

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 26, 2002 9:00 a.m.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, was called to order by Chairman Roy Burrell, at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 26, 2002, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Burrell.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Stewart, Carmody, Shyne, Spigener, Serio, and Burrell. 6. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Spigener for approval of the Administrative Conference Summary Minutes of November 11, 2002 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2002. Motion approved by the following vote: Councilmen Stewart, Carmody, Shyne, Spigener, Serio, and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, and Communications of the Mayor Which Are Required By Law. None.

Councilman Shyne: I would just like to make a statement to the constituents that I've served in District F for the last 16 years that I appreciate it. It has been a humbling honor and I want thank God and thank them for giving me the opportunity to serve them for 16 wonderful years.

Councilman Serio: I've had 8 years unlike Joe, I've only been here for 8 years and it has been a tremendous experience for me as well. I've been very fortunate in the District, the District has grown extensively for the last 8 years, it seems. We've had growth in our roadways, we've had drainage problems that we've resolved. We've had population growth in both the black and white community which has been very good. In fact, we have lost quite a few people after we redistricting this past time. We've seen growth in the parks. We've seen growth in our business development, especially along the four square, the highway, the square highways, the state highways between 70th Street and Line Avenue, Youree Drive and Bert Kouns and it has been interesting. It has been an education for me. I really want to thank my family for the giving me the opportunity to serve the City. It takes a lot of time to get out and go out in the neighborhoods, it takes a lot of time away from your family, and I want to thank my family for giving me that opportunity.

I've enjoyed working with every one of you. John David, I've known you since Jaycees, Roy, Pat,—Councilman Burrell: Since the Jaycees. Councilman Serio: Goodness we got back to the Jaycees. Tom, I appreciate the opportunity to work with all of you as well as the Mayor, I've known the Mayor for a long time, as well and it has been a good 8 years.

And, again to my family, I appreciate the opportunities they've given me to serve the City and I look forward to the future growth of this City as well as having the opportunity in business, to put as much time in my business, as I have in the City.

Councilman Burrell: Pretty much as Phil says, we've come a long way. I think we set the foundation for, I guess you could say a new Shreveport with this Administration and even with this Administration, building on some of the things of the last Administration and that before it, but I think in terms of progressiveness within our City and making a change to diversify our economy, I think personally, maybe it is a selfish thought, that we have set the stage during the, I know the last 4 years, if not a prior, to give Shreveport a new face.

Something that the Mayor said at one of the forums, that of all the things that he was proud of, it was that hopefully he changed the views of our citizens to get away from that Shreveport-itus and to realize the potential of Shreveport. And I feel that of all the things that we've done here on the Council, we've supported that viewpoint and to try to cast a different image of Shreveport and I think with that, you have seen the change. You have seen people starting to look at Shreveport in a more positive light, not only as citizens because we can be our own worse critics, which is nothing wrong with that, because if you are not willing to criticize

yourself and laugh at yourself, you really got a problem because we are not perfect.

But by the same token, I think that Shreveport now is on the National Register if not the International Register. I look forward to not only becoming a national competitor in the area of economic development, but also an international competitor because we have that potential here. We need to stop putting our self down and selling our self short because there is nothing shameful about our City and I'll tell anybody that. At one time, I wouldn't, but I feel that if you are going to make change, I mean, don't complain about something that you can do something about and I think that although each one of us may contribute in a small way to the success of this City, the important thing is that we contribute and we contribute positively and we try to set an image for our City that we can work together and I think this Council has done that. We've had our fights, that is all part of it. As Joe said, if you are not willing to fight, then, you know, you shouldn't be here. And I don't have a problem and Lord knows, Joe and I have had our share, just between the two of us, but it is not about anything other than, issues more so—some personality, but I forgive him for that.

But, at the same time, I want to just say that it has been wonderful. I've had an wonderful opportunity to serve my district, District G. I've had wonderful people. I know if I start naming some of those, that would be, I would probably leave some of them out, but at the same time, I've had a wonderful time here and looking forward to this City to move forward, Mr. Mayor.

The staff has been wonderful. We have a wonderful Council staff, although we don't always agree on things, I think that is what a staff is all about. If they see that you are going down the wrong road, there is nothing wrong with pulling you back into the fold. And I know that Art and I have had, probably some knock out drag outs that most people don't even know, but I respect his opinion because that is what he is there for, is to protect our interest.

Councilman Spigener: I had planned to say my remarks to the end of the meeting, but I'm afraid there won't be time. So, can I have the floor again just for a moment. Like my colleagues, I want to thank the people of District E for allowing me this opportunity. It has been a great education, it has been a great experience, and most days has been fun.

But also to the staff and department heads, the Mayor's Office, the people in the Police Department, the Fire Department, and all departments, you have been wonderful in assisting me in what made my job easier to accomplish things that need to be done in my district and for that, I'm very thankful.

Of course, as one of my colleagues has said, our families always must be supportive in any endeavor that you have and I am thankful that my family has been supportive, even though a few days my grandchildren have said to me: Grandmother, I wished you didn't have another meeting, but other than that, my family has been very supportive and for that I'm very thankful.

It has been a wonderful opportunity, it has been a wonderful education and to all of you, I appreciate the assistance that you have given me.

Councilman Stewart: I like Pat was going to speak at the end, time is of the essence. I did leave some words of personal thoughts the last time we were here. I do think that without question, the price that the family members pay, whether it is---particularly at the Mayor's position, but among all of us is a significant one, but I think, a very good one. I think that without question and perhaps I should say, I know that we have a tremendous amount of opportunity in front of us.

I hope that all fo the citizens along with the new Council and the Mayor will see the true opportunities that we have. This is a very competitive world in which we live. We can learn from the successes of others as well as the failures and I think for way too long, Shreveport has had many opportunities but perhaps we've overlooked them by virtue of not looking far enough into the future or learning from the successes and failures of others. We can compare ourselves to the successful ones and go forward.

Without question the opportunity to work with the Mayor and with the six of ya'll, is a distinct honor to serve our citizens, to serve our City is an equal honor and I appreciate it very much. The *long time ago*, as Phil referred to when we first met in the Jaycees, there was one phrase that has always stuck with me personally and I think it is really the most appropriate, and

that is: service to humanity is the best work of life. And if there has every been a situation where you could clearly define it as service to humanity, that is this and I appreciate all of you.

Mayor Hightower: I know today is certainly your day and I want to congratulate and thank each one of you and it has been an honor for me and a privilege to serve with each one of you on the Council and to serve with you as the Mayor. I appreciate the friendship, I appreciate the working together, I appreciate the fact that every one of us had a vision that was similar and that was to change the face of Shreveport to make it a place to live. Certainly each and every one of you have made your mark on the City and again, I cherish the relationship and appreciate the work that each and everyone of you have been willing to do to make this a better city; so, hat is off to you.

Councilman Burrell: Chief Roberts, Chief Cochran, Mike, Tom, Ken all you guys, where is Gary? That is my buddy back there, he takes care of my kids out there and others who are in these departments. They have a hard job and when we—Councilman Shyne: Ramon LaFitte. He is going to have some tough times ahead.

Councilman Burrell: Hey, and others. These department heads really have a difficult job because not only do they answer to the Mayor. But many times the Mayor allow us to have contact with them, and they have to answer questions that is very, very tough. Charles, my hats is off to you and not to forget (you've got a funny name) your new compardre (I am kind of embarrassed that I can't pick it up at this point. Mr. Thompson: What about, Roy? Councilman Burrell: Roy who? Councilman Stewart: Roy Jambor.)

Again, these individuals have a tough, tough job. Mr. Ferdinand. I know we've had our moments and we will continue to have our moments because I am still going to work on the inner city issues, so you'll see me. But at the same time, I think that we have some of the best people working for the City.

And don't forget our Audit and Finance Committee. Although she look like a little girl, as Joe says, she has stepped in and done a wonderful job to, Leanis, has stepped in and done a wonderful job to keep us on our toes and keep this Administration on its toes because she serves the Council and she serves as their check and balance between us and the citizens and with the Administration to do the job of people. And Leanis my hat is off to you and your staff, pass that on. It has really, really been wonderful.

Julie, I know that we are a hard bunch and a tough nut to crack, but I think you cracked us many times with our ability to interpret the law and it has kept us out of a lot of trouble, so we appreciate that.

Councilman Shyne: I just wanted to recognize Liz Washington back there who has done a fantastic job over the years. And I just want to say, Larry be careful of the compliments that you heard. Leanis, you are not a little girl. You are dignified professional young lady, hear. And I've enjoyed working with all of the department heads and I think that this has been a beautiful four years. Mike, I will still be in your pocket. I love you though and I would like to see the kind of relationship that we've had in the last four years continue on the City Council. You have to have some ups and down in order to get to where you want to go. We didn't always agree on everything and we might not agree on some things today, but that is what life is all about. Mr. Chairman, I have enjoyed working with you. You are a fine Christian young man.

Councilman Burrell: Why don't you uncross your fingers, then.

Public Hearing: None.

Confirmations and/or Appointments: Motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Shyne to appoint the following named persons to the Boards: Appointments: Margy Ray, Shreveport Housing Authority; David Alexander (re-appointment), Downtown Development Authority; John Hubbard (re-appointment), Downtown Development Authority; Sandy Cimino, Shreveport Regional Sports Authority; Joe Gant, Shreveport Airport Authority, Bessie Smith (re-appointment), Metropolitan Planning Commission; Mark DeFatta, Personnel Board; Dr. A. R. Ebrahim, Civil Service Board. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes:

Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, your un-sung hero just walked in, Mr. Archie Hall. I wanted him to know, with the t. v. cameras rolling that, Mr. Hall I have really enjoyed working with you and I want you to know that I look forward to seeing you doing the kind of job that you've done the last four years for the next four years. You have been a pillar of strength for the Administration and for the Mayor. Mr. Mayor, you are very fortunate to have found someone of that courage and of that strength. Mr. Hall, I salute you.

Adding Legislation to the Agenda. None.

Public Comments. None.

CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION.

TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES ON CONSENT:

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES:: None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES ON CONSENT:

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Spigener for adoption of the Resolutions and Ordinances on the Consent Agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 180 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED ON IFB #02-097, PAVED DRAINAGE DITCH REPAIRS - 2001 PHASE - SEVEN SITES CITYWIDE #01-D016

WHEREAS, three bids were received as a result of solicitations for the Paved Drainage Ditch Repairs, IFB-02-097; and

WHEREAS, the City has rejected the bids due to the fact that the lowest bid was over the budgeted amount allotted by the Engineering Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB #02-097 be rejected.

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

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

RESOLUTION 181 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARVIN LEE JUDD, LOCATED AT 4042 PARKWOOD DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Marvin Lee Judd has agreed to secure all permits and inspections required

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Marvin Lee Judd, be authorized to connect the building located at 4042 Parkwood Dr., 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.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 184 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A NO PARKING ANY TIME ZONE ON BOTH SIDES OF BUSINESS PARK DRIVE BETWEEN EAST BERT KOUNS INDUSTRIAL LOOP (LA. 526) AND FERN AVENUE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN SERIO

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that it shall hereafter be unlawful for anyone to park any vehicle any time of the day or night on either side of Business Park Drive between East Bert Kouns Industrial Loop (LA. 526) and Fern Avenue.

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

RESOLUTION NO. 170 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR WITH THE SHREVEPORT OPERA GUILD RELATIVE TO THE PRODUCTION OF THE 27TH ANNUAL LES BOUTIQUES DE NOEL AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Serio

WHEREAS, during the 5 days of Les Boutiques de Noel, over 100 merchants from Louisiana, Texas,

Arkansas, Arizona, Mississippi, Virginia, California, Tennessee and Oklahoma will bring more than 10,000 shoppers to Expo Hall on the Shreveport Riverfront who will spend more than \$4000,000.00 and

WHEREAS, The Les Boutiques de Noel sales will generate more than \$17,000 in direct sales taxes to the City of Shreveport, and the out of town merchants and shoppers will generate additional sales taxes hotel/motel taxes and Riverboat revenues for the City and,

WHEREAS, The Shreveport Opera Guild, a 501(c) 3 organizations, will provide the net proceeds of the event to the Shreveport Opera to produce operas and to produce education and music workshops for the citizens of Shreveport, and

WHEREAS, Les Boutiques de Noel provides an economic benefit to the Citizens of Shreveport, and the operas and workshop sponsored by Shreveport Opera provide a cultural benefit to Citizens of Shreveport and surrounding areas, and said activities and benefits constitute a public purpose, and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to participate with the Shreveport Opera Guild in the production, the 2002 Les Boutiques de Noel by providing the use of Expo Hall for this event from Wednesday, November 20, 2002 through Sunday, November 24, 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to execute an agreement with the Shreveport Opera Guild, in a form approved by the City Attorney, in which the City provides, the use of the Expo Hall (the rental fee only) for the 2002 Les Boutiques de Noel, and in which the Shreveport Opera Guild agrees:

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- (1) To provide the economic and cultural benefits described herein to the City and
- (2) To provide the insurance and to pay for the customary services and charges associated with the use of the facility.

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

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

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Serio, seconded by Councilman Carmody for passage.

Councilman Carmody: Based upon the recommendation of the Administration, this is an economic development mechanism, I will certainly support this legislation and encourage the rest of the Council to do so.

Councilman Burrell: I guess my only question on this, again, because we have dealt with this issue from the standpoint of not allowing our public buildings to be used unless there would be a charge. I wanted to see basically what is the difference between this project and the project that Councilman Shyne brought forth last time, since that is an economic development initiative, also? Councilman Carmody, since you've addressed that issue.

Councilman Carmody: I guess I would defer it to the Administration because during the budget hearing they said this certainly was an economic development

Mr. Antee: That is obviously an issue that will probably come up with the next Council that we will sit down and address. I think the convention that Councilman Shyne brought forth, is obviously an economic development convention and we'll want to work to make sure that happens as well as any others that bring that kind of economic impact.

We will also want to try and go back to the Convention and Tourist Bureau and try and get them to work with us on that as well, but we obviously don't want to lose that convention to Baton Rouge, Alexandria or anywhere else and we will work to make sure that it happens.

Councilman Serio: And I think the other issue is that I don't want to lose the sales tax dollars to Bossier in the future years as well. And I think in this project that we have lost it one time and putting it in the middle of what has been a developing riverfront and a one year when they had an incredible problem with the parking, had no parking whatsoever and they wanted to come back to the Expo Hall. And with the amount of people that come in for 6 days and stay in the hotels on this side of the river and play on this side of the river, and dine on this side of the river, it is unusual to have a program that last 6 days, but we do, and there are substantial number of people that do come in to (inaudible) and either pay taxes to Shreveport and Caddo or to Bossier and Bossier. I think it would behoove the City of Shreveport to take the lead in this as well.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I appreciate the sensitivity that is being shown by the Administration and Councilman Carmody I appreciate you having a change of heart. I prayed over that and it goes to show you that prayers can be answered.

Councilman Burrell: Again, the only issue I have is the issue of fairness. There is nothing else that I've tried to do since I've been on the Council is to at least impress upon on you to leave some sense of consistency and fairness to the public so that they'll know that we are not picking and choosing our particular projects although as Council representative we can do that, and we have made some of those choices. But given the fact that, we are trying to build a convention center market and something as small as this could keep us from having a major convention because I know this particular one, this project, although this is a small convention compared to the national convention that they have, which normally have between 4- to 10,000 people, we wouldn't want to lose something like that on some small issue like this.

So hopefully, Mr. Carmody you coming up to the next Council, you can keep that in mind and that we will consider that. If not, we should create an ordinance that say that we will not, absolutely not from the standpoint of Council make a decision that we can use public buildings without paying for them.

Councilman Carmody: If I understand correctly, I believe that we do presently have an ordinance that prohibits us from waiving any fees, if I am not mistaken.

Councilman Burrell: We do have one but it is my understanding from the conversation that we had earlier, that the Council could waive that under special conditions, suspend the rules. So if we are going to use suspensions on some, I think we should make some sort of evaluation that would be consistent that we can do it on others.

Councilman Spigener: This has been a real issue that has been very near and dear to my heart and I did work on the committee that came up with the resolution.

I think as you said, we need to be fair but we need to be fair to the City. I think if,

economic, if this is a good economic development endeavor that is good, but I think we need to look at the issues and not only be fair to the citizens but be fair to the city in waiving the fees and that kind of thing and I know that our new Council will be very sensitive about that.

Resolution passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 171 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A BANKING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport advertised for requests for proposals for a banking services agreement for a term beginning January 1, 2003, with an option to renew for an additional two year period; and

WHEREAS, the best proposal was submitted by Hibernia National Bank.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement for banking services between the City of Shreveport and Hibernia National Bank.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provision, 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.

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Serio, seconded by Councilman Carmody for passage.

Councilman Shyne: I see State Representative Lydia Jackson here who is affiliated with Hibernia, Mr. (inaudible), in case you didn't know. She might have been down here so she could hurry up and take the news back in case it was not a positive vote. So, Representative Jackson you have a positive vote.

Resolution passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 172 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE 1998 INTERGOVERNMENTAL SOLID

CONTINUED - RESOLUTION NO. 172 OF 2002

WASTE AGREEMENT WITH BOSSIER CITY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport entered into a Intergovernmental Solid Waste Agreement (the "Agreement") with the City of Bossier in 1998 which provided that Shreveport would collect and dispose of solid waste generated by residents of Bossier City and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to amend the Agreement to provide for additional matters related to the collection of residential and authorized commercial solid waste in Bossier City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the 1998 Intergovernmental Solid Waste Agreement with Bossier City, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed with the original copy of this resolution for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on November 12, 2002.

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.

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Serio passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION 173 OF 2002

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE A LOAN NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 FOR PLANNING OF THE SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL FROM THE LCDA FUNDED BY ITS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR ADMINISTRATION OFFICER TO EXECUTE A LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROMISSORY NOTE EVIDENCING SUCH LOAN.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16, is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act creates the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions, as defined in the Act, and other designated entities in acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, for environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in the financing of local government and economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City"), a political subdivision and municipality of the State of Louisiana, has previously become a participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the public interest and for the

benefit of the economy of the City to construct a convention center hotel (the "Project"), and has further determined that the most economic and efficient manner to finance the Project on an interim basis is to borrow funds from the Authority through its Capital Projects and Equipment Acquisition Program (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the City to borrow necessary funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 from the Authority from the Program, and in connection therewith, the City Council desires to authorize the execution and delivery of the Participant Note (as hereinafter defined), and authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, the Loan Agreement dated as of December 1, 2002 (the "Loan Agreement"), by and between the Authority and the City, and to execute and deliver that certain promissory note (the "Participant Note") from the City to the Authority to evidence such loan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and the City, that:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the City to borrow necessary funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 from the Authority from the Program, to provide interim financing for the Project, and in connection therewith, the Mayor is hereby authorized the execute and deliver the Participant Note, and all documents in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, the Loan Agreement and the Participant Note. The forms of the Participant Note and the Loan Agreement are hereby approved in substantially the same form as submitted to the Mayor and approved by City Council with such additions, omissions and changes as may be approved by Casten & Pearce, A. P.L.C., as Bond Counsel to the City.

SECTION 2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Governing Authority hereby declares its intention to reimburse certain expenditures made from time to time by the City in connection with the Project, by incurring debt, the interest on which is excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. The expenditures will be reimbursed from the proceeds of the borrowing from the Authority pursuant to the Program.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Shreveport, Louisiana, on this, the 12th day of November, 2002.

ATTEST:

/s/Mayor

/s/Clerk of Council

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Stewart passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 174 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL AUTHORITY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing authority of the City of Shreveport to authorize the signature of Keith P. Hightower, Mayor, to a cooperative endeavor agreement between the State of Louisiana, the City of Shreveport and the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Authority thereby accepting \$12,000,000.00 towards the development of the Shreveport Convention Center and Hotel.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular

and legal session convened that Keith P. Hightower, Mayor, is authorized to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement between the State of Louisiana, the City of Shreveport and the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Authority.

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

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Serio passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 176 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE CADDO PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish School Board awarded a public bid to Fuelman of North Louisiana and East Texas d/b/a Fuelman, Bid No. 24f-98 Automated Fuel Management System; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing authority of the City of Shreveport to authorize the signature of Keith P. Hightower, Mayor, to a cooperative Purchasing agreement between the Caddo Parish School Board and the City of Shreveport (City) thereby allowing the City to purchase fuel under said Bid No. 24F-98,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that Keith P. Hightower, Mayor, is authorized to sign a cooperative Purchasing agreement between the City of Shreveport and the Caddo Parish School Board.

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

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Spigener, seconded by Councilman Carmody passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION 182 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON DECEMBER 8, 2002 FOR THE COYOTE'S BAR AND GRILL SPONSORED "CHARITY EVENT(TO RAISE FUNDS FOR TOYS FOR SALVATION ARMY)" IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MOTOR CYCLE CLUBS OF SHREVEPORT/BOSSIER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY Councilman John David Stewart

WHEREAS, Coyote's Bar and Grill, 1618 Market Street, in Shreveport, Louisiana in conjunction with motor cycle clubs of Shreveport/Bossier will sponsor A "Charity Event" (to raise funds for toys for Salvation Army) on December 8, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Coyote's Bar and Grill maintains a permit for the sale of beverages of alcoholic content; and

WHEREAS, the permit does not authorize alcoholic beverages to be sold, dispensed, or consumed outside of the licensed premises; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Section 10-172 of the Code of Ordinances prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays; and

WHEREAS, Coyote's Bar and Grill desires to dispense, sell and allow the serving and consumption of beverages of alcoholic content at their establishment between the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on December 8, 2002 in conjunction with the "Charity Event".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, Section 106-130 (6) and 10-80(a) and 10-172 are hereby suspended on December 8, 2002, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight to the limited extent necessary to allow the dispensing, selling, serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages at their establishment during this Charity Event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Code of

Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Carmody passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 183 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE NAMING OF PUBLIC PROPERTY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport is constructing a new Central Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 78-451 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport prohibit the naming of buildings in honor of living persons; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to name the new station the "Dallas W. Greene, Jr. Central Fire Station" in honor of retired Shreveport Fire Chief Dallas W. Greene, Jr.; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 14:316 prohibits the naming of a public building in honor of a living person, and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 14:316 must be suspended by the Louisiana State Legislature in order for the new station to be named in honor of Retired Shreveport Fire Chief Dallas W. Greene, Jr.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the following ordinance provisions are suspended relative to the naming of the new Central Fire Station:

1. Section 78-451 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is suspended to the extent necessary to permit the new Central Fire Station to be named in honor of Retired Shreveport Fire Chief Dallas W. Greene, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session, the Mayor, or his duly appointed representative, is authorized to request legislation be introduced and passed by the Louisiana State Legislature suspending the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 14:316 relative to the naming of the new Central Fire Station in honor of retired Shreveport Fire Chief Dallas W. Greene, and to execute all necessary documents to accomplish same.

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

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

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Stewart passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 184 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PAY SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL POLICE CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Mayor that the current pay schedule for the Municipal Police Civil Service personnel be adjusted to reflect a change in the civil service pay schedule, effective January 1, 2003, provided funding is made available and appropriated for such a purpose.

WHEREAS, the proposed pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" reflects that change.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective January 1, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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 appealed.

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Spigener, seconded by Councilman Stewart passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 185 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PAY SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL FIRE CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Mayor that the current pay schedule for the Municipal Fire Civil Service personnel be adjusted to reflect a change in the civil service pay schedule, effective January 1, 2003, provided funding is made available and appropriated for such a purpose.

WHEREAS, the proposed pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" reflects that change in the civil service pay plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective January 1, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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 appealed.

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Serio, seconded by Councilman Carmody passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 186 OF 2002

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PAY SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL POLICE CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Mayor that the current pay schedule for the Municipal Police Civil Service personnel be adjusted to reflect a change in the police corporal pay schedule, effective January 1, 2003, provided funding is made available and appropriated for such a purpose.

WHEREAS, the proposed pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" reflects that change in police corporal pay.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective January 1, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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 appealed.

Resolution by title and as read motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Serio passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE:

1. Ordinance No. 159 of 2002: An ordinance amending the donation of four (4) city owned lots in the University Park Subdivision and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on October 8, 2002 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 Serio adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

2. Ordinance No.180 of 2002: An ordinance adopting the 2003 Downtown Development District budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and to otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on October 22, 2002 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Carmody adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

3. Ordinance No. 185 of 2002: An ordinance to amend and enact Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport relative to political signs and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 2002 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Serio, seconded by Councilman Stewart for adoption.

Councilman Serio: We need to make sure we have a name for this, this is referred to as the Gibson ordinance. I see Mr. Gibson sitting out in the audience. If you can recall the big large sign, the real big, large sign—we can't do that. I think Mr. Kirkland wants us to pass this.

Councilman Burrell: Let it go down in Shreveport history that it is the Mike Gibson's ordinance.

Councilman Shyne: Charles, since I probably won't be putting any more political

signs, make sure that is it enforced, hear. Well, Mike since I probably won't be putting out any more political signs, make sure it is enforced, hear (just kidding).

Ordinance adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

4. Ordinance No. 186 of 2002: An ordinance amending Chapter 94 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances for the purpose of establishing a fee on the water and sewerage monthly bills for security of personnel and infrastructure, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 2002 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Stewart for adoption. The Deputy Clerk read the following amendment:

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 94-169 Security fee.

A \$0.50 per month fee shall be added to all monthly bills that are sent to every water and/or sewerage customer for the purpose of establishing a fund to pay for all security for personnel and infrastructure within the jurisdiction of the Water & Sewerage Enterprise. Add: This fee shall not be taxed.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Shyne for adoption of the amendment.

Councilman Carmody: A number of persons on fixed income had contacted me about this increase for the security for the Water personnel and infrastructure and they certainly were in support of it. But they did ask that we go ahead and vote to make sure that that assessment would not be taxed and I appreciate the Department of Water and Sewer working with us to get this amendment put together and I appreciate ya'll supporting it.

Councilman Shyne: Mike, I want to make sure that your office continue to show a certain amount of sensitivity towards those citizens who are on fixed income and for some reason I have ran into a few, for some reason, they are five, six, or seven months behind on their water bill. If you look around, they have a \$5-, \$6-, \$700 water bill and their social security check might be \$400. And they are asked to pay \$200 on the front end and it is pretty yard for you to pay \$200 on the front end for a water bill out of the \$400 a month social security check; so, continue to show some sensitivity, some compassion toward those persons in our community who run into that type of situation; I would appreciate it.

Councilman Burrell: How much revenue is this suppose to generate?

Councilman Carmody: I believe, \$275,000 a year?

Mr. Strong: \$370,000.

Councilman Burrell: \$370,000, Mike? Okay, \$370,000, for the benefit of the public.

Amendment passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Spigener for adoption of the ordinance as amended. Motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

5. Ordinance No. 187 of 2002: An ordinance to amend Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport relative to alcoholic beverages to add Section 87 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 2002 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Carmody adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

6. Ordinance No.188 of 2002: An ordinance amending the 2002 General Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 2002 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Stewart for adoption. The Deputy Clerk read the following amendment:

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, increase Contractual Services by \$20,000 and decrease Other Charges by \$20,000.

In the Fire Department, decrease Personal Services by \$9,000 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$9,000.

Motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Carmody for adoption of the amendment. Motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Carmody for adoption of the ordinance as amended. Motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

7. Ordinance No.189 of 2002: An ordinance amending the 2002 Airports Enterprise Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 2002 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Stewart for adoption. The Deputy Clerk read the following amendment:

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2 (Appropriations), decrease Personal Services by \$45,100 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$45,100.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Spigener for adoption of the amendment. Motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Spigener or adoption of the ordinance as amended. Motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

8. Ordinance No.190 of 2002: An ordinance to amend Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, relative to on-premises and off-premises advertising signs and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 2002 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 Serio adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

9. Ordinance No. 191 of 2002: An ordinance closing and abandoning a 15 foot-wide alleyway running between Lawrence and Hope Streets in the R.A. Grays Subdivision Located in the SW 1/4 Section 37 (T18N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 2002 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 Stewart adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

10. Ordinance No. 192 of 2002: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, to rezone property located on the South side of Oakland Street between Hope and Lawrence Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-3 , Urban, Multiple-Family Residence District and R-3-E, Urban, Multiple Family Residence/Extended Use District to B-3, Community Business District with MPC approval and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 2002 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Carmody adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

11. Ordinance No. 193 of 2002: An ordinance levying a tax of seven and ninety-nine one hundredths (7 and 99/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to ad valorem taxation

within the bounds of the Downtown Development District of the City of Shreveport as defined by Act 554 of 1978, as amended, for the purposes as set forth herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 2002 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Spigener adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

The adopted Ordinances, as amended, follow:

ORDINANCE NO.159 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DONATION OF FOUR (4) CITY OWNED LOTS IN THE UNIVERSITY PARK SUBDIVISION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously adopted ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development finds it necessary to amend the ordinance authorizing the donation of four (4) City owned lots in the University Park Subdivision to qualified participants in the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program to initially transfer the properties to a non-profit organization to develop affordable housing units for qualified first-time homebuyers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Ordinance 124 of 2002, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

Paragraph 5 of the ordinance will read:

WHEREAS, the City intends to donate Lots 2, 3, 12, and 13, Unit 8, University Park Subdivision, to a non-profit organization for the development of four (4) single family affordable housing units that will be provided to first-time homebuyers whose annual income does not exceed 80% of the median area income, and who qualify under the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) direct subsidy or any other program approved by the Department of Community Development.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect the donation of these lots to a non-profit organization for development of affordable housing.

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 180 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2003 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BUDGET, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, pursuant to Act 554 of 1978, as amended, is authorized to and has levied a special ad valorem tax of up to 7.99 mills on property subject to ad valorem taxation within the area of the Downtown Development District of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority is authorized to expend these funds and such others as it may lawfully collect for activities which benefit the users and property owners of the City's downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority has approved its proposed budget for the year 2003 and has requested that the City Council approve said budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that the 2003 Downtown Development Authority budget is hereby approved and appropriated as follows:

Funds Available for Appropriation

Prior-Year Reserves	\$ 101,500
DDA Property Tax	\$ 868,000
Interest Earnings	5,000

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Other Income	
Streetscape Contract	\$188,100
Streetscape Misc. Income	13,800
Parking Services Contract	400,000
DSU Reimbursement	11,000
DSDC Reimbursement	25,000
Salary Reimbursement	45,200
Art Space Support	177,000
Riverfront Security Income	48,000
Other Income	40,800
	\$948,900

TOTAL REVENUE \$1,923,400

Appropriations for 2003

DDA Administration and Programming	\$1,493,400
Parking Services	400,000
City Hall Relocation Reimbursement	30,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$1,923,400

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2003.

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO.185 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ENACT CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RELATIVE TO POLITICAL SIGNS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Section 50-190 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 50-190 Political Signs.

(a) Political Signs. Political signs, including on-premise and off-premise, may be temporarily erected in the city but not within the public right-of-way. Properly erected signs shall be removed within one week of any events conclusion.

(b) Prohibited Political Signs. The following signs shall not be permitted to remain or be erected:

(1) Signs that do not meet Section 50-188 and Section 106-1123 of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances (as they relate to oversized signs). Such signs will be removed immediately upon issuance of citation or upon notice of violation, whether verbal or written. A new violation will occur for every 24 hour period after initial notice of violation is given.

(2) Signs that are placed on public property. Such signs may be removed by the City without notice.

(3) Signs placed on vacant private property. Vacant defined as any lot on which no structure exists or any lot with structures where such structures have no active utility service. Such signs may be removed by the City without notice.

(c) Enforcement. The Department of Operational Services, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, or the Shreveport Police Department are hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of this chapter. Upon presentation of proper credentials, authorized representatives may enter any building, structure, or premises in the city to perform any duty imposed upon them by this section.

(d) Sign Removal. The Department of Operational Services, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, or the Shreveport Police Department may remove any oversize sign, any sign on public property, or any sign placement on private vacant property erected or maintained in violation of this section.

(e) Penalty. In addition to removal, any oversize sign violation as referred to above may be subject to a \$100.00 fine for a first offense. A second offense may result in a \$300.00 fine. A third, or subsequent, offense may result in a \$500.00 fine and removal/destruction of the oversize sign. Offenses cited for violation of this section will remain valid at any location for any sign and the candidate it represents regardless of the location where the initial offense occurred.

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE 186 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A FEE ON THE WATER & SEWERAGE MONTHLY BILLS FOR SECURITY OF PERSONNEL AND INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Section 94-169 shall be established and shall read as follows:

94-169 Security Fee. A \$0.50 per month fee shall be added to all monthly bills that are sent to every water and/or sewerage customer for the purpose of establishing a fund to pay for all security for personnel and infrastructure within the jurisdiction of the Water & Sewerage Enterprise. This fee shall not be taxed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 94-169 as shown herein, is hereby passed and approved.

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 187 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO ADD SECTION 87 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended to add Section 10-87 and now reads as follows:

Section 10-87. Alcoholic Beverage Sales Locations: Measurements

Any measurement required to be conducted by the provisions of this chapter shall be performed by the Zoning Administrator, or his designee, as appointed by the executive director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 188 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2002 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously adopted budget; and
WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2002 General Fund budget, to adjust the year-end fund balance and other revenues and expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 148 of 2001, the 2002 General Fund budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In City Council, decrease Personal Services by \$5,000 and Contractual Services by \$5,000. Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$10,000.

In City Courts, increase Materials and Supplies by \$4,000. Decrease Contractual Services by \$4,000.

In General Government, increase Contractual Services by \$20,000 and decrease Other Charges by \$20,000.

In the Fire Department, decrease Personal Services by \$9,000 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$9,000.

Adjust all totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 148 of 2001 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 189 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2002 AIRPORTS ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously-adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2002 Airports Enterprise Fund budget, to transfer between expenditure categories and for other purposes.

CONTINUED - ORDINANCE NO. 189 OF 2002

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 151 of 2001, the 2002 budget for the Airports Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Personal Services by \$20,000.

Increase Improvements and Equipment by \$20,000.

Decrease Personal Services by \$45,100 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$45,100.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 151 of 2001 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 190 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, RELATIVE TO ON-PREMISES AND OFF-PREMISES ADVERTISING SIGNS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Article IX, Division 2, Sec. 106-1123 (k) (5) d of Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City Zoning Ordinance, is hereby deleted:

- d. Political signs located on residentially zoned property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Article IX, Division 2, Sec. 106-1122 (g) of Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

- (g) Temporary signs. Temporary signs related to political elections may be erected in any zoning district of the city but not within the public right-of-way. Temporary signs shall be subject to all other City Ordinances. Temporary signs may also be erected in any zoning district of the city in connection with nonprofit promotions or special events provided they are of community wide interest and approved for placement by the board of appeals. Temporary signs placed in residential areas shall not exceed eight square feet in area and no such sign in other zoning districts shall exceed 16 square feet. Such temporary signs shall be removed within one week of the event's conclusion. For the purposes of this subsection, "temporary signs" shall refer to those signs described in subsection (h) (4) of this section.

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 191 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A 15 FOOT- WIDE ALLEYWAY RUNNING BETWEEN LAWRENCE AND HOPE STREETS IN THE R.A. GRAYS SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 SECTION 37 (T18N-R14W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport is making preparations for construction of the Shreveport New Jail facility which requires the closure and abandonment of a 15 foot wide Alleyway dedicated to the City of Shreveport as recorded in Book 24, Page 299, and Book 279 Page 479 of the conveyance records of Caddo Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Property Management Section of the Department of Operational Services has received a request to close and abandon a portion of the above identified easement; and

WHEREAS, no utility servitude is to be retained and any and all existing utilities located within the existing alley way will be relocated, if required, in connection with the construction project. City Engineering has no objections to the closure and abandonment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the 15 foot-wide Alleyway as acquired by the City of Shreveport and recorded in Book 24, CONTINUED - ORDINANCE NO. 191 OF 2002

Page 299, and Book 279 , Page 479 of the Records and as shown and as indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby closed and abandoned.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance be filed and recorded in the official records of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 192 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF OAKLAND STREET BETWEEN HOPE AND LAWRENCE STREET, SHREVEPORT CADDOPARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-3, URBAN, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT & R-3-E URBAN, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT, WITH MPC APPROVAL, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the south side of Oakland Street between Hope and Lawrence Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, be the same and is hereby changed from R-3, Urban, Multiple-Family Residence District & R-3-E Urban, Multiple-Family Residence/Extended Use District to B-3, Community Business District:

A tract of land consisting of a portion of R.A. Gray's Subdivision, a portion of Ten Acre Lot 32 and a portion of the survey of a part of Ten Acre Lot 32, and being located in Section 37, T18N-R13W, and being bounded on the North by Oakland Street and on the East by Lawrence Street and on the West by Hope Street, and being more particularly described as follows: From a ½" iron pipe at the intersection of the S'ly R-O-W line of Oakland Street and the W'ly R-O-W line of Lawrence Street, being also the most N'ly corner of Lot 1, said R.A. Gray's Subdivision, and being also the P-O-B of the tract herein described: thence S40°23'34"E a distance of 345.00 feet along said W'ly R-O-W line of Lawrence Street to a ½" iron pipe; thence S49°53'52"W a distance of 314.53 feet to a ½" iron pipe in the approximate center of the 30.00 foot wide dedicated R-O-W for High Street; thence S40°30'00"E a distance of 115.01 feet along the approximate center of said High Street R-O-W to a ½" iron pipe; thence S49°53'52"W a distance of 258.01 feet to a ½" iron pipe on the E'ly R-O-W line of Hope Street, being the SW corner of Lot 25, Survey of a part of Ten Acre Lot 32; thence N40°30'00"W a distance of 460.01 feet along said E'ly R-O-W Line of Hope street to a ½" iron pipe at the intersection of said E'ly R-O-W Line of Hope Street and the S'ly R-O-W Line of Oakland Street, also being the NW corner of Lot 15, of said R.A. Gray's Subdivision; thence N49°53'52"E a distance of 600.18 feet along said S'ly R-O-W line of Oakland Street to the P-O-B. Said tract herein described contains 239,728.22 square feet or 5.503 acres.

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

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing landscaping, lighting, driveway/paving locations which shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director prior to the issuance of any permits.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or

applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. 193 OF 2002

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX OF SEVEN AND NINETY-NINE ONE HUNDREDTHS (7 AND 99/100THS) MILLS PER DOLLAR ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AS DEFINED BY ACT 554 OF 1978, AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSES AS SET FORTH HEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

CONTINUED - ORDINANCE NO. 192 OF 2002

An ad valorem tax of Seven and Ninety-nine One Hundredths (7 and 99/100ths) mills per dollar of assessed valuation be and the same is hereby levied on all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the bounds of the Downtown Development District, as defined by Act 554 of 1978, as amended, for the year 2002, and to be expended by the Downtown Development Authority for administration, operational expenses, capital improvements, project expenses or the retirement of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, all in accordance with the results of a special election held November 5, 2002, and this shall be full authority to the Tax Assessor of Caddo Parish to extend said tax on the assessment rolls of the City of Shreveport for the year 2002.

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

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

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

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

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Action Relative to the Public Safety Committee. (F/Shyne) (Tabled on Oct. 23)

Councilman Shyne: I see Don is here from the Shreveport Times and you all know how I just love the Shreveport Times, an excellent newspaper, can be very rough, at times. Don't let them get to whipping on you, because if you do, you will wind up in the hospital, like I did. But Don that was a great article I thought that you had in the paper this morning.

I would just like to make a couple of comments to the in-coming Council about a Public Safety Committee. I really think when Councilman Huckaby and myself suggested that we would come up with a Public Safety Committee again, it was not from the stand point of tying the hands of the Shreveport Police Department. I was hoping that Chief would have been in, but he probably is down at the Convention Center, Reverend Green, making sure that you all are safe and sound this morning when you get sworn in, because this is a very dangerous occupation that you are in when you are a City Council person.

But I would hope that you all would look at it from the standpoint of putting a monitoring system in place so that some of the little things that we've had like the incident in jail and in other places, these are things that can be talked about and worked out before it gets to the point where you have got a \$4.9 million dollar lawsuit. Whether you agree or not, these are the kinds of situations that we can not continue to get ourselves involved in.

All of us are humans and we have a tendency to make human errors from time to time because I know some of us think that we are perfect, but we are not and some of us think that we don't make mistakes and we don't make bad judgments, but we do and this is why it is important to have a monitoring system in place. We have committees that work with other departments. We have a legitimate right to have a committee that works with the Fire and Police Department. I really don't know why the perception is there that we might not need that, that they are going to make sure that everything is run the way that it should be run in the Fire and Police Department and I agree to that, but you still need a monitoring system in. I am going to move to take this off of the table, but I would ask you all in the future, to please look at putting some type of system in from the Council level because you have a responsibility to the citizens of Shreveport to make sure that situations that happen in the jail and other situations are diffused at some point or policies are put in place or some type of corrective devices and policies and plans are put in place so that you will not continue to have situations like that, because if you do they are going to continue to get more and more expensive.

And you have to understand that no matter who you are or what group you are, you need some type of outside force to monitor your programs from time-to-time. As a state senator says, that is just, good government. We need to have that. So, I am going

to move to take this off of the table to take it off of the agenda, but I would ask you all to please, in the future to look at maybe reinstating. We've had one before, maybe reinstating a Public Safety Committee not so much to tie the hands of the Fire and Police Department, but to make sure that they are corrective plans and programs in place that would keep us from getting into this kind of situation.

Motion by Councilman Shyne to remove this action from the table and from the agenda, seconded by Councilman Stewart. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Councilman Shyne: If I could at this moment, a friend of mine just walked in, Dr. Artis Cash. Dr. Cash it is good to see you down here. You are dressed like it might be cold and wet outside. Dr. Cash: It is, Sir.

2. Alcohol Retail Permit: Mr. Alton Ross (2911 Milam Street - New Nat Café)(G/Burrell)
(Tabled on July 23, 2002)

Motion by Councilman Burrell to remove this from the table and vote on it today, seconded by Councilman Stewart. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Councilman Burrell: My position on this issue, this is a 40 year business that has been there and has not violated, per se, any rules of the neighborhood.

We dealt with this issue back and forth between the Police Department, Officer Collins, I can only say that he's done a magnificent job in presenting the case with the Police Department, but this happen to be one issue here. When we have good citizens who just happen to wind up having businesses that don't violate, should I say, violate the law in terms of both negatively impact the neighborhood then it is tough for me to vote to just put them out of business.

We had residents down here who initially complained and they were able to work their situation out with the business, so if the residents is supportive of it, then who am I to deny it. So from this standpoint, Mr. Thompson, could you give me any direction on there and I ask for comment.

Mr. Thompson: I would just sort of give you what the issue is if that is alright and then you can decide how you want to vote. I believe that Mr. Ross or his mother made application for a liquor permit and he was listed and made application as a restaurant.

When he made the application, he did not indicate that he had 60% in food sales and the application was denied. He made another application and indicated that his food sales was 60% or more and at that time the Police Department did an audit and when they did an audit they found that the food sales were not 60% and it is their recommendation that the application for a liquor permit be denied.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Gibson you probably heard that Councilman Burrell and I disagree a lot, and we do. But this happens to be one of the times when I agree with him and I think you probably read in the paper over the last two or three weeks where there are a couple of black state senators who have the ability to turn the black vote on or off and that was new to me. I really didn't realize that they had the ability to turn the black

vote on and off and I don't know whether Mr. Burrell is turning me on this morning in order to support him or to vote with him, but Councilman Burrell, you are exactly right.

I understand that this business in the last few months have gotten into the gray area. They have been cited for a couple of violations and this happens. A lot of times we have some of our largest industries, Reverend Green, who get into tough spots: IBM, Enron, on and on and on and down the line, but we don't just go in and shut them down-- General Motors or the airlines, we don't just go in and shut them down. We find some kind of way that we can work with them in order to keep their doors open.

This establishment has kind of been an institution in the black community for the last 40 years and it is a family-oriented type business. Have they made a couple of violations? Sure. Could we shut them down? Sure. Will that be the right thing to do or the Christian thing to do or the most economic thing to do? No. I agree with Councilman Burrell. I would ask this Council in their infinite wisdom from a standpoint of showing some compassion to a restaurant that has become an institution in the black community, that we would give them a chance to stay open. If the Police Department or if the Administration finds that this restaurant or this business is causing the community any problems, any negative problems, at that particular point then I know that the on-coming Council would move in, in order to close these persons down. But this is a family owned business that has been in business for the last 40 years. We all run into a few hard times, from time to time. Well I won't say, all of us, I know a lot of people who grew up with me, run into hard times from time to time. So, I would ask this Council to please, show some mercy, show some compassion and I almost said, show some leadership, but at least show some compassion and some mercy by giving this business a second chance. Mr. Chairman thank you and I appreciate the stand that you are taking, because it is in your district.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Kirkland brought a matter to my attention that you might want to consider. There is also BAC-82-02, that is concerned with this business. When they did not have the 60% in food sales, they applied to the ZBA to allow them to operate as a tavern or as a bar and the ZBA denied that.

If this Council is inclined to allow them to operate it, it might be better to overturn the decision of the ZBA and allow them to operate as a bar rather than to say that they can operate on Sundays as a restaurant when they do not meet the code requirements for operating as a restaurant.

Councilman Burrell: Let me ask you, this 2 o'clock deal on this, that goes along with the territory that they can be opened until 2 a.m.? I definitely don't agree with that. I am looking at BAC-82-02.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Kirkland might want to speak to that.

Councilman Burrell: Mr. Kirkland said that it can be amended until 12 o'clock, I don't go along with the 2 a.m.

Councilman Shyne: You want to amend that now, Mr. Chairman and I'll second that, if you?

Councilman Burrell: I a wondering, we should deal with No. 2, I would think.

Mr. Thompson: You might want to table your—was there a motion, I don't believe there was a motion on the other one, you might want to bring up BAC-82-02, now and decide that one first.

Councilman Burrell: Madame Clerk, was there a motion and second on that?

Councilman Shyne: It was not.

Ms. Lee: Your comments were leading to reversal.

Councilman Burrell: Why don't we address BAC-82-02. Charles, give us some guidance on being able to restrict this to at least 12 o'clock. [Clerk's Note: See comments under BAC-82-02, New Business.]

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman on the appeal, our recommendation is that you would deny the appeal and that you would have them reapply for a liquor license as a bar.

Motion by Councilman Burrell to deny the appeal and that they reapply for a liquor license as a bar, seconded by Councilman Shyne. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman on the Alton Ross matter, I was just speaking to Mr. Shoemake, and he says that because of the vote that I recommended that you just take, that they can no longer operate and sell liquor because they don't have a license and they would have to wait until they reapply and then go through the application process. So, his recommendation is that you would re-consider that and that you would continue it onto the next Council with the recommendation that once they make the application and once it's granted, then this would be denied. The motion would be to reconsider and to continue.

Motion by Councilman Burrell to reconsider and to continue, seconded by Councilman Stewart. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

3. Alcohol Retail Permit: Ms. Deborah Hawkins (Employer: 2901 Milam St. - Take-A-Bag Grocery) (G/Burrell) (Special Meeting Postponed October 10)

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, under the Rules, anything that is on the agenda when the old Council goes out of office, dies unless you make a motion to continue it on the future agenda.

Councilman Burrell: Okay, so motion to postpone?

Motion by Councilman Burrell to postpone the item until the next agenda, seconded by Councilman Serio. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

4. 2003 Budget Appropriation Ordinances (Introduced and Tabled on Oct. 8):

- 161 Adopting the 2003 General Fund budget.
- 162 Adopting the 2003 Capital Improvements budget.
- 163 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund.
- 164 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Airports Enterprise Fund.
- 165 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Retained Risk Internal Service Fund budget.

- 166 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund.
- 167 Adopting the 2003 Metropolitan Planning Commission's Special Revenue fund.
- 168 Adopting the 2003 budget funding contractual services provided to SporTran by the Metro Management Associates, Inc.
- 169 Adopting the 2003 Debt Service fund budget.
- 170 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue fund
- 171 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue fund.
- 172 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue fund.
- 173 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Fleet Services Internal Service fund.
- 174 Adopting the 2003 budget for S'port Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund.
- 175 Adopting the 2003 budget for Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund.
- 176 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Environmental Grants Special Revenue Fund.
- 177 Adopting the 2003 budget for the Downtown Entertainment Economic Development District Special Revenue Fund.

Motion by Councilman Shyne to postpone the items until the next agenda, seconded by Councilman Stewart. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 5. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1. Did not cast a vote: Councilman Carmody (left meeting to prepare for Inauguration).

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Taxi Driver permit: James Bosco (Residence: F/Shyne - Employer: Unknown) Council action taken at the Administrative Conference on Monday, November 25, 2002.
- 2. BAC-82-02, ALTON JAMES ROSS, 2911 Milam Street, Special Exception and variance in the hours of operation in a B-1-E District, tavern (low alcoholic content lounge) operating until 2 a.m. (G/Burrell) (Postponed Oct. 22)

Mr. Kirkland : As you know the Zoning Board was unanimous in their denial because of the concern for the neighborhood sentiment at that time. I would—if you are inclined to make a recommendation, Mr. Chairman to the Council to overturn the ZBA decision, a simple majority vote of those present would cause that to happen. I don't think you need an amendment as I said a minute ago, you simply need to include in your motion what you would be approving, i. e., for this tavern use, hours until 12 midnight, and then low alcoholic content beverages only, if that is your pleasure. So, you don't need an amendment because I don't know that you have a motion on the floor, as such, but when you put it there you can simply phrase it the way you like. Any further explanation?

Councilman Burrell: I think the motion here as Mr. Kirkland said is to, for this place to say open until 12 and not 2 and I would ask for a positive vote on that to overturn it?

Mr. Thompson: I believe your motion is to overturn the decision of the ZBA and to allow this establishment to operate as a tavern or a bar with closing hours being 12 midnight and with the sale of low alcoholic content beverages, only.

Councilman Burrell: You heard the motion

Councilman Shyne: I'll second that.

Motion by Councilman Burrell to overturn the decision of the ZBA and to allow this establishment to operate as a tavern or a bar with closing hours being 12 midnight and with the sale of low alcoholic content beverages, only, seconded by Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Carmody: Can I have a representative from the Police Department to come forward.

Councilman Stewart: I would like to see both representatives.

Councilman Carmody: Gentlemen I just wanted to double check, I know that the comment was made as to whether or not the Shreveport Police Department had noted any negative problems in the neighborhood regarding this particular business. Can ya'll address that particular question.

Captain Shoemake: Specifically problems in the neighborhood as related to this business, no sir we have not and if I could elaborate, just a little bit. The motion that you are dealing with right now. The Police Department does not have a problem with this place operating as "a bar" as such. There is no way that they could operate as a restaurant, they just can not meet the requirements there. There was some, as Mr. Burrell mentioned, some community opposition to them being a bar, he says that that has been worked out, I haven't been given any information on that, but that is between the community and the establishment itself, that they support—fine, if they don't, that is up to them but they can not operate as a restaurant. We have to deny them when they apply for the 2003 permit, even if you approve it today for this permit as a restaurant.

Councilman Burrell: Although they may not be able to apply as a restaurant, they can still sell food and what have you?

Captain Shoemake: Yes, sir.

Councilman Stewart: Would one of you give us your guidance as to your recommendation. You had been in front of this group for quite some time while this is been on the table as well as discussed at prior times. What is your recommendation to the Council based upon the current decision in front of us?

Captain Shoemake: As I expressed, they can not qualify as a restaurant and I realize right now we are just dealing with the Zoning Board ruling. I don't see that they are going to be a problem for the Police Department, the neighborhood again I have no reading on what the neighborhood feels now. I do know that we had quite a few comments from the neighborhood that they didn't want it there. Recently, I haven't received any more. I don't know whether people just got tired of coming with it being postponed or whether they had worked out an arrangement with them, I had no reading on that. I don't see that this business will be a problem for the Police Department as a bar but it would definitely be a violation of

the ordinances for them to be approved as a restaurant.

Councilman Stewart: Any other comments from your Sir?

Officer Collins: The only comment I'd like to make is that based on the facts, the falsification of application, that doesn't seem to be a factor here, I think that should be taken into account that there was not only application that was falsified but there was two applications that was falsified. The fact that the Police Department seen some inconsistencies, note that they did not meet the requirements, they then went to finance to have an audit that was done completely away from the Police Department from the Tax and Use Commission, also Revenue Auditor, that was also determined they did not meet the requirements. They had not meet the requirements since some time in 1999. There wasn't a single violation we are talking about, we are talking about several years that this business was violating, it was operating as a bar but still applying as a restaurant. Then when it went to the Zoning Board, that was the third agency in this city that said that they should not have a license, not only as a restaurant, but not as a tavern or a bar, either. So there are three agencies that you look to guidance for in this situation, all said that 1. they should be a restaurant and 2. they should not be a tavern or a bar, either; that's all I have to say.

Councilman Shyne: Did this business make some mistakes? Yes. Archie, do we all make mistakes? Yes. Reverend, should we cut our hands off because we make mistakes? No. Most of the people who attend that bar, I almost said, Roy was my age or older, but I'm still a young man would probably be 50 or 60 or 70 years old. You don't have any drive-by shootings. You don't have anybody getting cut up. You don't have anybody standing outside, Dr. Cash. You don't have any hanging around or that kind of stuff and this is kind of, matter of fact, this establishment was going, Dr. Cash when you were a boy going to Booker T. You could stop by there and get you a hamburger, then. That was one of the few places, because you couldn't go to McDonald's, well they didn't have any McDonald's back then in your neighborhood and they probably don't have them in your neighborhood now. But the point that I am trying to make is that this is a landmark in the black community and this place is not giving the people any negative problems. Sure, they have made some mistakes, I mean as a matter of fact, if you would just put a scope on some of the things that we've done down here or some of the policies or some of the situations that have gone on in the Police Department. Can you find some wrong doing, some violations? Sure you can. You can almost uncover anything you want to. Look what is happening in the FBI Department. They've had what? Millions of dollars worth of computers, guns that have just walked off. And you know guns don't walk off on their own and I've never seen a computer who could walk. Should we close the FBI agency down? No. We have violations that go on everyday in our local Police Department. Should we close it down or should we give it a negative rating? No. It's the same situation with this business. Did they make some violations? Sure they did. Wal-mart makes violations. Dillard's make violations.

Lets show some compassion. If this business was causing a lot of criminal activity, a lot of drub activity within the community, I'd be the first one to say, lets shut it down. Mr. Chairman, I agree with you. I second your motion and I would ask, I would beg for compassion from this Council to lets at least keep the establishment open.

Councilman Carmody: Could I ask Mr. Kirkland to come back up please. Mr. Kirkland have your received communications back from the neighbors, the situations, I

guess whatever their complaints were regarding this business, have been resolved?

Mr. Kirkland: No, that would not be normal that we would. Once the City Council is at your level and I know, Councilman Burrell has worked hard on this, the neighbors have not communicated with us further nor has Mr. Ross. So, normally, they would be letting you know though here, I'm sure they would be here to speak, if they were as concerned as they originally were.

Councilman Carmody: And you had said that the ZBA had denied the particular. . .

Mr. Kirkland: The Board was unanimous in their denial, I think it was a 5-0 vote to deny the request.

Councilman Carmody: And that was based on?

Mr. Kirkland: And that was based on some community input at the time of the hearing. That was their indication that it was not welcome in the neighborhood. I believe what actually happened on that though from Police Department records and others, the neighborhood may have thought that this business was the one that had been causing the problem. In fact, there is another business next door that I believe is the real source of the problem. But I think that is where some of the. . . , but regardless, the ZBA was trying to respect the neighborhood concerns and voted not.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you sir.

Councilman Burrell: And also, Councilman Carmody, as the representative of that district, I did meet with them. I think if you remember, they came down to the Council Meeting, they never came back again, because it was basically resolved between the business and the organization. Because the persons are not folks that don't live in the neighborhood, this lady has been there for years and she has been part of the community leadership in that area and that's the reason they really respected her business. Now, the other business is something different and sometimes association bring on assimilation as you know. But those are actually two distinct businesses that just happen to be in the same location. And you know I've been very adamant about not having especially high content alcohol in the neighborhood, because we have businesses that are moving in our lower income neighborhoods now that are violating, they are feeding alcohol to the children and other things that they are doing that we definitely need to be on top of. But there has been no record or indication that this business has done this.

So, this is one of the reasons I wanted to support it from that standpoint.

Councilman Serio: Your motion Mr. Chairman is to?

Councilman Burrell: My motion is to overturn the decision of the ZBA and to restrict it to 12:00.

Councilman Serio: So we need "yes" vote or a "no" vote?

Mr. Thompson: A "yes" vote if you want them to continue to operate.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 5. Nays: Councilman Carmody. 1. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

Councilman Burrell: We appreciate it and I'm sure Ms. Ross do also.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman on the appeal, our recommendation is that you would deny the appeal and that you would have them reapply for a liquor license as a bar.

Motion by Councilman Burrell to deny the appeal and that they reapply for a liquor license as a bar, seconded by Councilman Shyne. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Stewart, Carmody, Serio, Spigener, Shyne and Burrell. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Huckaby. 1.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES. None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS (reconvenes Regular Council Meeting).

ADJOURN SINE DIE. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned sine die, at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Roy Burrell, Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council