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Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
November 23, 2009

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Ron Webb at 3:02 p.m., Monday, November 23, 2009, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Bishop Larry Brandon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Michael Long.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Calvin Lester, Monty Walford, Michael Long, Bryan Wooley, Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Joyce Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, November 9, 2009 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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

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

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor is not here.

Mr. Seaton: Not at this time Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Do you have anything right now or should we wait for him to get here?

Mr. Seaton: Not at this time.

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

Councilman Webb: Mr. Chairman, any Council Members have any recognized guests you would like to - - -?

Councilman Shyne: I have one Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Go ahead Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Bishop I don't know whether you had planned to make a special presentation or not, but you're a special guest.

Councilman Webb: Absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: And did you have a presentation.

Councilwoman Bowman: He prayed for us.

Councilman Shyne: Oh he prayed? Bishop I'm sorry. Methodist, I'm late again.

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

Councilman Webb: I guess we'll have to come back to him, so Mr. Holt, you got Property Standards?

Councilman Shyne: Chief, I think that's why you got out of the Methodist Church, cause we're always late huh?

Chief Whitehorn: No.

Reports:

Property Standards Report

Mr. Holt: Thank you Mr. Chairman. As a follow up on Friday Mr. Lester, we've identified those lots on Pierre and we'll be addressing them before the end of this week, by Wednesday.

Councilman Lester: Appreciate it. As well as that business, cause that business is what's generating all that trash, literally and figuratively. Thank you.

Councilman Long: Jim, a former Councilman, now State Representative Thomas Carmody called me concerning one of our favorite topics on Ardmore, and he wanted me to just to make sure that we do not let up on this person and make sure that she does - - -.

Mr. Holt: Ms. Wharton has signed up with the Fuller Center, and they have approved repairs for her home, and she is still in the appeals process. Y'all gave her an extension of time. I think she comes back in just a couple of weeks.

Councilman Long: Thank you. I just wanted to let you know I'd gotten that call.

Mr. Holt: Well, you should have seen it a month ago. It's a lot better now than it was. We'll stay with her.

Councilwoman Bowman: Did you hear anything more from the Parish in reference to that Glenn Leaf?

Mr. Holt: No Ma'am, they do not make it a habit of responding to me when I forward stuff to 'em. I will call Woody and see what kind of response he can generate for me.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well I got another email from that lady last night.

Mr. Holt: Well I can believe that.

Councilman Webb: Anymore concerns? Thank you Jim, I guess that'll do it. Mr. Mayor, I'll come back to you on Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by the Mayor, not to exceed fifteen minutes, if you have any?

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council. I'm sure you all have already done it, but I could not take this mic without acknowledging the presence of my good friend Dr. Larry L. Brandon of Praise Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church who is here with us, and who is also one of the recent submittees for the HUD 202 Program, which we are certainly in prayer and hopeful this will prove to be a successful effort. Also, very glad to be

able to stand here again before you as we did on last Friday and ask Mike Strong and Wayne Goss and Robert McMullen to please step forward and join me. As you all heard mentioned on this past Friday at Work Session, on last week, the City of Shreveport received yet again another national award. A presentation of some significant distinction. And the credit for which extends not just to this Council or this Administration but more specifically, back to at least two Administrations before. Starting with Mayor Williams and the Council that was in place at that time, going over to Mayor Hightower and the Council that was installed at that time, and more specifically to two of the remaining members of the Council from the last Council, being Councilmen Lester and Walford, who were a part of (inaudible) of the City of Shreveport achieved the Phoenix Award. The Phoenix Award is the highest award that's given by the Environmental Protection Agency, and they present the Phoenix Award by the various regions around the country, and then they also have a national award that is issued. Well the City of Shreveport for the work that was done with regards to reforming the Brownfield, and we know a Brownfield to be an environmentally distressed area of a city or a community that ends up having the opportunity to be remediated and put back in to commerce. The City of Shreveport took the area where the Convention Center and the Hilton Hotel presently sit and remediated that area and converted it into what you see there today. In recognition of that particular accomplishment, the City of Shreveport was awarded the Region Phoenix Award for the Year 2008. And it is something that this particular community and area should be extremely proud of. But just as we are proud of that regional award, the one that I think probably is more significant is that the City of Shreveport was presented as Mike is now placing before you the People's Choice Award for 2008. The Phoenix Award for Region VI was selected based on the expert opinion of Environmental Protection Agency Professionals who reviewed all the various projects that were in consideration and based upon their considered professional judgement, Shreveport was selected for the Phoenix Award. However this award was given based upon the thoughts and opinions of all of the conference attendees at the 2009 Brownfield's Environmental Protection Agency Conference that was held in New Orleans. Each individual participant at registration was given a ballot and that ballot polled information concerning each of the various projects that were in consideration from not just Region VI, but across the entire United States of America. And we're very proud to stand here before you today and tell you that those conference participants in evaluating and judging the quality of the 2008 proposals that were before the conference chose the City of Shreveport as the People's Choice Award. And so, I wanted to just extend my appreciation to the leadership that is offered by the three gentlemen who are standing here with me, Mike Strong as head of Operational Services, specifically Wayne Goss and Robert McMullen for the very specific and direct work that they put forth. You also had as I mentioned members of the local business community who were very instrumental, one of our local Environmental engineering firms as well as one of the local law firms that has offices both here and in Baton Rouge to help with addressing a lot of the actual legal issues that were involved with helping to be in a position to move forward on this project. But it is without question the significant accomplishment for the City of Shreveport, one that we're very proud and we look forward to having the opportunity to be able to present additional Brownfield opportunities before the Environmental Protection Agency and all the various grant agencies within the Federal Government, one of which some of you all have occasion to look out from as

you stand at the very top of some of our downtown buildings and gaze upon that we hope might be the actual recipient of some future Brownfield award that will be awarded at some point in the foreseeable future. But we've got our start with this effort, with this particular set of situation, and the credit as I mentioned goes to the men standing here behind me. So at this point, I want to yield to Mike Strong and allow him to make some comments and then ask both Wayne and Robert to do the same.

Mr. Strong: When we were in New Orleans, it was a privilege representing the City because the is the EPA's highest award that they give on anything of this sort. And so, we were glad to see that the City won this, and through the technical side. And the People's Choice was selected from some 5,000 participants, that was at the conference. We're trying to verify right now, we do not think that Region VI has ever won a People's Choice Award. We think this is a first that for this region was actually selected by the people of the conference, so we're verifying that. But again, it is an honor for the city, and a good job for what took place down there. And to be recognized on a national basis. So, it took a lot of people involved to do this, but the City is the recipient of this, and we should be proud.

Mr. McMullen: I would like to thank y'all for giving me the opportunity to apply for this award. I'd like to thank my own people that have helped me do it. This was not a one department job, just about every department helped me in one way or the other for getting this put together for this. And if you haven't looked at our poster over here, it will show the shiny stars that we made in the downtown area when Riverview, with the Visitor's Center, Red River District, and several more. And we've taken that 16 acre challenge to show the people that we could clean up these (inaudible) Brownfield sites and bring them back in and we've done over . . . 50 . . . lots of these have 50 acres, and several of these have been by private with condominiums that have sprung up in the downtown area. So, just thank y'all for the opportunity y'all've given me to do this.

Mr. Goss: And I want to thank you guys for all the support that y'all gave us over the years. It was an honor to be part of the team that we bring this award back to Shreveport. Definitely look forward to working in the future with some Brownfield programs and do it again.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mike, thank you Wayne, thank you Robert. Also want to mention I think as I did on Friday, we see these gentlemen walking back and forth and around Government Plaza, coming out to your various districts during the week for various functions, meetings and what have you, but one of the things that you don't develop an appreciation for as you see Wayne or Robert, and even Mike as they go back and forth, you'll develop an appreciation for the level of distinct and high regard that they are held in by their fellow professionals. And that was one thing that I had the opportunity to be able to see members of the Council first hand. While we were there on last week, how many not just their fellow professionals from various cities, but people within the Environmental Protection Agency itself, and others from around the country who are involved in all of the full spectrum of addressing the environmental challenges that cities and states face, we have guys here who are looked upon as experts in their fields whose work is highly respected and highly regarded and whose opinions are sought out as they go about exchanging ideas and concepts. They were placed on various panels, and served as presenters during the session itself, the conference itself. And so as I said, as they just appear as Mike, Wayne and Robert to us, but they are considered to be highly skilled

and highly regarded professionals by the folks that do this stuff from across the country, and that's very comforting to me as Mayor and should be also to you also as Council Members as well as our citizens, as we know we face additional challenges involving Environmental Protection Agency in the days and weeks and months to come. So, it was a pleasure to be there with them. I'm glad I had a chance to be able to represent. I also must admit that I had the opportunity to sit in on several sessions and learn quite a bit. In fact, there was even one session at this EPA Conference that dealt with communities recovering from the closure of automotive plants, and it was very fascinating Mr. Chairman, and to hear from a panel of experts as well as to be in a room with a group of leaders from across the country who are dealing with hopefully some of the challenges that we won't have to deal with here. Because hopefully, we won't actually have to deal with a plant that's actually closed and that has to be Brownfield and remediated. Hopefully, we'll be able to do and repeat what we've got going and put ourselves in a position to access some of these Brownfield dollars to address some of the existing Brownfield concerns that may be out there, upgrade some of those things that need to be upgraded, and continue to keep the progress going. But again, we've got a group of guys out there I think who are helping to shepherd us through a very interesting challenges that are before us. Also have the opportunity to be able to meet the new Environmental Protection Agency's Administrator, who happens to be a native Louisianaian, a Ms. Lisa Jackson, from New Orleans now. As of last January, heads the agency and who interestingly enough has a mother. Well I guess they didn't have the right real estate agent in the post Katrina time, that actually lives in Bossier City as a result of the loss of their home down in the New Orleans area. But the person who actually heads the EPA at this point and time, is someone who is not only familiar with the State of Louisiana, but has a direct familiar connection to the Shreveport/Bossier area. And again, we look forward to getting to know those folks better in the weeks to come. Lastly, want to be able to wish each and everyone of you all a Happy Thanksgiving, and hope that you all will enjoy yourselves with your friends and family in the days to come. And I know that Mr. Lester will have a particular situation he will be pulling for this coming Saturday, but I think both Mr. Shyne and I know what the outcome of that particular contest and endeavor will be.

Councilman Shyne: That's true.

Mayor Glover: And we'll see whose wearing the goat's hat at the first meeting come December. Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council. Do we have any questions?

Councilman Walford: I'm just amused at that. But I have one too, (inaudible).

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. Exactly, exactly. Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you Council Members.

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report

Councilman Webb: Mr. Seaton, you have a revenue collections plan report for us?

Mr. Seaton: Have to ask Ms. Scott?

Councilman Webb: Hope you have something also on bond forfeitures.

Ms. Scott: That's exactly what I have.

Councilman Webb: Alright.

Ms. Scott: Good afternoon Council Members, good afternoon Mayor. What we're going to do today is try to bring you all up to date with where we are with the bond forfeitures. I can make the report very short, and sweet and to the point, or I can give you some additional detail. The bottom line is we were informed by the City Marshal earlier this year in August that approximately \$149,000 is outstanding to be collected due to bond forfeitures in Shreveport City Court. Since we've received that report, we have been trying to determine the source of this \$149,000. And we've been provided with a report from the Marshal's office that shows there about 58 files. The date on the report is from 1999 to September 3rd I believe, of 2009. After going through each of the cases that are listed on the report, in all honestly we are not yet able to determine what the source of that \$149,000 is from on the Marshal's list. What we have determined is that our checking into it has given us cause to ask additional questions that we need to pose to both the Marshal and the City Court Clerk of Court as well as the Judges on the process that is currently being used for the bond forfeitures. Without a doubt, the statute places the responsibility on the City Prosecutor to collect on the bond forfeitures after proper notice and please underscore that word, 'after proper notice' has been served on the defendant on the commercial surety or the bail agent or the bail bondsmen. From the 56 cases that we've gone through, we need to ascertain whether or not proper notice has in fact been served in all of those cases and we also don't have the history or don't have the benefit of the history that we absolutely need in order to go forward with this. The judges are out of town right now, and since our last meeting, I believe when we had our budget hearing a couple of weeks ago, we indicated to you that we would have a report. Well we honestly have not had an opportunity to meet with the Clerks, speak with the judges or meet with the Marshal, in order to find out how this procedure has evolved over time, and as to who is actually sending the notices and when the notices are being sent. Again, one of the things we need to do is to verify the amount of money that the Marshal indicates in his report and also figure out what the procedure is going to be going forward and what needs to be changed. And quite honestly at this point, there are some recommendations that we believe need to be changed, in order to make us compliant with the statutes that would allow us to put a process in place, go forth and collect all of the money that is currently collectable. And due to the city on these bond forfeitures.

Councilman Webb: So, what kind of plan are we putting in place? There's got to be some kind of plan so that we can, point well being at zero, moving forward.

Ms. Scott: And that's one of the things . . . that's part of the information that needs to come after the meeting with the Judges, the Marshall, and the Clerk of Court. In asking around in our office with the current City Prosecutor in City Court as well as former prosecutors to our knowledge, this is the same process that has been followed for a number of years. Again, there is the question as to whether or not that process however is on all fours with the requirements of the State's statute. If the process that we are currently using does not comply with the statute, then we can't collect the money.

Councilman Webb: And they keep operating?

Ms. Scott: Well they continue to use the same process, and again, there may be some reason or justification that they can give us as to why the current process is in place, but without having those discussions with the court officials, then we don't know how we got to this point, and more so, we've not had the discussion with them about correcting this so that we can go

forward. There is money out there that is due on the bond forfeitures, but until we put a process in place that allows us to collect it, we cannot collect it.

Councilman Webb: Well, are y'all going to have some future meetings to discuss how y'all can collect?

Ms. Scott: Yes. I was in communication with Ms. Hester today, and part of the difficulty for the meetings is that the judges have not been in town, they've had some other things scheduled, and trying to work around their dockets. Hopefully, we have far enough lead time that we can schedule a meeting far enough in advance and Ms. Hester, the Clerk of Court is attempting to do that, and trying to coordinate a meeting with as many people as we have has proved to be very difficult.

Councilman Walford: I would certainly like to be included on those meetings if that's possible.

Ms. Scott: Yes, we'll keep you advised.

Councilman Walford: Since I'm the squeaky wheel that keeps raising some of this. I do have something, not for Terri, but on the revenue collection plan, and I'll just address it to the Administration. I know that I'm the one that's brought up a lot of this, and we're finding places where either because of procedures that are not in place, or perhaps personnel not available to address all of the collections that we've got, I'll tell you right now publicly, if you find that we need additional revenue personnel, and they will pay for themselves by doing the collections, collecting the money that we need collected, I will be the first one to introduce that budget amendment on this Council. So, please know I know I'm bringing it up, but we're finding things that need to be collected, and from that if you need more help and we heard Charles tell us Friday, that the two they've got are going to pay their way, if others will pay their way, I'm more than prepared to do a budget amendment to provide that additional help. Then I'm going to look for that money to pay for 'em.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to piggyback in on that. I think he had a good suggestion. Before you start looking at adding somebody else on the payroll, lets make sure that these two that we have added will pay for themselves. You know sometimes, you can get top heavy with folks who are out there collecting, and they don't even collect enough in order to pay for their salary and we come out \$50-60,000 in the rear on salaries, that we should have had, but my suggestion to that would be - - - and again, and I don't want to call this (inaudible) like some people say if you take our time, I'm kinda an old man and I believe in taking my time before I rush into something. Bishop, if I'm making any sense to you. So, I would like to see the Administration kinda take their time and make sure that the two that we have on board already is paying their way, and then we can go from there.

Councilman Walford: Lets do that.

Councilman Webb: Any other comments on this?

Mayor Glover: We will take both comments under advisement Mr. Chairman.

Public Hearing: None.

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

Adding Items to the Agenda (Clerk reads items into the record - public comments allowed on items proposed to be added, then items can be added only after unanimous vote [See Act 131 of 2008]) The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 234 of 2009:** A resolution approving the 2010 Budget for the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, the budget was actually presented to in time for it to be on the agenda, but there was no resolution attached to it, and there was some confusion as to who was supposed to prepare the resolution. So we would ask that it would be at least place on the agenda for discussion.

Councilman Wooley: I did mention to Ms. Brown earlier, I do have some questions. I think some other colleagues have some questions about the budget. We would like to see whatever the best way to do that, we'd like to see this not be voted on today, at least over two weeks, or whatever the best way if you direct that Mr. Thompson, how we should do that?

Councilman Long: How about I move to add it to the agenda.

Councilman Shyne: Well he's going to have a public hearing first.

Councilman Webb: Yeah, we've got to have a public hearing first before we can do that. So, I need to ask if there's anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of or in opposition to adding this to our agenda. Okay, if not - - -

Councilman Shyne: I'll second it if you make the motion.

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Shyne to add Resolution No. 234 of 2009 to the agenda.

Mr. Thompson: In answer to the question by Mr. Wooley, if it's added to the agenda, of course it will take four votes to postpone it. If one person votes against adding it to the agenda, it's automatically postponed.

Councilman Shyne: And I believe your comments for us to add it to the agenda for discussion.

Councilman Long: That's correct.

Councilman Shyne: So, it's not added to the agenda, nor to be voted on.

Councilman Long: Well we can vote not to add it to the agenda.

Councilman Webb: Well we don't know that now.

Councilman Long: We can discuss it after we decide to add it. Or is that valid discussion Mr. Clerk?

Councilman Webb: You can't discuss it if it's not added to the agenda.

Councilman Shyne: Right.

Mr. Thompson: Not unless you suspend the rules.

Councilman Shyne: Right, that's what I'm saying.

Councilman Webb: If you suspend the rules (inaudible).

Councilman Wooley: Question. Just for clarification. If we vote to add it to the agenda, can we vote - - - well, I'm a little confused, I don't mind saying that.

Councilman Webb: Let me explain. What he's trying to tell you is that if one person votes 'NO' to add it to the agenda, it can't be voted on for approval, and it's automatically laid over for two weeks. If it's a unanimous vote to add it to the agenda, then it is up for a vote, and it would take four votes to pass.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: But Mr. Chairman - - -

Mr. Thompson: This is to add it to the agenda.

Councilman Webb: Yeah, we have to vote on whether we're going to add it to the agenda, before we have a discussion. If it's voted 'NO' not to add it to the agenda, we can still suspend the rules.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I believe that you can have a discussion on whether to add it to the agenda or not.

Councilman Webb: Okay, well we'll open it up for discussion then.

Councilman Long: I'll defer comments to Councilman Wooley.

Councilman Wooley: Ms. Brown, can you come to the front please? I've spoken with some of my colleagues, and I think some of us have the same questions. I hope we don't sound repetitive. Pardon my absence on Friday, I had to go to visitation, a friend of mine's grandfather passed away. I do have a series of questions, I don't want to sound robotic, but I do have some questions I want to ask. After reviewing the budget you provided, I wanted to know why this budget not reflect past year's expenditures.

Ms. Brown: I'm sorry.

Councilman Wooley: Why does this budget not reflect past year's expenditures.

Ms. Brown: You mean last year's budget?

Councilman Wooley: '09, '08, '07. Normally, typically when you do a budget, you give a history and a track record of what was done in the past.

Ms. Brown: Okay.

Councilman Wooley: I know we have that (inaudible)

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, Point of Order. We're debating the merits, not whether to add it to the agenda or not.

Councilman Shyne: Well let's add it and then let him debate the merits of it.

Councilman Wooley: Whatever is best for this transition, that's the one I'll take.

Councilman Webb: Hold on a minute Ms. Brown. We need to vote on whether we're going to add it to the agenda.

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

Councilman Webb: Okay, that's five Yeas and two Nays to add it to the agenda. That means that it's not going to be on the agenda.

Councilman Long: It'll be on the next one.

Councilman Webb: So, it will automatically be on the next agenda?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Councilman Webb: Well now, can we still discuss it?

Mr. Thompson: It's not on the agenda, not unless you suspend the rules.

Councilman Long: Mr. Chairman, would you suspend the rules so we can at least ask the questions?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, at least.

Councilman Webb: I'll accept a motion to suspend the rules to ask questions.

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to suspend the rules for the purpose of discussing Resolution No. 234 of 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Wooley: And now after a great team effort (inaudible) procedures. For me it would be in my best interest before I vote on this budget to get some questions answered, and I do appreciate my colleagues allowing it to happen for the next time. I have a few concerns. 1) I don't see any past expenditures as far as what's happened in the past years. Apparently, it's difficult for me to see what has transpired over time.

Ms. Brown: And I'd be happy to present it however you want. This is the same way we've presented it for the last nine years. But I'd be happy to present it in any particular way.

Councilman Wooley: I'm glad you understand that because I made that comment to Art earlier. I think it would serve us better to have more details. What else did I want to mention here?

Ms. Brown: And I can give you the changes in the budget, I have that with me if you'd like that information.

Councilman Wooley: Sure, that's fine. Also what I'd like to see is a breakdown. I know you have some things laid out. I think many of us were curious about the salaries that were involved. Not actually a grand total, but more like a line item approach, but how you title the organization as far as the different positions. I was wondering because I know there was a total percent increase in salaries and benefits, but what is the total percent increase in salaries and benefits I guess from year to year.

Ms. Brown: We're expecting about a 4% increase for the employees. In the budget, we also have budgeted for additional hours at our Visitor Center, we'll be opening seven days a week. We have a position there, and also a position for a research person. So, that's why you see a larger difference in the salaries. But it's about a 4% increase for those two employees.

Councilman Wooley: And like I say, if we could get an outline of what's happened in the past, we can see the flow there. I thought I calculated earlier between salaries, FICA and MEDICARE, SUTA, retirement, and insurance benefits, the total is \$1,588,673 on an average of \$72,204 per employee. My question to that is, doesn't that seem relatively high for a bureau of our size or for a city our size, and I just wanted to get your take on that.

Ms. Brown: Absolutely. We use the Destination/Marketing Association International as our benchmark. They work with bureaus across, not just the U.S., but internationally as well. Every two years, they do a salary survey of employees at Convention and Tourism Bureaus.

They break it down by budget size, but also by number of employees, the type of bureau that it is, that's what we use as our benchmark to look at each individual position. The experience that person has, how they fit into that category. We also look at the fact that we are probably a less expensive area than some areas, so we also look at being on the low side of those categories. In Convention and Visitors Bureaus our budget size, the average - - - your percentage of your salary and salary related expenses to your budget is usually 35.9-39.7%. Ours is currently 34% of our budget, so we're actually lower than bureaus our size. We have - - - usually bureaus budgets \$3-4.9(million), have between 20 and 34 employees, and we have 22 full time employees, well full time equivalent.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you. Also, looking more specifically on travel. It comes down to about \$7700 per person. Is that not high?

Ms. Brown: Because our total mandate is to go outside the market and bring people into the market, our travel is very high. All of our employees basically are staff people. So, what we do, we have nothing to sell other than the destination itself. So, we do travel to a number of trade shows, we also do sales calls and out of area markets. So yes our travel is very high, that's what our mandate is, to go out and bring in the visitors.

Councilman Wooley: Okay, I have no (inaudible) questions. I do want to make one comment. I think it's been communicated by Councilman Bowman on Friday, and unfortunately because I was not here, so I do - - - you know I don't hide anything, I don't hide the agendas and stuff like that from people, or things I hear, I just ask people about because I think it's important. Because obviously if there are rumors out there that are not true, that needs to be exposed so everyone knows the truth. You know there's a lot of rumors in the community that the Tourist Bureau is in opposition with the Shreveport Regional Sports Authority has been trying to accomplish for the last few years. That there's concern that the only reason why a sales rep was hired or a sales sports rep or sports sales rep, excuse me was hired was to - - - I don't know, to take over what goes on in the community. Obviously let me say for the record that would be an unfortunate situation. I personally don't really see the need for you guys to have a sales rep, regardless if the rumors are true or not true, it's just I think it duplicates services. Because we are all vying for taxpayer's dollars to do well, to be the most productive, to bring (inaudible) (inaudible) return, I think it's important that we work together.

Ms. Brown: Absolutely.

Councilman Wooley: I want to tell you, I went to church meeting last night. I think the pastor preached on collaborative cooperation. So, I think it would be very important, so hopefully does the spirit. I have no reason to doubt that at the moment until proven otherwise. But I do want to convince you as one of the city leaders that it's important that all the agencies in the community work together for the betterment of our community.

Ms. Brown: Absolutely.

Councilman Wooley: Now I'm not actually in agreement with the whole idea of you guys having one, I think what they accomplished is great and done very well for us over the years. But hopefully those rumors are not true, and we can work together.

Ms. Brown: Councilman, since I started the Tourist Bureau in 1994, the bureau has always had a sales person who had sports as one of their markets. The reason for that is many of the events that the Sports Authority does not work on are considered sporting events, although

not necessarily traditional. So there are sporting events that we work on with the Sports Authority, and then some that we work on, on our own. There are some that they do pretty much on their own, but many - - - most of the events we provide assistance in some way. We are one of the biggest financial supporters of the Sports Authority. Absolutely, they do a terrific job, and there very much needs to be a collaborative effort.

Councilman Wooley: Absolutely.

Ms. Brown: About 110 communities have Sports Authorities and Convention and Tourist Bureaus. One of those for instance is New Orleans. And they have a sports person on their staff at the bureau as well as having Sports Authority in the ability to work together. One of our largest conventions next year is the American Softball Association Annual Meeting. That meeting will bring in about 3,000 room nights. It'll bring in about 300 planners who plan softball tournaments. So while they're here, they'll have the opportunity to see those softball fields, and have the opportunity to bring future tournaments back. But there is definitely a place for both. Another is the SWAC Tournament that's upcoming. One of the first calls that Commissioner Sharp made to me about a week after the announcement was (inaudible), I'm working with the Sports Authority on this side, this is what I want to work with you on. We want to make it an entertainment weekend, how do we do that together. So, it's definitely a collaborative effort.

Councilman Wooley: What type of sporting events do you guys go after or lobby for the Sports Authority would not necessarily - - -?

Ms. Brown: A number of those that are not considered traditional, Table Tennis, Horseshoes, Darts, there are all types of sporting events that we work with, and a lot of times what we'll get is a call from one of the venues in town that says, I've got this sporting event coming in, I don't need additional assistance, I need hotel rooms for them. So, that's where our person comes in and we work on providing the hotel rooms for that association. They're not needing the assistance that the Sports Authority provides, the full service, they're just needing hotel rooms.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you very much. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: On SWAC is Maryanne working on that? Or were you working on that all the long, or - - -?

Ms. Brown: Back in 2007, Maryanne and I worked together with the Mayor and a number of others to put together a proposal to bring the SWAC headquarters here. So I worked with Commissioner Sharp, back when he was Assistant Commissioner, back then, and Maryanne went and did the bid for this tournament, and then afterwards, we were brought in to assist.

Councilman Webb: Okay, so, y'all are just assisting or are y'all the head on it?

Ms. Brown: Right, we're assisting the Authority.

Councilman Lester: I defer to Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you. I think you're doing that because the Bishop is in here. He doesn't generally do that, so I hope that you could come to more Council Meetings, and I'll be treated a little bit better.

Councilman Lester: No the question Bishop is whether he's going to yield to me later.

Councilman Shyne: You know I will. Mr. Mayor, I would hope in the future, especially in relation to the SWAC tournament, Gambling or Tech or any of these events, these kinds of

events have gotten to be money makers for the universities. And I would hope that the Administration and the Council would be more involved so we would not only be able to get the word out to the community, because I know the last time, maybe four or five years ago, I want to say SWAC had the track and field. And believe it or not - - - was that four or five years ago when they had?

Ms. Brown: It's been a few years ago.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, and I don't know I might have been - - - Can you remember now?

Mayor Glover: I don't think we had track and field here, I think it may have been baseball.

Councilman Shyne: No, we had track and field too. We had baseball, maybe softball.

Councilman Lester: It wasn't the complete track and field, because that was one of the things I did to appropriate the money to make the stadium better. They did have the Spring Sports here. They had the baseball, they had tennis and they had the other Spring Sports. Because they played baseball at Centenary.

Mayor Glover: We don't have a collegiate quality track system to be able to facilitate a - -

Councilman Shyne: That's why they didn't come back, but we did have some SWAC - -

Councilman Lester: It was baseball, golf, it was everything but (inaudible), it was everything but.

Councilman Shyne: Well, whatever it was, we really didn't get the community involved like we should have. And I really think that's one thing as an administration and as a council, we might be able to encourage, I'll just say for an example like Willis Knighton, like Chase Bank, and like these other institutions to get involved and to help defray some of the expense or put up some of the money for this kind of stuff, because this is college sports now is about making money. It's a big business. Grambling went up to play, I almost said a little team in Oklahoma, but since Monty is sitting on the Council, I won't say that. And Mr. Mayor, I heard that we didn't take some of our best players when we went up to play Oklahoma.

Councilman Walford: Oh no!

Councilman Shyne: But the thing I'm trying to get to is that it was a nice payday for Grambling. It's about making money. So, if we're going to look at having SWAC or other college sports to come to our city, we've got to look at some kind of way to generate some money.

Ms. Brown: Absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: I mean it's all about generating money. And I would like to see a little bit more involvement really from the administration or from the council in order to reach out to get some of these people involved, to sponsor some of this. And you know we have some people. Like Coca-Cola, or like I say, Chase Bank or some of the others who would come in and maybe do a \$15-20,000 sponsorship. Then we could be competitive. You know you can't be competitive with Atlanta, or with Houston, or Birmingham, or with Dallas, and we're not really putting up any money. The only thing we're putting up is good faith. And you can almost get that anywhere now.

Ms. Brown: And I believe that's an area that the Sports Authority is going to focus a little bit more on, is generating those types of corporate sponsorships. Most Sports Authority do receive a significant portion of their funds from corporate sponsorship. And I believe they're looking at that. I think the awareness of the Sports Authority and the work that they do has greatly increased with the BassMaster Classic and other events, and I think you'll find more people are willing to help back these events.

Councilman Shyne: I'm bringing this out since you all do work together, since we all work together for this, and I think this is something that we all need to look at, because sometimes, you know we might maybe like at the LSU game when they ran out of time, you know one coach is looking for somebody to do this, and another coach is looking for somebody to do this, and this is why I want to make sure that we're all on the same page, and we don't drop the ball, because I'm going to be truthful with you, I mean if we don't have the money there, for these schools where they can make some money, then that's in the bag. I mean that's just the bottom line. College sports now is not like it was when Monty and I were in school. Like Bishop, I started to say like me and you were in school, but you're still a young man. But you know you go out to a college game to have fun. You know college sports was about having fun. It's big business now.

Ms. Brown: It is. In fact what Commissioner Sharp was asking us to do is to help make it an event. A real entertainment weekend. In fact, I have with me Frederick Hinson and David Aubrey, they came to see me last Friday, and we talked some more with the SWAC staff about things we could do here in the community to get the more involved and provide a full entertainment weekend. And raise the awareness of that event.

Councilman Shyne: Right, well you know what I'm talking about. You've got to have that and you've got to send people to El Dorado, Arkansas, or to Alexandria, or to Waskom, Texas. Because we've got to get people in here, and we've got to be competitive. Because if we don't, I mean we can have the facilities, but folks are not coming if you don't get 'em in here, and if you don't have that money, you don't get people to buy into that. They're just not going to come. Thank you very much.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would say to the Council Stacy was part of the contingent that got on that small plane that morning when we flew to Birmingham, and made what I thought was a tremendous presentation to the Board of Presidents at the SWAC. I think one of the main reasons why we're having a SWAC Basketball tournament in all honesty, and I think if you ask Commissioner Sharp, he'll tell you is that I think they realize that they should have taken up Shreveport's offer back then. The offer that we put on the table was outstanding in terms of the facilities, second to none. In terms of support from the community, this was an effort that united everyone on both sides of the water. This was not a scenario where it was a Shreveport thing or a Bossier thing. Our mayor was there, Mayor Walker sent a video presentation, we had representatives from the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce that had some David Brown Rocket, I'm sorry, his wife is Crystal Brown, he is Rocket. He'd kill me if I said that. But from the Bossier Economic Foundation, we had letters of support from then Governor Blanco, Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu, I mean it was just a whole slew, and everyone united that said, if you come here, we will make this a great event for you, and I think they recognized that they should have come to Shreveport back then, and I think when things came available, they

called us and Maryanne has done an outstanding job of that and I can say I'm very encouraged Mr. Shyne, because the model that we are attempting to replicate is a CIWA model, whereas you know we're not just talking about a one day event, we're talking about a week's worth of entertainment venues and superstars coming from these types of things and having entertainment value for folks not only for the people that are traveling from the different campuses, but for their alumnae that are here in this area, and I can say in talking to some folks at some of our venues that we have had major buy-in by some major entertainers relative to putting something together for that week. So I do think we will be there. But as it relates to the Convention and Tourist Bureau, one of the questions that I have and you can answer this in writing later because I'd like to have a discussion about this, is the use of marketing funds. How those marketing funds have been used over the past three or four years. Specifically as I appreciate it, as part of the concept of the convention center, there was a pledge by the convention and tourist bureau for a certain amount of dollars of marketing funds, I'd like some more information on that. What I'd like to have a dialogue with you and obviously your board, is about maintenance funds. Particularly as it relates to the convention center. One of the things you said earlier in response to Councilman Wooley's question was you got the softball folks come in and 3,000 room nights.

Ms. Brown: Yes.

Councilman Lester: That's coming because they're having the meeting at the Convention Center as I appreciate it. Obviously, when people come from out of town for an event at the Convention Center, people have to stay in hotels, and when people stay in hotels, the Convention and Tourist Bureau gets a benefit from that because much of your income is derived from hotel/motel taxes. And so from our standpoint, we understand and the whole purpose of the Convention Center and the Hotel was to do just that. Create a venue by which people come to town, and spend money, stay in hotels, have the convention - - - you know enjoy that, but then take advantage of the ancillary things that our citizens have in terms of restaurants, and things of that nature. What I would like to see happen is some conversation and actually some resources from the Convention and Tourist Bureau that help with the maintenance of the Convention Center. Because let's just be honest, you know some of my concerted friends notwithstanding, if you don't have the convention center, then people don't have a reason to come. People don't have a reason to come. People don't have a reason to come, people aren't spending the nights at the hotel, people are not spending the nights at the hotels. The revenue increase that you see over a period of time is not there. So I think beyond just the City of Shreveport and our citizens making that investment, and maintaining that investment over a period of time, I think there should be some conversation and some dollars that flows because quite honestly, the other group of people that benefit most directly from the convention center, being where it is, and bringing those people would be more like the Convention and Tourist Bureau. So, at some point, I'd like to see some conversation, dialogue and some action relative to maybe a certain amount of money over a period of time to invest in the maintenance of the convention center moving forward, because as the convention center goes, and as people come to the convention center and have a good time, obviously, that's going to be something that inures to the tourist bureau's benefit.

Ms. Brown: You may not be aware in the budget we actually budget \$50,000 a year to assist with marketing and bring in conventions for the convention center, in addition to other things that we do for the convention center. And those funds you'll see towards the bottom in

the dedicated, that's what's being carried over from previous years, and so some of those funds are being utilized to assist like with transportation, and things for the ASA Softball Tournament. I have another major tournament that I want to announce, but I need my partners here to announce that as well. And it is very important that the Convention Center be healthy, in fact all communities, the Convention Center is really a driver of economic impact. It's not going to pay for itself directly. And yes, the Tourist Bureau does receive funds from that, but actually the city receives more funds from the hotel tax. So far this year, you've collected about \$5.9 (million) in taxes directly on hotel night stay. That's not including the sales taxes on their restaurants, and the other events that they've done and money that they've spent in the community, that's just directly hotel taxes. So, we receive a small portion of them, and the city and the Parish receive a larger portion of that.

Councilman Lester: And I'm not sitting here saying that I want to have a conversation about okay, if you get \$1, then we get \$.50. However, the point that I'm trying to convey is to the extent that we obviously have an interest in the Convention Center being vibrant and healthy. And as I appreciate it and Rick and the folks in the Administration will have the actual dollars, I know that there is a certain portion of the Capital Budget that's dedicated for maintenance of the Convention Center, and that is a finite number. When that number runs out, then obviously we at the city are going to be on the hook in terms of maintenance of the Convention Center. And the point that I'm trying to convey to you and will be conveying it to other folks similarly situated is everyone that has an interest in the vitality of that building and everyone that derives an economic impact, which you guys do, because of that, should have some responsibility and if that's in the maintenance of the Convention Center, I think it should not be the city's entire responsibility. Granted, we've taken it, but we've helped everybody out. Well moving forward, there should be some buy-in from the local business community, particularly those that can derive a benefit from things that happen there. And I think that moving forward, we should look at that, because as we said before we're talking about partnerships, but you know it's all of our convention center, and we all derive an economic impact. Obviously the city has an economic impact, but we also pay the biggest bill. So, it's a one to one situation. I could understand it if that was completely ours, and there was no spill off to other folks, but to the extent that there is, I would like for us to have some discussion about your organization and others investing in the maintenance in the building, and obviously we've got some time to do that. So, I just wanted to let you know that was one of the concerns that I had. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Thank you. Any other comments? Thank you, appreciate you coming down. Mr. Thompson, do we have a second item to be added to the agenda?

Mr. Thompson: Yes sir.

The Clerk read the following:

2. **Resolution No. 235 of 2009:** Recognizing and congratulating the Shreveport Christian Church and it's Pastor, The Reverend Doctor Artis Cash, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Webb: Is there any in the Chamber who wishes to speak in favor or in

opposition to adding this to the agenda.

Councilman Shyne: I'd like to speak in favor of it.

Councilman Webb: You want to make a motion?

Councilman Shyne: Right, I'd like to make the motion, and say that Dr. Cash has been a tremendous asset to the City of Shreveport.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to add Resolution No. 235 of 2009 to the agenda.

Mr. Thompson: I think that I'm correct that the minutes will reflect that nobody wanted to speak in favor - - - that no member of the public wanted to speak in favor of or against this resolution being added to the agenda.

Councilman Webb: That's true.

Councilman Shyne: But make sure that the minutes will show that I had a desire to speak in favor of it.

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:

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we have four of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board. These four individuals were elected by their respective services. Either the Fire personnel or Police personnel, and based on State law, they were appointed by the Mayor, and they are before the Council for confirmation.

The Clerk read the following:

Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board:

Ronald C. Mulford

Perry McDaniel

Jason Brooks

Joe Lewis

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to confirm the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board appointments.

Councilwoman Bowman: My vote is not against these gentlemen, but it's on principle.

Councilman Webb: No females?

Councilwoman Bowman: No females.

Councilman Lester: Before we vote on this, could I ask Chief just to - - - Chief Whitehorn, you don't - - - I want to talk to you about it later, but now that Council Member

Bowman has brought the point up, after the meeting, I'd like to have a conversation with you about diversity among some of the specialized units in SPD.

Chief Whitehorn: Yes sir.

Councilman Lester: I had it on my mind to mention, but when Council Member Bowman said that, that jogged my memory. So.

Councilman Webb: He made a statement in Friday's Work Session didn't you in relation to no female had applied or something to that nature.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, one applied.

Councilman Lester: Well I'm not talking about the Municipal Fire and Police Service Board, I'm talking about specialized units within SPD.

Chief Whitehorn: Yeah, and we've had some discussions already. I'll be happy to sit down with you whenever you get ready. You may not be getting the full story.

Councilman Lester: Well that's why I'm saying. I just want to chat.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make one observation. Chief, just before you go. If you don't hurry up and do it, now the Chief is going to be gone.

Councilman Lester: We're voting on Healthcare right now, so I want to get with him.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, I just want to throw that in.

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

**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. 227 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EDDIE FREDERICK, ODESSA POUNCY FREDERICK, AND LEAH J. FREDERICK, LOCATED AT 10840 & 10844 NORRIS FERRY RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Eddie Frederick, Odessa Pouncy Frederick, and Leah J. Frederick 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 Eddie Frederick, Odessa Pouncy Frederick, and Leah J. Frederick, be authorized to connect the buildings located at 10840 and 10844 Norris Ferry Rd., to the water

system of the City of Shreveport.

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman 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. 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 November 10, 2009*)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Bowman to remove Resolution No. 214 of 2009 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. **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. *Not to be adopted prior to December 8, 2009*

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, what is the reason for postponing?

Mr. Thompson: Advertisement purposes. The way we advertised it.

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

3. **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) *Not to be adopted prior to December 8, 2009*
4. **Resolution No. 226 of 2009**: 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. *Not to be adopted prior to December 8, 2009*

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Bowman to postpone Resolution No(s). 225 and 226 until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

5. **Resolution No. 228 of 2009**: Declaring the city's interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus (A/Lester/ C/Long, D/Wooley, E/Webb, F/Shyne, and G/Bowman)

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

Councilwoman Bowman: Wait!

Mr. Thompson: Ms. Bowman, did you indicate that you were going to ask that this be postponed.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir. I wanted to be sure that it was these two, and it is the one. I would move to table it.

Substitute Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Shyne to table.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, we need to look at a lot of these properties especially the ones that are in District G.

Councilman Walford: And B.

Councilwoman Bowman: And B. Joe, you have a couple in here, but - - -.

Councilman Walford: You want to table or postpone?

Councilwoman Bowman: Table, and then we'll have - - - that gives us enough time to go through all of it.

Councilman Shyne: I'll take one for the team, so I'll go along with that.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 229 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN DJUDICATED PROPERTIES AS SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, there are numerous parcels of property which have been adjudicated to the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish for non-payment of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Caddo Parish under which Caddo Parish will undertake to sell said properties as authorized in R.S. 47:2201-2211, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances, the city's interests in said properties can be sold after the City Council declares them to be surplus; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has inquired of all city departments regarding the property described herein and has not received any indication that it is needed for city purposes.

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

- 1) Geo.#171416-016-0055 – North 170 ft. of Lot 4, Ewald Annex, Municipal Address – 12381 None, Council District F.
- 2) Geo.#181416-001-0373 – 0.59 AC. M/L – SW'LY 55 ft. of Lot 12, Jones-Mabry Subd., Municipal Address – 82985 None, Council District A.
- 3) Geo.#181435-029-0019 – Lot 19, Greenlawn Terrace Subd., Municipal Address – 2008 Looney St., Council District A.
- 4) Geo.#171305-077-0059 – Lot 20 & N. 6 ft. of Lot 19, Freewater Subd., Municipal Address – 2137 Freewater St., Council District B.
- 5) Geo.#171410-003-0029 – Lot 18 and the W/2 half of Lot 19, Blk. 2, Queensboro Annex, Municipal Address – 2808 Hardy Street, Council District G.
- 6) Geo.#171410-020-0007 – Lot 7, C. A. Parker Addition, Municipal Address – 3301 Alabama Ave., Council District G.
- 7) Geo.#171411-005-0203-01 - An undivided $\frac{3}{4}$ interest in Lot 203, Idlewilde Subd., Municipal Address-2433 Kings Hwy., Council District B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof be 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. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

7. **Resolution No. 230 of 2009**: Requiring the CAO to start the selection process and to have the appropriate committee or office recommend the Mayor, the design professional(s) needed to prepare the bid documents for the repair of the Government

Plaza roof, to use funds budgeted in the Downtown City Hall Capital Project (991002) for this task, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Lester to table.

Councilman Walford: I just want to thank Ms. Bowman for getting it out there so we can have some meaningful discussion. I think there's a lot of information that we need to gather, and I think Friday gave us a taste of it.

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there was one that was added that can be adopted.

Councilman Webb: Okay.

Councilman Shyne: And I'd hope for a unanimous vote.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, and I'd ask that it be read into the record.

Councilman Webb: You want to read the resolution into the record Mr. Thompson?

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 235 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE SHREVEPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND ITS PASTOR, THE REVEREND DOCTOR ARTIS CASH, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN BRYAN WOOLEY

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Christian Church was founded by the Reverend Doctor Artis Cash in Shreveport in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Christian Church has ministered to the spiritual and social needs of its congregation and the greater Shreveport community since it was founded and established; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Artis Cash has been a Christian Minister for thirty years and has led the Shreveport Christian Church for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Christian Church will hold its fourteenth year anniversary celebration on Sunday November 29, 2009, in the church sanctuary at 8856 Youree Drive in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Apostle Renny McLean from London England will deliver the message of unity at the anniversary celebration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shreveport City Council in due regular and legal session convened, that the City of Shreveport does recognize and congratulate the Shreveport Christian Church and its founder and pastor, the Reverend Doctor Artis Cash, for fourteen years of leadership and service to its congregation and the greater Shreveport Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shreveport City Council wishes for the Shreveport

Christian Church a successful celebration on Sunday November 29, 2009, and many more years of successful service in Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to Reverend Doctor Artis Cash, and the other filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

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

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to officially thank Dr. Cash for his service to his church, to his people and to this community. I congratulate him for a great 14 years and many more to come.

Councilman Shyne: If I'm not out of order Mr. Mayor, we might just want to pass the hat around.

Councilwoman Bowman: I wish him the best.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: *(Not to be adopted prior to December 8, 2009)*

1. **Resolution No. 231 of 2009:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Southern Home Builders, Inc. hereinafter called "owner" and acting herein through Edward W. Gaiennie, Manager, for the private water and sewer main extensions and related facilities to serve Newcastle Subdivision Unit 14, and otherwise provide respect thereto. (E/Webb)
2. **Resolution No. 232 of 2009:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 233 of 2009:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of two Percheron Horses ("Terry" and "Bill" from the Mounted Patrol Support Group for the Shreveport Police Department in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to introduce Resolution No(s). 231, 232, and 233 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: *(Not to be adopted prior to December 8, 2009)*

1. **Ordinance No. 151 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Shreveport by amending Sec. 26-109 of Chapter 26, Finance, Division 2 of Article IV, Fees, relative to permit fees for permission to use city-owned properties or rights-of-ways for the purposes of installing private facilities, in, on, over, or under these public areas and oil, gas, and other hydrocarbon well applications in accordance with Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances and to amend certain provisions of the code relative to same, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 152 of 2009**: An ordinance amending section 94-141(a) of the city's code of ordinances by establishing permit fees for discharges of process wastewater from industries and food preparation facilities to the city's sanitary sewer system, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 153 of 2009**: An ordinance approving the settlement agreement attached hereto as Document A, in Civil Action No. 5:00cv00334, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport Division, entitled Louisiana Proteins, Inc. V. City of Shreveport, et al., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 154 of 2009**: ANNEXATION – TAG NO 09-07: An ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the city of Shreveport - a 15.17 acre tract of land, located on the east side of Linwood Avenue adjacent to Calvary Baptist Church in Section 1 (T16N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.. (D/Wooley)
5. **Ordinance No. 155 of 2009**: ZONING - C-62-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the SE corner of Linwood Avenue and Idema Street, from B-3, Community Business District to I-1, Light Industry District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
6. **Ordinance No. 156 of 2009**: ZONING - C-68-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of Lakeshore Drive, 200 feet north of West College Street Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to R-1D-E, Urban, One-Family Residence/Extended Use District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)
7. **Ordinance No. 157 of 2009**: ZONING - C-69-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code Of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the south side of Greenwood road, 260 feet east of Curtis Lane, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, from R-MHP, Residence, Mobile Home Park, to I-1, Light Industrial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Ordinance No(s). 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, and 157 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)*

1. **Ordinance No. 144 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 General Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 9, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley . *The Clerk read the following:*

AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO ORDINANCE 144 OF 2009

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts)

Delete "Decrease Taxes and Special Assessments by \$1,900,000"

Insert "Decrease Taxes and Special Assessments by \$3,300,000"

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Delete "In Public Assembly and Recreation, increase Personal Services by \$130,000"

Insert "In Public Assembly and Recreation, increase Personal Services by \$162,000"

Insert in General Government "Increase Personal Services by \$370,000"

Delete in General Government "Increase Contractual Services by \$30,000"

Insert in General Government "Increase Contractual Services by \$40,000"

Insert in General Government "Decrease Other Charges by \$410,000"

Delete in General Government "Increase Operating Reserves by \$4,241,100"

Insert in General Government "Increase Operating Reserves by \$2,498,100"

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 144 of 2009.

Councilwoman Bowman: Sharon, did you look over this?

Ms. Pilkinton: Yes I did.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you.

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 2 TO ORDINANCE 144 OF 2009

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts)

Increase External Service Charges by \$1,500,000

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Operational Services, increase Materials and Supplies by \$200,000, increase Contractual Services by \$2,000,000 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$50,000.

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves by \$750,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 144 of 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 144 of 2009 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 145 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Information Technology Internal Service Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 9, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

3. **Ordinance No. 146 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 9, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley. *The Clerk read the following:*

AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO ORDINANCE 146 OF 2009

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Delete "Increase Personal Services by \$277,000",

Insert "Decrease Personal Services by \$248,000",

Insert "Increase Materials and Supplies by \$500,000",

Insert "Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$25,000"

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 146 of 2009.

Councilman Walford: Did we understand that Mr. Holt was going to have some furniture that he could have handed down? You had some three-legged desks or something to pass along? No, don't come up here.

Councilman Webb: He's just being facetious.

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

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt Ordinance No. 146 of 2009 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

4. **Ordinance No. 147 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Airports Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 9, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley. *The Clerk read the following:*

AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO ORDINANCE 147 OF 2009

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Insert "Increase Other Charges by \$637,500, and

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$637,500."

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 147 of 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Ordinance No. 147 of 2009 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

5. **Ordinance No. 148 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 9, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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.) *Not to be adopted prior to December 8, 2009*

Having passed first reading on October 27, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

7. **Ordinance No. 150 of 2009**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Sections 50-186 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.) *Not to be adopted prior to December 8, 2009*

Having passed first reading on October 27, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 144 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2009 budget for the General Fund. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 131 of 2008, the General Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Decrease Taxes and Special Assessments by \$1,900,000.

Increase Miscellaneous Revenues by \$6,374,100.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Personnel, increase Personal Services by \$41,000.
In Public Assembly and Recreation, increase Personal Services by \$130,000.
In General Government,
increase Transfer to Information Technology Fund by \$32,000,
increase Transfer to Airports Fund by \$64,000,
increase Transfer to Water and Sewer Fund by \$277,000.
increase Contractual Services by \$30,000, and
increase Operating Reserves by \$4,241,100.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 131 of 2008 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect with out 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.

AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO ORDINANCE 144 OF 2009

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts)

Delete "Decrease Taxes and Special Assessments by \$1,900,000"

Insert "Decrease Taxes and Special Assessments by \$3,300,000"

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Delete "In Public Assembly and Recreation, increase Personal Services by \$130,000"

Insert "In Public Assembly and Recreation, increase Personal Services by \$162,000"

Insert in General Government "Increase Personal Services by \$370,000"

Delete in General Government "Increase Contractual Services by \$30,000"

Insert in General Government "Increase Contractual Services by \$40,000"

Insert in General Government "Decrease Other Charges by \$410,000"

Delete in General Government "Increase Operating Reserves by \$4,241,100"

Insert in General Government "Increase Operating Reserves by \$2,498,100"

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO ORDINANCE 144 OF 2009

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts)

Increase External Service Charges by \$1,500,000

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Operational Services, increase Materials and Supplies by \$200,000, increase Contractual Services by \$2,000,000 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$50,000.

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves by \$750,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

ORDINANCE NO. 145 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNAL SERVICE FUND BUDGET, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2009 budget for the Information Technology Internal Service Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 139 of 2008, the Information Technology Internal Service Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Revenues):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$32,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Contractual Services by \$32,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 139 of 2008 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect with out 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 146 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 WATER AND SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2009 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 145 of 2008, the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$277,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Personal Services by \$277,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 145 of 2008 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect with out 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.

AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO ORDINANCE 146 OF 2009

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Delete "Increase Personal Services by \$277,000",

Insert "Decrease Personal Services by \$248,000",

Insert "Increase Materials and Supplies by \$500,000",

Insert "Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$25,000"

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

ORDINANCE NO. 147 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 AIRPORTS ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2009 budget for the Airports Enterprise Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 132 of 2008, the Airports Enterprise Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$64,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Personal Services by \$64,000,

Increase Contractual Services by \$65,000,

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$65,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 132 of 2008 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect with out 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.

AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO ORDINANCE 147 OF 2009

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Insert "Increase Other Charges by \$637,500, and

Decrease Operating Reserves by \$637,500."

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

ORDINANCE NO. 148 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2009 budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 137 of 2008, the Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Transfer from General Fund by \$30,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Increase Personal Services by \$30,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 137 of 2008 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect with out 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 November 10, 2009*)

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

Councilman Webb: Discussion?

Councilman Lester: The CDC Director had a death in her family and they weren't able to (inaudible).

Councilman Webb: Okay.

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 November 9, 2009 until January 11, 2010*)

PSD00900103: 2860 Looney Street, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Mr. Reginald Mims, 527 East 85th Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (D/Wooley) *REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA NOVEMBER 20, 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*)

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.

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

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.
- 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.
- 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.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor you might want to verify this, but I believe after this coming Saturday, Mr. Lester might want to postpone everything for a week.

Councilman Lester: That's because I'll be laughing so hard for joy.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Council Officers

Chairman of the Council

Councilman Webb: Is there a nomination for Chairman of the City Council?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, it gives me great pleasure to nominate the Honorable Lady, District G, the Honorable Joyce Bowman as our next Chairman of this great Council.

Councilman Wooley: Second.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to nominate Councilwoman Bowman for Chairman of the Shreveport City Council. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilwoman Bowman. 1.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Wooley to close the nomination process.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to make one statement. This has been a joyful ride with you over the last 12 months. We had a couple of little bumpy places here and there, but I think you straightened it out pretty good. And, the ride has been great.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I too would like to make a statement. I'd like to congratulate you on not breaking Mr. Shyne's record for the longest duration (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: Monty! I thought you were going to (inaudible). That's not fair. You always want to bring up something that's not complimentary.

Councilman Walford: I was complimenting the Chairman, you just happened to be collateral damage.

Councilman Shyne: Oh my Lord!

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilwoman Bowman. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Joyce, congratulations. Earlene, did you all want to stand? Did you and Edwina want to stand? There you go. And you know Joyce is going to make you all a cake now.

Vice Chairman of the Council

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, I moved that Councilman Wooley be - - -

Councilman Webb: I second the nomination. Any further nominations?

Councilman Walford: He can vote on this one because he doesn't get a raise.

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Webb to nominate Councilman Wooley for Vice-Chairman of the Shreveport City Council. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Wooley. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Shelly, you got a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman to work with.

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to close the nomination process. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Abstained: Councilman Wooley. 1.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Bowman: I would like to make sure that the Chief, is the Chief still here? The Public Safety Meeting, Monday, November 30th at 1:00. Not till 1:00.

Chief Whitehorn: I wrote it down.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, as you had mentioned Friday, we did have a meeting of the Haynesville Shale Committee, and participated in by the Administration, and I think we have got our focus on what the committee will do, and the Administration will work with us on any movement of the funds that we've gotten, that are now a part of the reserves will go through the committee. So, I think it will be a very worthwhile committee.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Councilman Webb: Mr. Chairman, you have a Clerk's report?

Mr. Thompson: We have none Mr. Chairman.

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 4:50 p.m.

//s// Ron Webb, Chairman

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