation facility by Caddo-Bossier Soccer Association/SU and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(Not to be adopted prior to Nov. 10, 2009)*

Having passed first reading on September 22, 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 Lester to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 143 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Having passed first reading on September 22, 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 Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

3. **Ordinance NO. 141 of 2009**: ZONING C-58-09 – An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, by rezoning a tract of land located 300 feet west of Clyde Fant Parkway and 750 feet south of Stoner Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, **from B-3, Community Business District to R-3, Urban, Multiple-Family Residence District** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Having passed first reading on September 22, 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 Bowman to adopt.

Councilman Walford: Just very briefly, this is a down zoning for the area where they're about to build. You know initially, a developer out of Dallas had a plan that there was going to be a hotel and so on there, and it's going to be residential. So I want to urge a 'YES' vote.

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

4. **Ordinance No. 142 of 2009**: ZONING C-60-09 - An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, by rezoning property located on the east side of Youree Drive, 350 feet south of East Kings Highway, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, **from SPI-3(B-2), Commercial Corridor Overlay (Neighborhood Business) District to B-3, Community Business District** and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Long)

Having passed first reading on September 22, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt. 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. 121 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CARGILL SOCCER AND RECREATION FACILITY BY CADDO-BOSSIER SOCCER ASSOCIATION/SU AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, CABOSA/SU operates a youth soccer program which is open for membership to eligible youth residing within the City of Shreveport and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, for the past several years, City and CABOSA/SU have cooperated in the development and operation of a youth soccer program using City's soccer facilities to their mutual advantage; and

WHEREAS, the operation of this program provides a benefit to youth soccer participants and provides a wholesome recreational activity for all citizens of the City of Shreveport and surrounding areas which is a public purpose; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the use of the Cargill Soccer facility by Caddo-Bossier Soccer Association/SU is hereby authorized and the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, an Agreement with Caddo-Bossier Soccer Association/SU relative to the authorization granted herein, substantially in accord with the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on October 13, 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 NO. 141 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED 300 FEET WEST OF CLYDE FANT PARKWAY AND 750 FEET SOUTH OF STONER AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-3, URBAN, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of a tract of land located 300 feet west of Clyde Fant Parkway and 750 feet south of Stoner Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, be and the same is hereby changed **from B-3, Community Business District to R-3, Urban, Multiple-Family Residence District:**

A tract of land in the NE/4 of Sect. 5, T17N, R13W, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, described as a portion of Lot 7 of River Parkway; said portion of Lot 7 more fully described as: From the NE corner of said Sect. 5 run N89°22'36"W along the center line of Stoner Avenue 879.10 feet. Thence run south 649.49 feet to a point on the south R/W line of Larkin Edwards Drive per plat of River Parkway Subdivision, said point being the POB of description of subject tract; thence from POB on the said south R/W line run S34°19'27"E 473.59 feet; thence run S57°17'53"W 835.49 feet to the east R/W line of said River Parkway Blvd, said point on R/W being on a curve; thence run NW along said east R/W line on a curve to the right 842.81 feet to the start of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 1554.54 feet, the arc having a central angle of 31°3'15", a chord bearing of N19°10'24"W and a length of 832.54 feet; thence run along a curve to the right having a length of 31.68 feet, a radius of 20 feet and a central angle of 89°15'11" to the south R/W line of Larkin Edwards Drive; thence run N87°6'19"E along the south R/W line of said drive 691.37 feet to the POB. Said parcel containing 12.01 acres, M/L (523,155 sq. ft. +/-).

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 142 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES,

THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF YOUREE DRIVE, 350 FEET SOUTH OF EAST KINGS HIGHWAY, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM SPI-3(B-2), COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR OVERLAY (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the east side of Youree Drive, 350 feet south of East Kings Highway, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described as Plot 7, Broadmoor Subdivision Unit 1, be and the same is hereby changed **from SPI-3(B-2), Commercial Corridor Overlay (Neighborhood Business) District to B-3, Community Business District**

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 143 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2009 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Ordinance Number 133 of 2008, the 2009 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Under "2009 Current Year Funds":

Increase State Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program by \$1,629,200.

Increase Ledbetter Heights Grant by \$30,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Under "2009 Year Funds":

Increase State Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program by \$1,588,500.

Increase Administration by \$70,700.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

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

applications; and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **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*)
2. **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*)
3. **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*)
4. **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*)
5. **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*)
6. **Ordinance No. 33 of 2009**: 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) (*Tabled July 14, 2009*)
7. **Resolution No. 179 of 2009**: A resolution to launch a Council investigation as authorized by Section 4.29 of the Charter and to appoint a committee to conduct the investigation; to retain the services of a special legal consultant or consultants as authorized by Charter Section 4.29 to assist in said investigation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled September 10, 2009*)
8. **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

BAC-57-09: Property located at 4400 Hilry Huckaby III Ave, Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/Lester) (*Postponed October 27, 2009*)

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Lester: The parties that we're trying to get together, some of them were out of town, they came back this week. We're looking to have a meeting and get some resolution for the next council meeting.

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

9. PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:

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

PSD0700131: 1530 Arlington, Good Samaritan Funeral Home, Inc., Shreveport, La (A/Lester) *Mr. Winnifred Jackson, 2200 Laurel St, Shreveport, La (A/Lester) (Tabled June 9, 2008)*

PSD0900177: 171 Ardmore, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) *Ms. Shelia Wharton, 3215 Knight Street #147, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) (Postponed October 12, 2009 until December 7, 2009)*

PSD0900006: 2006 Looney Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) *Ms. Niakia Cook-Jones, 6777 Raspberry Lane, Apartment 1421, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) (Postponed August 24, 2009 until November 20, 2009)*

PSD00900103: 2860 Looney Street, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Mr. Reginald Mims, 527 East 85th Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (D/Wooley) (Postponed October 12, 2009 until November 20, 2009)*

PSD0700058: 557 Egan Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) *Mr. Daniel Markulus, 853 Place, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Decision rendered November 9, 2009.*

PSD0900204: 1048 Rutherford, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) *Mrs. Janet Hummer, 5824 Fern Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71106 (C/Long) Decision rendered November 9, 2009.*

PSD0700214: 2732 Logan Street. Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Willie Roberson, 6915 Quilen Rd, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) (Postponed October 26, 2009 until December 7, 2009)*

HBO0800039: 7221 Bethany Street, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) *Mr. Ellis Pope, 11085 Sandwood Drive, Keithville, LA 71047) (Postponed October 26, 2009 until December 7, 2009)*

PSD0800336: 1652 ½ Cross Lake Blvd, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Mr. Donald R. Pelham, 150 Humming Bird Lane Blvd, Stonewall, LA 71078 (Postponed October 26, 2009 until December 7, 2009)*

PSD0800344: 2723 W. Jordan, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Clarence Davis, 906 N. Victory Drive, Houston, TX 77088 (*Postponed October 26, 2009 until December 7, 2009*)

PSD0900029: 2639 West College, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Mr. Kevin Belcher, P.O. Box 3313, Shreveport, LA 71133 (*Postponed October 26, 2009 until December 7, 2009*)

PSD0800395: 1730 Jackie Robinson Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) Ms. Chrisanna L. Freeman. (*Postponed October 26, 2009 until December 7, 2009*)

10. 2010 BUDGET ORDINANCES (*To be adopted no later than Dec 15, 2009*) (*Introduced and Tabled October 13, 2009*)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there's been some discussion about removing from the table two of the 2010 budget ordinances for the purposes of adopting an amendment to each of those ordinances, and if you'd like me to, I could read the first one of those.

Councilman Webb: Yes, please.

124 Adopting the 2010 Capital Improvements Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

125 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Riverfront Special Revenue Fund and appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

The Clerk read the following:

126 Adopting the 2010 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Walford to remove Ordinance No. 126 from the table. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The Clerk read the following:

Amendment Number 1 to Ordinance Number 126 of 2009

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, increase Transfer to MPC by \$195,800, and Decrease Operating Reserves by \$195,800.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 126 of 2009.

Councilman Walford: This is in line with the discussion we had with the MPC Budget presentation the other night. It takes care of our full commitment to the Master Plan so that everything is on go with Goody Clancey, and it takes care of the two positions that we were told

were inadvertently left out of the budget. And you can see Mr. Seaton nodding over there. So, I hope Sharon I got this right. He keeps nodding, so I think we're okay.

Councilwoman Bowman: Is this basically paying the total amount that the city per se owes for '09 and not thru 2010?

Councilman Walford: No, this is amending - - -, Mr. Chairman, may I?

Councilman Webb: Yea, go ahead.

Councilman Walford: This is the 2010 money, and when the Administration's budget came out, it didn't include the full amount of our commitment that we had made. And you'll recall, we reduced the 2009 and then we were going to finish it in 2010. And it's \$146,000

Councilwoman Bowman: So, this is the amendment for 10?

Councilman Walford: This is for 10. And it's only because there's pressure on the MPC because of the contract that we're going to fulfill the full amount.

Councilman Webb: Now what (inaudible) will this be appropriated or funded?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I think the plan is to only adopt the amendment, but not the budget ordinance. The budget ordinance will be adopted at the same time that all of the other budget ordinances are. But this is just a signal to all of the parties involved that the city intends to fulfill it's commitment as it relates to the total amount that it promised.

Councilman Walford: It's basically, I know Ms. Bowman we're trying to bring her up. It's basically what we talked about Thursday night.

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 Lester to table Ordinance No. 126 of 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

127 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

128 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

129 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Airports Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

130 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

131 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Information Technology Service Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

The Clerk read the following:

132 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Metropolitan Planning Commission's Special Revenue Fund, Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to remove Ordinance No. 132 of 2009 from the table. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The Clerk read the following:

Amendment Number 1 to Ordinance Number 132 of 2009

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Operating Subsidy - Transfer from General Fund by \$195,800

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Personal Services by \$49,400

Increase Contractual Services by \$146,400

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 132 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 Lester to table Ordinance No. 132 of 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

- 133 Adopting the 2010 Budget funding contractual services provided to SPORTRAN by Metro Management Associates, Inc., and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 134 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Retained Risk Internal Service Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 135 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Grants Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 136 Adopting the 2010 Debt Service Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 137 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Shreveport Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 138 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 139 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Downtown Entertainment Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

140 Adopting the 2010 Budget for the Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

NEW BUSINESS

ABO APPEAL

Mr. Bobby Campbell, 500 Garden Street, Lot 3, Bossier City, LA, 71111, *Thrifty Liquor*, 3101 Bert Kouns, Shreveport, LA 71105 *Decision rendered November 9, 2009.*

Ms. Linda Thomas, 819 Rentur Street, Shreveport, LA 71106, *WalMart*, 1645 E. Bert Kouns Industrial Drive, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) *Decision rendered November 9, 2009.*

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

BAC-66-09: 2437 Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Ms. Patricia A.O. Whitehurst, 2603 Darien Street, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman)*

Councilman Webb: Okay, is the party in the Chamber?

Councilman Lester: Is that to adopt?

Councilwoman Bowman: No, I don't want to adopt just yet. I want to hear what's being said Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Is Patricia Whitehurst here?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, since she appealed it.

Councilman Webb: Not in the Chamber? Okay.

Councilwoman Bowman: Ms. Whitehurst is not here? Ms. Whitehurst IS NOT HERE?

I want to say that one more time.

Councilman Lester: Right. The third time is the charm.

Councilwoman Bowman: Ms. Whitehurst is not here? Patricia Whitehurst?

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Lester to uphold the decision of the ZBA with the following stipulations:

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
2. Approval is granted for a 1 year period only, requiring re-application to the Zoning Board of Appeals after 1 year.
3. Special Exception Use to permit a package liquor store operating to midnight.

Councilman Walford: You still want to go with the 1 year?

Councilwoman Bowman: Right, I'm going with everything approved but I wanted to add that.

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we want to be sure when we write this up, you still have the Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Approval is granted for a 1 year period only, requiring re-application to the Zoning Board of Appeals after 1 year. And the other is you changed from 2:00 a.m. to - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Midnight.

Mr. Thompson: Midnight is the latest that the store can remain open?

Councilwoman Bowman: Right and that was at the request of quite a few citizens.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Councilman Walford: You and I had a discussion earlier today on Committee, can we address that?

Councilman Webb: Yeah, we can do that right now, and I would like to go ahead and appoint the Haynesville Shale Committee. Councilman Walford as Chairman, Councilman Wooley and myself, Councilman Ron Webb on that board. I want to make that official.

Councilman Walford: Okay, I will get with Sharon and we'll get proper notice out and we'll call a meeting.

Mayor Glover: There's no ladies on that committee.

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh hey that's got to be fixed, I see a problem. Try to address these situations. Wait, do you watch Frankie and Neffie?

Councilman Lester: No.

Councilwoman Bowman: She says, it's a man down situation. That's where we are right now. Wait Mr. Chairman, I'd like to announce our meeting. A Public Safety Meeting for Monday, November 30th at 2:00 p.m. and it's going to be in the Mayor's conference room.

Councilman Webb: November 30th?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir. And of course I also - - - oh, I can wait until Miscellaneous for that. But that's the Public Safety Meeting, and that's to discuss the taxis and vehicles for hire.

Councilman Shyne: One comment on that Ms. Bowman. I would like to make sure that Mr. Thompson reminds all of the members on the committee on that day.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like make it known that Ms. Bowman is always welcomed at our Haynesville Shale meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

Mr. Thompson: Just one announcement, there's been a call of the Intergovernmental Meeting for Friday, November 20, 2009 at 11:30 a.m., Independence Stadium Skybox, sponsored by the Caddo Parish School Board. This meeting was called by Ms. Priest.

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 7:13 p.m.

//s// Ron Webb, Chairman

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