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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
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The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, was called to order by Chairman Thomas Carmody at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in the Government Chambers at Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Gibson.

On Roll Call, the following members were present: Councilman Lester (3:40), Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green and Jackson. 7. Absent: None.

Approve Minutes: Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gibson to approve the Administrative Conference Summary Minutes of April 12, 2004 and the Council Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2004. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Lester. 1.

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

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Mayor do you have any distinguished guest today

Mayor Hightower: No Mr. Chairman

Councilman Carmody: Thank you sir. Note that we have two resolutions of support on our agenda. These are from I believe, Councilman Jackson

Councilman Green: No, I have them.

Councilman Carmody: Oh, I'm sorry Councilman Green.

Councilman Green: Thank you Mr. Chairman I have my first one is Mr. Willie Burton I (inaudible)

Councilman Carmody: Madam Clerk. Mr. Burton would you come forward please.

Distinguished Guests: Res. No. 86 of 2004. A resolution to recognize Mr. Willie D. Burton for his distinguished leadership in service to Southern University of Shreveport, his public service to the citizens of the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

[See Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage]

Mr. Burton: can I vote

Councilman Carmody: You may have some peoples proxy.

Councilman Green: congratulations

Councilman Carmody: congratulations

Mr. Burton: thank you

Councilman Green: As soon as the other council members get along with Mr. Lester we will give it to you but the podium is yours. We invite your expression

Mr. Burton: I want to first express my gratitude for this award I am very humble. You know when I do things I try to do it for the benefit of everyone and sometimes it is good when people acknowledge that you are trying to do good and I have always tried to do good and I will continue to try to do good and I am use to being on that side of the podium so I don't know what to do on this side of the podium but say, thank you and award it to the old great philosopher and let it (inaudible). . . Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Burton I have the pleasure of working with you on a variety of things centered around the Caddo Parish School Board and it has already been a pleasure to work with such a fine leader. I want to commend you because you are probably one of a handful of individuals in Shreveport and Bossier who have done meticulous tracking of history in the community and it is very easy to have them slip away and we miss some of the details that have

allowed this community to build itself into what it is today. And I do appreciate the (inaudible) divulgence in the efforts to (inaudible) the information from an historical stand point in the leadership obviously, last year during a search to find a very talented superintendent. We really appreciate that effort that was a very historical opportunity to Shreveport and Caddo Parish School Board and I would encourage you to continue to keep up with the historical data of this community because I think everyday there are new grounds that are being plod rather it be here the City, the Parish, the School Board or (inaudible) . . . And it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with you. Thank you Mr. Chairman

Councilman Green: Mr. Burton I would just like to say congratulations and certainly keep up the good work. And you have been an inspiration for me and hopefully one day I will be on that side of the podium, somebody will be congratulating me for my buck. But keep up the good work and God bless you.

Mr. Burton: Thank you Mr. Chair.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Burton, I'd be remiss if I didn't say thank you for what you've done and I think you probably already know how I feel, but keep up the good work.

Res. No. 87 of 2004: A resolution to commend the Independence Bowl for providing positive national visibility and a significant economic impact for the City of Shreveport and this community and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

[See Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage]

Mr. Krupica: On behalf of our Board of Directors and certainly the 450 members within our organization, we certainly appreciate the resolution and the recognition associated with this resolution. We want to thank Council for that. We are entering our 29th year as the resolution stated and we feel that the game is as healthy now as it ever has been and we're looking forward to certainly another 29 years plus. We are very fortunate to have an outstanding arrangement with the City of Shreveport and we certainly appreciate that. Our cooperative agreement with the City is of utmost value to our organization and we realize that there's a two way value that way and certainly we appreciate that and I'll give you a little status report. We're in the process of continuing the build the game, continuing to grow the game and we are searching for new sponsor. Hopefully, and we're very confident at this point and time, that search will come to fruition here very shortly. But with all that we have to sell and certainly our market is the A-number one thing and there are a lot less things that people can say about the Bowl game that are negative. And certainly, our Mayor and the Administration's efforts to make Independence Stadium and asset instead of a liability it used to be goes a long way in terms of our pursuit of our next title partner and our pursuit in terms of growing the games. Certainly, we are very appreciative of that and all the other support that we received through arrangement. Needless to say, that support is just as important now as it has ever been as we go into this year with a little bit of uncertainty, but certainly confidence that we are going to resolve the title sponsor situation very shortly, but the life blood of our organization is without a doubt, dedicated volunteers. And out of that 450 membership base, there's probably about 300 people that are actively involved in our committee on a yearly basis and we wouldn't be where we're at without outstanding leadership volunteers, many of which are in this room today. But our current leader our new leader, his name is synonymous with leadership, Colonel Jack Lee, Retired Air Force, and Jack will lead our committee this year and there's no doubt he'll do a great job and he will be followed by some outstanding leaders also and David Nichols will take the chair next year and will be followed by Markey Washington in 2006. We are very excited about our incoming leadership and with that I'll allow Jack to say a few words.

Mr. Lee: Thank you Glenn. Your Honor, Councilman. I'd like to accept this resolution on behalf of all those volunteers that have given so much over those 29 years. Certainly, they have

distinguished themselves and our great community of Shreveport and for that we are very, very grateful. And they've done a great job over the years. And if it'd be alright with everybody, I'd like to have Willie Burton be one of those volunteers. What a wonderful life he has given to this community. So, on behalf of all those volunteers, we accept that resolution and thank you for it.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Jack, Glenn, I can't tell you how much I appreciate personally, the effort. I know the staff, we've got a professional executive staff, but the volunteers go without saying. There's no -- I don't know if you can put a value, I know our Clerk just read the dollar amounts associated with what the Independence Bowl means to Shreveport and Bossier and really Louisiana as a whole. I don't think you can put a value on what the Independence Bowl means to the rest of the country in terms of exposure. There's no telling how much economic development has been brought to Shreveport and Bossier. I know it's just like the Administration focusing time to bring Miss USA and Miss Teen USA. That opened up the world to Northwest Louisiana. The Independence Bowl, a lot of different venues come and go here in the area but the Independence Bowl has been that foundation, that rock that we fall back on and take for granted sometimes in terms of the television exposure, the media exposure from all over the country. There's no place that I don't go, where I run into either friends or business acquaintance around the country to where they talk about they saw the bowl game with the "Snow Bowl" or whatever it may be.

Councilman Jackson, did say though that one of the trade offs and I just wanted to get this affirmed, one of the trade offs in giving this resolution for a great outstanding work, was that you had agreed with Councilman Green to change the new colors of the jacket. So, I don't know if that's true or not, but that would be a bold step for the Independence Bowl. But I'm not sure if the United States Flag would go for it too much, because I know y'all worked those colors into it. But again, thank you for your professionalism, for your energy because again, I think sometimes we take that event for granted and one last comment. I do want to commend the Administration, Mayor Hightower, Ken Antee, I know that both of you have been instrumental in the Independence Bowl in your administration and prior to you coming to be Mayor and CAO and that support with great return on that investment and I do appreciate that effort from the Administration and thank y'all for your leadership.

Councilman Green: Thank you. Again, I'd like to just say congratulations to Glenn and Jack and to the whole Independence Bowl Committee and all of the volunteers and keep up the good work. And certainly, we're in hopes that the next one, you all would order some snow and that would do it. Of course, have them to understand that I paid for my own jacket.

Mr. Antee: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask them a question if that's appropriate?

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Antee.

Mr. Antee: Mr. Krupica, do you think a new 315 room Hilton Hotel would assist the Bowl with it's recruitment of teams and alumnae groups?

Mr. Krupica: Yes and especially if it is a full service hotel.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Antee stole my thunder. That's alright. Let me say I feel distinctly proud obviously, because the Independence Bowl, physical bowl itself is in my district and I have appreciated the games that I have gone to. I was just reminiscing with Councilman Carmody, that I remember being down in South Louisiana and watching McNeese State play Syracuse University and what was the Inaugural Independence Bowl. And we've obviously come a long way since that time, but I think we still have a long way to go in the sense that there is a lot of room for improvement, doesn't mean anything negative about the bowl, but I just hope that Jack and those others who are involved are not satisfied, but that we keep looking to take it to another level, higher and higher. And it's not impossible to be a top tier bowl, if we have top tier leadership and I think we do. And so, I just think you all have done a good job and it's my

hope that we'll continue to do the same job and that we'll continue in this partnership to make this a successful venture and I think it represents -- when I think about the improvements made to the stadium just a few years ago, it represents the use of public dollars for the purpose of economic development that makes sense, like many other things that we talk about doing. And I just wanted to commend you because you help us to justify putting the kind of money that we have in that stadium, because you put a great product in that stadium as well. So, we certainly appreciate that and we certainly hope that we'll continue to do that same kind of work.

Councilman Walford: Let me add my congratulations and if you think we don't reach out, go back. It's either three or four years, I lose track of time, but I'd hate to think how many cell phones rang in the stadium from around the country saying "that can't be Shreveport" as we reached out to the whole world and they saw it snowing, looking like Buffalo, New York or something. But a lot of folks see us and they've put us on the map and I congratulate you for doing that.

Councilman Hogan: I'd also like to add my congratulations to both of you and to Colonel Lee, welcome on board and look forward to working with you helping you in any way we can. And Glenn, I just had a question for you right quick if you don't mind. I don't mean to put you on the spot, but I wasn't sure if we had found a sponsor yet for the Independence Bowl. Where do we stand on that?

Mr. Krupica: We have not yet, but we're hot on the trail of a number of prospects and we feel there's a good chance we can bring it to closure here in the very near future. We have an awful lot to sale to the right partners, this is a great opportunity.

Councilman Hogan: If I may, I'd like to make a recommendation. There's an aircraft parts supply company here in town called the Walford Companies. And they've got plenty of money and so, you might want to see them, call them, I'll give you the number after the meeting if you'd like. Thank you.

Councilman Carmody: You can't put a value on that national exposure. Gentlemen, thank y'all again and not to be redundant, but that we've had so many compliments on the facility and the event brings tremendous exposure, not only to the facility, but to our community. And I'll speak for my self. I guess I've been there when the weather was magnificent and I've been there when the weather was horrendous, but either way, it's always a wonderful time and my last comment is, I believe, if I'm not mistaken, that the Minute Men wear red as part of the red from Old Glory which is to signify the blood that's been shed for this country. So, I'm not sure, it's very difficult, I've found to motivate volunteers, but when you tell them that you're going to change their signature blazer, that might be where you shake something lose and my recommendation would be to keep it the same way. We recognize those red jackets and respect the work that those gentlemen do and appreciate what y'all do.

Councilman Green: This is just my last one. Thank you. I have one other recognition. This is to -- I'd like to recognize Ms. Lillian Priest and wish her a belated happy birthday. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Councilman Carmody: Very good. I believe that we have one last resolution to support.

Councilman Jackson: Yes Mr. Chairman. It's actually not coming officially in the form of a resolution, but a recognition. I wanted to ask if those members of Delta Sigma Theta, the Shreveport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc are here. If they would come forward at this time and also the young ladies, the girls who were part of their Jabberwock celebration and their parents as well, would like to ask them if they would come forward as well.

Chairman Carmody: This explains all the pretty little girls in the chamber today.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to recognize -- on Friday of last week, I had an opportunity as we do , at least every two years to share with the ladies who are members

of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., The Shreveport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, who every two years sponsors a Jabberwock event which is an event for young ladies or girls if you will who are between the ages of 3 and 8. And these young ladies have the opportunity to not only go on stage and strut their stuff, but to also be instilled at a very early age, self esteem and to get the kind of exposure that combine with education and their life experiences, I believe will help to make them fine young women and so, I wanted to recognize them. They young ladies, for their dedication and the work that they have done in raising dollars and raising awareness and everything else that they have done. But also to their parents for committing the time and efforts necessary to prepare the young ladies to participate. I wanted to use the word compete but I'll say to participate in this effort that is certainly going to help them long term and anything that helps young people in this city long term helps the city. And so, we certainly appreciate the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta. I would also like to say, that I want to congratulate them for their efforts at promoting scholarship because each year, bi-yearly, when they do it once every other year, they also have proceeds that go to scholarships and it was very, very, in my opinion, I was very excited to know that one of the scholarships is a \$10,000 college scholarship, and there are eight other \$1,000 scholarships. And so, they are not just making a drop in the bucket, they're making a significant difference for young women in this community and so, we certainly want to congratulate them for what they've already done. Ms. Lillian Priest is here who was the Chairman of the program that went off on Friday, we were in my opinion, blessed to have a national recording artist in the presence of Dr. Richard Smallwood and it was an excellent, excellent evening, not only for young people but for all people in the community who went and shared. And I wanted to say thank you for that great evening out and to show some appreciation on behalf of not only myself, but his City Council for the work that you all have done and that I hope you'll continue to do.

Ms. Priest: Thank you.

Councilman Jackson: Ms. Priest, you have something you'd like to say.

Ms. Priest: Well, on behalf of the Shreveport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, we appreciate the opportunity to come before the City Council, to just let you know some of the things that's happening in the community. We are doing some positive things. We always hear about the negatives but there are some positives that are happening in the community and we're happy to be a part of it. We do that annually with the scholarships. So, thank you and the young ladies, they say thank you as well, don't you girls? Thank you.

Councilman Carmody: Ladies, on behalf of the Council, at this point on our meeting agenda, we have awards, recognition of distinguished guests, but y'all have all brought your own awards, so we're consider y'all distinguished guests. And y'all are very beautiful. And thank y'all for coming down here today. Please come back.

Convention Center Report

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Antee, yesterday, we received information regarding the status of the hotel and convention center. Are there any updates for today that we should be aware of?

Mr. Antee: Yeah, there are. I don't know if it was reported on the financial update that was distributed yesterday, but we did get our first change order on the Convention Center and it was an add of \$1400. At five months into the construction of the project, that's the only change order to date. We do expect a second change order that architects are working on now. That should provide a substantial credit to the City so, so far at five months into it, we'll be at a net positive on the change orders.

Prior to getting into the Convention Center Hotel, I'll answer any questions that anybody might have in regards to the Convention Center. I would report that construction is going good. If you

drive by there and see, we've got about one-fifth of the building steel up and you can just see how large and the magnitude of it, what it will be when you multiply that times five.

Councilman Carmody: Very good gentlemen, before we move onto the Convention Center Hotel, are there any questions? I wanted to make the Council members aware, I did receive a call from John Frazier, the attorney that spoke to us two weeks ago, that said that he was preparing the City Attorney's opinion on the recommendation to seek refund to the City for part of the Convention Center project. And he had said that although he thought he would be able to have it for us today, that he has still got a small bit of information that he was looking at but he assured me that he would have it to us by the end of this week. So be looking for that gentlemen. Then that brings us to the Convention Center Hotel.

Convention Center Hotel

Mr. Antee: In regards to the hotel, the design is still ongoing. Obviously, everybody is aware of what we're proposing in Baton Rouge with the TIF legislation. There's been a lot of media coverage and would like to report that yesterday, the Mayor and I met with the Legislative Policies Committee of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and they voted 9 or 10-1 to support the TIF legislation. This morning, we made the presentation to the Downtown Development Authority. They unanimously voted in support of the TIF legislation. Tomorrow afternoon, the Chamber's entire board will meet and take action on the recommendation and hopefully, we will approve from the Chamber's perspective, a resolution in support of the TIF and then on Thursday, we will again meet with the Convention and Tourist Bureau and hopefully, we're seeking a resolution in support of the TIF legislation with them.

In regards to some of the media coverage that has been presented on the hotel, I'd like to clear up some facts because I don't think they're clear on the facts and we'll be glad to meet with them and provide them the information. But first and foremost, the headline of the editorial in Sunday's paper was clearly erroneous in stating that the taxpayers would have to pay for the hotel. The hotel that we have, that Mayor Hightower has presented and the project that's being presented with the TIF legislation would provide a hotel that the taxpayers would own the experts say, in 17 years tax free without putting one penny of taxpayer dollars into. Harold Asher, the CPA whose doing the financial analysis out of New Orleans has used the information and data from SMG, who happens to be the largest facility operator in the country, if not the world. He's also used the reports from PKF who in October of this past year did field study and has the information based on the operation and the financial analysis of the operation of the hotel. And Harold Asher has stated that with the revenues and PKF and SMG, with the revenues projected, that they feel a conservative, that the revenues from the hotel from rooms, food and beverage and other miscellaneous as well as the TIF is more than sufficient to operate the hotel and to pay the debt service and in fact would have additional revenues to pay down the debt in 17 years. I think earlier I said that the hotel would be tax free, I meant debt free. What that means is that the taxpayers of the City of Shreveport would own the \$50million project debt free without putting a single dollar of taxpayers from the General Fund, the Riverfront Fund or any other fund into the hotel in 17 to 20 years.

The opposition to the TIF comes from a small group of hotel owners and those hotel owners also were adamantly opposed to the casino hotels. The things they're saying today are the exact same things they said in 1994 and in 1999, that when the casinos build their hotels, the local hotel owners are going to be put out of business and they are going to have to shut their hotels down. Well, I've got some data from the Convention and Tourist Bureau, that they've provided to us, that shows in 1994, there were 5100 rooms in Shreveport-Bossier. In 2004, there are 8,671 rooms or 70% increase in those ten years. Not one of those hotels where the hotel owners were claiming that they were going to be put out of business and go broke have gone out of business.

We had 15 new none casino hotels that had been built since 1994. The non-casino rooms increase is up 25% from 1994. One of the other things that they are saying is that their Convention and Tourist Bureau's budget is going to be devastated, gone lose up to \$200,000 a year. They made that same statement in 1994 and then in 1999 when two casinos were building their hotel. Well, the tax revenue that the Bureau received in 1994 was \$775,000. In 2003, which was down from 2002, they received \$1.2million and the 3% occupancy tax that goes to the bureau. So those people that were talking about how the bureau's budget was going to be devastated, it was up an increase of 55%. Hardly, the gloom and doom that was projected by the hotel/motel people in 1994, which are the exact same arguments that they are making against the TIF and against the Convention Center Hotel.

I think it's clear that all of the experts state that in order to have a successful convention center, to create the economic impact, and the economic development, that everybody envisioned when they approved the Convention Center, you've got to have a first class facility. Now in 1999 when we went to the voters, it was Mayor Hightower's hope to have a private enterprise come in and build a hotel. A lot has changed since 1999, primarily 9-1-1. So with the times, you got to change too. Mayor Hightower's commitment all the long was to provide a hotel that will pay for itself, so that the taxpayers would not have to pay for it. The taxpayers are paying for the Convention Center, we want the hotel to pay for the hotel to drive the Convention Center. The plan with the TIF does just that. Now, we have experts, PKF, SMG, the most renowned in their field. We've had their information analyzed by financial analyst who by the way, is the person opposing the TIF in New Orleans. Harold Asher stated that had New Orleans proposed a TIF like Shreveport has proposed, he would be firmly behind it, rather than adamantly opposed to it, because it's the model that other cities needing a convention center facility should use. These experts have provided the information. The people opposing the hotel have not provided one single piece of evidence other than their own statements, that it's not going to work. Now, these are the same people in 1994 that said the casinos are going to run the local hotel owners out. Of those 15 new privately owned hotels that have been built since 1994, many of them are by those same individuals. So, it's time for us as a community to look and see how are we going to diversify our economy. What other industries can we go into for economic development for the future, with the risk of losing our gaming patrons because of gambling in Texas or expansion on Oklahoma, we've got to find ways to bring people to town.

Now, it's true, gambles won't come for conventions, but conventioners will gamble. And we've got to broaden our base and the best way to do that is to pass the TIF legislation, build a first class, full service hotel and make this convention center realize the economic opportunity that it can and give it all the tools they need to do that. And we felt like it was very important to set the record straight, to put the facts out there. We'll provide for each one of the Council members a copy of Mr. Ashers' report as well as the letter from SMG and PKF and any other information that you would like. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Antee, I don't know if it would be appropriate, but I'm going to ask anyway. There is a lot of misinformation out there and I do appreciate the PKF report. I think it would be appropriate that SMG and PKF come before this body through a Work Session. I don't know about my colleagues, but there's a lot unanswered questions that I still have that I think that they are the people that are going to answer those questions. And I wanted to know from the Administration's viewpoint, would that be a possibility to bring those two groups before this body, to go through steps A-Z including questions about a 500 room hotel versus a 300 room hotel, because I think that, that is an issue that I'm hearing more than some of the other issues that you put on the table. And I'm not expecting a response, because the professionals are SMG and PKF today. But there are a lot of issues in terms of my constituents and the business

community that I represent out there, are unsure about and I think that those professionals would definitely shed some light and maybe even open up some other questions or answers that we may not have even thought about.

Mr. Antee: Yeah, we'll be glad to get that put together. Doug Thornton, the General Manager of the Superdome and New Orleans Arena, he is also the regional Vice-President of SMG, he was in town to meet with the Convention and Tourist Bureau. He will be back in town for the Convention and Tourist Bureau's meeting on Thursday to answer any questions. He will be coming up here regularly to get the work started with the management of the Convention Center. So, we'll be glad to coordinate and see when Mr. Crown with PKF can come as well as Mr. Harold Asher and everybody else because we've got a good story to tell. It's a story that we're proud of and it's a story that we're not afraid to have them answer any and all questions.

Councilman Gibson: Well, and I can appreciate that, but again I think that Mayor Hightower of all people can appreciate the position that we're in, once being a City Councilman, that at the end of the day we have to cast a vote, we have to answer to the constituents, we have to be accountable for the budgets and any other related areas of financial commitments that have to go on and I don't think that there is anybody on this Council that is saying, that they are against the hotel. What we are saying is that bear with us, we want some information and if you are recognizing SMG and PKF as the professionals out there, Mr. Chair, I'd ask if we could do that in the next City Council Meeting, if that's not too soon, to see if we can arrange that. If not, the latest being the City Council Meeting after that because again, we've got legislators, I don't know about y'all, but I've got legislators calling me asking for input about this piece of legislation that's before them down there. And I've got my personal comments and I've got my business comments and I've got my City Council comments regarding the merits of the TIF and the merits of a 300 room hotel. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Mayor Hightower: I'd like to follow what Councilman Gibson. We're certainly happy to do that and like Ken said, we've got a story to tell and I think that there's one thing that we've done poorly through this entire hotel process is tell our story. But we want you guys to be as confident as we are. That, (1) we need the hotel, and (2) we've got a plan. Hoteliers can sit around and talk about the occupancy rate on Sunday night is horrible. And when you ask, what kind of plan do you have to fill it up next Sunday night, is there a Fortune 500 coming to town to fill up your hotel next Sunday night? Not that this Mayor is aware of. Are the casinos going to do something more next Sunday night than they did last Sunday night? Not anything that I've heard. So, what is their plan. And I think simply it's -- there is no plan. But we're here to tell you we have a plan. We're building a convention center that's gonna bring people to town, that's gonna put 'em in hotel rooms on Sunday nights through Thursday nights and hopefully some trade shows that help fill up on the weekends and take overflow from the casino hotels. We think that we have a unique opportunity to make the hotel work and make the convention center work as well.

Now as for the number of hotel rooms, I think the Convention and Tourist Bureau actually hired a consultant several years back that said, we ought to build five or six hundred room hotel. The reason that we are not going to build a five or six hundred room hotel is two fold. (1) We can only build what we can afford. (2) It's my firm belief that this hotel owned by the City should not be built as some believed casino hotels are built and that is to house the visitors inside their property and never let them go. That's not our intent. Our intent to build a convention center hotel, is to provide a headquarters hotel so that we're able to house some vendors, the key staff, a portion of the conventioners that come here and then provide our hoteliers with the overflow from that. We don't want to capture the whole market. We want our hotel market to benefit from this convention center and I think a five or six hundred room hotel, although it shouldn't capture a thousand people and a thousand person convention, it will -- I think with a 300 room hotel

though provide more opportunity for the local hoteliers, help local hoteliers to reap the benefits of the conventions we bring to town.

Now, if we're bringing 50 people to town, you know they may very well stay at the Convention Center Hotel. But when we bring 500, we know that 200 of them are going to stay somewhere else. So, that's been our intent all the long. Is to be moderate in what we do, both from a cost standpoint and from a benefit standpoint as far as economic development flow goes back into our community. But we will be happy to bring those experts to town and get 'em to stand before the Council again, so you guys feel as comfortable as we do about our position.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. And I guess maybe this will be cleared up but we talked about -- thank you Mr. Mayor for answering a couple of my questions already. My concern is that you know we talk about the number of rooms and obviously opposition is building with regards to the hotel and much like you all have said, I believe and has been said, I think that what we need is we have to have good information because the best decisions are made with quality information. And so, what I think, we've gotten a lot of mixed messages for people who get their information from media resources and outlooks and what have you, that all of them are not necessarily consistent. Not necessarily meaning any one or the other is better than the other, but they are not always necessarily consistent, nor do they have the space nor time to tell the whole story. So, to have an expectation that somehow or another, *The Times* can give you adequate space to put the whole story is wrong for us to expect it and that any of these news channels are not going to give us five minutes to tell a story here. And so, I think it's important as Councilman Gibson said, to have those individuals come and answer those questions. And I'm hoping that, you know that I've been a proponent from the beginning of the fact that I didn't think that there were enough rooms in the hotel, but the logic remains when there's a group of people out there who are lining up to oppose and one of their chief concerns is that the number of rooms presents competition. For us to have 300 rather than 500, I think acquiesces to some degree to that concern and that there ought to be at least a lesser concern. I just believe that if you do what you've always done, you're going to get what you've always gotten. And when I look around, nobody has said in opposition, here is the plan. I hear a lot of nay sayers and I hear a lot of negative and it doesn't mean you have to be on one side or the other. But if you're looking for quality information, one of the things that ought to come forth is not just what's wrong with it, but talk to me about what's right with it and what is the plan or the association, hotel/motel association, what is the plan of the association in concert with the Convention and Tourism Bureau to get more than we've already gotten. Is it that they are just hoping and waiting with their fingers crossed for the Convention Center to open and that's going to be the panacea for all of that we need? Well, the truth is you can't. I don't think you can invest in a one million house and put it on dirt and not have a yard. It's just some things that just go together and it would seem to me not being in that business. I've heard a lot and I've gotten people who sent things in the mail and people who I don't know are necessarily my constituents and I assume citizens from Shreveport but everything that they've sent has been negative. You know I'm sure that the other side could send a bunch of positive articles but I want to try to compel and urge this Council to sift through those things that are purely negative and sift through that which seems to be purely positive and somewhere in the middle is the truth. And I hope that by getting SMG and PKF, all of those folks here, that we can have some of those questions answered. Because I think some of this needs to be put to rest so that progress will not be held hostage while we debate some things that may not be as significant as we think. So, I just want to urge you to do it as soon as possible to get those folks here so we can get those questions answered. And I want to urge this Council and the people in this community, once those

questions are answered, lets not try to figure out other ways to slow down the effort, lets move forward and do it if the questions are answered the way that we need them to be answered.

Councilman Green: I think it's time for us to move and realize that some things ought not be political and I really hate to say this, but I think we've got to get the attitude that Bossier has. When Bossier got ready to build a convention center, they didn't have to go through a whole lot of political rhetoric, they just said lets say "lets build it" and they built it, and it's up and it's making money. They got the big sports store over there, they're just building and I just think it's time for us to stop being so political and lets just say build a hotel. We have a great idea, it's going to support and everybody is going to benefit from it, but sometimes we get too political without having politics involved. It shouldn't be any politics in the hotel, it ought to just make good sense that we need to have the hotel. I've been asked by my constituents are like, lets build it and give me a job when you build it. So, I mean it just makes good sense, that we ought not just be - - - would you give me a big word Councilman? Yeah - - - super-kal-en-berger- - - with everything. I just think that we ought to just go on and build a hotel and stop being political. And as Councilman Jackson has just said, show me the good side, rather than showing me the bad side of everything. It's just like one person can look at a glass and see that it's half empty and another can see that it's half full. But I just think that we need to just put the political stuff aside and stop trying to satisfy a political friends and lets just do what we need to do to get our city moving. If not, while we're over here debating as to whether we should do this, the folk in Bossier City are watching the City Council Meeting now with Shreveport and before you know it, they're going to be done built a hotel over at their convention center and we'll still be debating whether it's a good idea or whose going to reap the benefit and whose going to have the most money. So, Mr. Mayor, whether the TIF group, the whoever comes, my vote is lets just build the hotel and lets just move on. Whether it's 300, whether it's 500, whether we build a hotel with one room, somebody is still going to be upset. So, I just think we need to do what we need to do.

Councilman Carmody: In conjunction with the request for meeting to allow the whole story to be told, if I could ask, I know that one entity was not mentioned and that is SRI. I believe the management company for the hotel.

Mr. Antee: HRI.

Councilman Carmody: Excuse me, I get all my letters mixed up. PKF, SMG and HRI. If we could ask HRI to also bring the revenue projections so that, that can be told in the context of having the financial plan explained to the Council and to the public, because I think that the calls and letters that I've got, there's a lot of concern as to how it will actually be paid for and I think this would be an excellent venue for everybody to basically tell the story but within the context of that story, also explain the financing plan. Are there any other questions?

Councilman Green: I heard the recommendation was to do it at a Work Session. But if we do it at a Work Session, then they still won't know the story, because it won't be aired on T.V. So, we're saying (inaudible) doing it at Council Meeting and have segment to do it. Because if we do it at Work Session, we're still not going to tell the story.

Councilman Carmody: Let me ask Mr. Thompson. Is there a possibility under Public Hearing on our agenda?

Mr. Thompson: Yes, or we could have a Committee of the Whole meeting so that it wouldn't have to all be in the minutes if you didn't want it to. I mean, there are ways that we could do it.

Councilman Jackson: I would recommend as we initially talked about in a Work Session setting. The public is invited to the Work Session, the folks who have an interest in it. Obviously they know the story is being told, then I think they'll be here, those who have a particular interest. Not just in the interest of time, but in the interest of our Council Agenda, I think that Work

Session is for that. Those folks are coming as a matter of us doing the work in preparation. And so, I would just suggest that if it pleases the rest of the Councilmen. But I'm open. I just think that it would be better facilitated in a Work Session and not put so much pressure on us in a meeting of the whole or a public hearing or anything like that. We could do it and the public obviously is invited. It's noticed and it would be a significant item on that Monday, Administrative Meeting Agenda and I would think that would suffice.

Councilman Green: Mr. Chairman, since we normally take a long time for Council Meeting anyway, we've been on the hotel and convention for an hour anyway, I would just suggest that we use the hour, that we're going to use the hour and just have it at our regular Council Meeting and then we wouldn't have to worry about folk asking questions, they would already be here, because normally, we don't get off -- we use an hour anyway. I would just ask that the presentation be done at our next Council Meeting.

Councilman Carmody: If we could cull down our resolutions of support, I think that we would have the time to address that.

Mr. Antee: Let's keep in mind we're going to have experts coming in from New Orleans, Dallas, probably as far away as Knoxville. So, I'm going to have to coordinate to see when I can get all of 'em here at one time and it may be that we have to have a specially called meeting because they're busy people as well. And I know they'll do everything they possibly can to make the calendar work for us, but when we have to coordinate that many calendars, we've got to keep that in mind too. But we'll get started on that immediately.

Property Standards Program

Councilman Carmody: Very good. Thank you Mr. Antee. We also received yesterday during our Work Session, the Property Standards Program. Gentlemen, does anyone have any questions for Community Development or for Code Enforcement at this point? Very good, hearing none that brings us to item 6.

Public Hearing: *None.*

Confirmations and/or Appointments, Adding Legislation to the Agenda and Public Comments.

Confirmations and/or Appointments: Deputy Clerk of Council: Bea Pierce

Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Green to confirm the appointment.

Motion approved by the following vote. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Carmody: Congratulations Ms. Pierce.

Ms. Pierce. Thank you.

Adding Legislation to the Agenda: *None.*

Public Comments (Agenda Items to be Adopted).

Mr. Michael Johnson (9070 Southern Charm Dr): Count me off guard, this moved up on the agenda pretty quick. I'm back there working on a legal brief, but I read in the newspaper this morning, that Councilman Lester had a proposal, an ordinance to potentially change some of the restrictions that we all worked on so hard last year in the Sexual Oriented Business Ordinance, that's Chapter 72 of the existing code. I've prepared a four page legal treatise for you this morning and I brought copies.

Councilman Carmody: I believe it's been handed out Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: That is a pretty comprehensive evaluation of this issue. The gist being and my objective legal analysis on this having been one of the persons who was involved in the initial drafting of the existing ordinance and also an expert, so to speak in this issue, I work as many of you know for the Alliance Defense Fund, which is non-profit, our subsidiary, the Community Defense Council works specifically in this arena and I'm one of three attorneys who works

across the country in the regulation, licensing and litigation against sexually oriented businesses. I have been involved with a number of municipalities statewide and delighted to report to you, if you don't know it already that Shreveport's very good ordinance, the work product of many of you, which is a lot of work put into it, has been used as a model across the State of Louisiana all the way down the I-20 corridor, almost every major municipality from here to Tallulah has adopted an almost identical ordinance to yours, so you are commended for your work on that. But the ordinance as it is drafted and as it exist now, is a substantial one, it's one that is adequate to meet the needs. And it does what it was intended to do as the Council was very careful to put into the record. You studied all of the land use studies, all of the negative secondary affects studies and many of those are concentrated on the concern that SOB's bring an increase of certain types of crime in the community. A lot of these are sexually related crimes. If you look and if you know in the ordinance in the definition section, the existing ordinance specified criminal activity, means any of the following offenses, and it list: Rape and Sexual Battery offense, Sexual Offenses affecting Minors, Offenses concerning Prostitution, concerning disorderly places and Obscenity and all these types of victim crimes, those that are important and difficult sometimes to limit. But your ordinance as it exist prohibits people who have had prior convictions for those types of crimes from being granted and SOB license, either the operating SOB or being an employee in one of these. That is a very important measure. It's one of the most important and the sharpest teeth that you have in your ordinance. If you take that out, you will subject the City to legal liability. The memo that I've prepared for you, the legal treatise cites all the cases, many of which from the Fifth Circuit U. S. Court of Appeals, which of course we answer to, that says "to remain constitutional, an SOB License must be issue without discretion. If the waiver was placed into the ordinance to take that out of the Police Chiefs objective decision making authority and to bring it to you for some sort of subjective decision on whether or not an individual or a person may or may not be able to qualify for good cause", as it said, you will subject yourself to litigation. And the cases that have been fought in that arena have been lost by municipalities repeatedly, over and over again. The memo details that. It states that arbitrary standards subject the Council to unnecessary litigation and the current provisions offer satisfactory protection. I would just summarize it by saying, there is absolutely no reason whatsoever for you to go down this road. You open up and Pandora's Box of problems and there is no necessity for doing it, when you've passed the original ordinance as it was proposed and written. And again, as everyone put so much effort into it, you stated that you were going to have a constitutional defensible ordinance that would pass muster. It will in its present form, but if you change it, I can't be more frank about it, you will subject yourself to litigation and probably lose. Thanks.

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Johnson, this council, I think one of the first actions it took was to establish an SOB Committee, which Councilman Walford was Chairman of. You made the statement a minute ago, and I was not aware of it. Was I not hearing you right there when you said that this was an exemplary ordinance that is being used as a model around the State? Is that correct?

Mr. Johnson: It is, but since you gave me the opportunity to correct that, except for, there were two provisions that this Council decided in a close vote not to include. One was a six foot buffer zone and one was an hours of operation limitation. Those two provisions are included as the model. So, yes and no. The main body of the ordinance is being used, but it's with those --

Councilman Gibson: That's kinda like being a little bit pregnant. But the fact being is it's nice to know that the work of this Council paid obviously some great dividends or you wouldn't be standing before us asking us not to look at some amendments to that SOB ordinance. But I was

just wanting to clarify, because I thought I heard something there that may be I'm sometimes a little slow on hearing certain things, but I do appreciate that.

Councilman Lester: Counselor, I appreciate your brief here, I read through. A couple of things kinda disturb me. First of all, I object to your characterization of this amendment as changing the restrictions, because nothing in the ordinance changes the restriction as it relates to dealing with the SOB ordinance. So, I think that's a mis-characterization of my amendment. Second of all, I too worked on that committee with you. There were some concerns that I had and we had a great opportunity to dialogue and had several very deep and involved Socratic arguments and discussions and I really benefitted from that and I think the committee did as well. And I'm quite sure that our hard work has been used in other places. I think that's a good thing. But at the same time, I would say to you, that I think, probably the greatest document in terms of organizing a set of laws was our constitution. And as great as it was, it has been amended over twenty times, and it has been copied around the world. So, the fact that we decide at this particular body to amend and ordinance that we create, I don't think that it should raise any specter of potential litigation. Without getting into it and I guess when we get down to it, I will reserve my comments to deal with that at that time and we can deal with it at that particular moment, but I have some very pointed comments in response to your brief here. I appreciate you coming, I appreciate the dialogue that you have provided, I would just say Mr. Chairman, I object to the characterization of this as changing the restriction of the ordinance, because we're not. What my ordinance does is merely give this body an appellate process that currently we do not have, that's currently not in the statute. And I will discuss that at a later date. I just wanted to put that out there on the record.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Lester, not being a judge, I cannot uphold or deny your motion.

Mr. Johnson: May I respond to that?

Councilman Carmody: Yes sir.

Mr. Johnson: The legal problem Councilman with having another level of appeal in this case is because you bring, inevitably, you bring the decision to the Council. I mean you would have the ultimate decision, of course, that's what the ordinance is about. The problem is you will have to inevitably make a subjective determination based upon good cause, whatever good cause would be defined as, and there is no way to define that where it's constitutionally un-vague because of course as you know as an attorney, if it's vague, it will be struck on constitutional ground. There is no way for the Council to anticipate every possible scenario that may or may not be in existence to grant someone a waiver of their prohibition against getting a license. The problem when you even delve into the subject matter, is that you leave it up, it becomes a subjective arbitrary decision. There's no way around that. When you do that, you open yourself up for challenge, because there may be one person that you allow the license, to waive the restriction, and the next person, you don't. The person who is denied the license will be able to come and file suit and probably will, because they would win because (inaudible) . . . that's the reality of it.

Councilman Lester: Yeah, but at the same time, I would ask the question, how is it that we can treat someone applying for an SOB license differently than we treat someone from an ABO license. Because that person – and what prompted this was a situation where someone wanted to get an ABO Card, but they needed an SOB Card. We were in a position to grant the ABO Card, but not the SOB, and we do that as a matter of course. So, my response to be, SOB ordinances are not a restricted class. So, strict scrutiny is out of the window. We're talking about having a rational base to deal with that and the second thing is, if we treat SOB ordinances differently from people with ABO cards, people that appeal to us in terms of MPC/ZBA, then we open ourselves up to a equal protection argument saying that SOB ordinances should be treated

differently because they're greater, but we can't do that because they're not a protected class. It's not –

Mr. Johnson: The protected class analysis does not apply in this context. This has been a well established matter of constitutional law since the late 1960's.

Councilman Lester: Which is my argument exactly because it is not a protected class. If we set it up differently, then everything else that we do in the City, every other Board, every decision comes to us, for us to treat that differently sets them up as a protected class and you and I both know they are not a protected class. So, to the extent that they are not, now we are talking about a 14th Amendment argument with someone that say, you know you would give me an ABO card and make that decision, but you can't give me an SOB. An SOB only allows you to give me an ABO Card if I want to be a bartender.

Mr. Johnson: I'm following you, but due process analysis under the 14th Amendment does not apply in this context directly as you're suggesting. This is not apples to apples. An ABO Card and an SOB Card are two entirely different matters according to the federal courts. The reason that SOB's are in a separate class and strict scrutiny is applied is because you have the 1st Amendment principle of free speech involved, people say that the right to dance half naked is an expression of their 1st Amendment rights. As you know it's speech in that context. For that reason, that is why SOB ordinances – that's why we do a 35 page ordinance for SOB's and we don't go to that great length in drafting for ABO and alcohol issues, because it's not the speech protection that's involved and so, that's why this area is fraught with constitutional land mines and we spent the better part of at least, four or five months in drafting that ordinance. That's the reason all that care, and caution and concern was gone into it, because I'm suggesting to you, just look at the brief I've prepared, 5th Circuit U. S. Supreme Court all say that in this context, this is one of the most heavily litigated areas in federal law and strict scrutiny does apply. It may not seem that way on its face, but it does, because of the 1st Amendment principles involved.

Councilman Lester: Well, I mean again I said I wasn't going to get into it, but I think many of those cases that you cite and the rules that you dealt with are factually distinguishable because we're not changing the standards. As I appreciate it in reading your brief, and the cases that you cite, in those particular instances, there was a sliding scale as it relates to the ordinance itself and they struck the ordinance. We're talking about a process. The standards are still there. But again, you and I can sit back and talk about this as we, which is probably the reason why the process took about five months, because you and I would start going backwards and forwards. So, we can deal with that at a later time.

Councilman Carmody: I'm sorry and I stand corrected. My training is not in the legal background. But I understood from the "Man of Matlock," that it is either to sustain or to over rule. So anyway, thank you very much Mr. Johnson, I appreciate you being here. Our second request to speak and I assume this is on a matter to be voted on today is from Larry English.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, he is not here and what he wanted to speak on as I appreciate it was not an agenda item.

Councilman Carmody: Oh, very good. Then we'll disregard the vote and we'll catch him later in the meeting. Gentleman, I would ask your indulgence, Councilman Green had asked that we consider showing a video tape.

Councilman Green: No, not showing it.

Councilman Carmody: Oh, could you explain to the Council what you were talking about.

Councilman Green: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I have a video tape of the cab driver that was beaten. And what I would like to do is have the Chief to come up, whether we need to suspend the rules because I have a lot of unrest with my constituents in that area whereas the Greenwood Road area, I've got some phone calls about the kids in the Greenwood Road and Jewella area,

and also the cab driver that was drug out of his car and beaten and there is a lot of unrest and they just really wanted to hear from the Chief as to some measures that they would take to secure and to make sure that citizens are safe. And I just wanted the Chief to come up at this time and just to give a brief synopsis as to what he will be doing. And that's basically – but not to show the video. I just – I have a copy of the video and I wanted the Chief to come up at this time.

Councilman Carmody: Councilman Green, I know that I have not seen what you are referring to here. Councilman Jackson has not, Councilman Lester has not. Can I ask your indulgence that maybe we ask the Chief to remain and come up under Communications of the Council later in the meeting and then at that point, we can go through this? Unless you want to make a motion to suspend the rules.

Councilman Green: Yes I do.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lester to suspend the rules.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, are we suspending the rules to hear only from the Chief?

Councilman Green: Yes.

Councilman Jackson: Okay, so we're not going to see the tape or whatever it is?

Councilman Green: Unless it's the pleasure of the Council.

Councilman Lester: I would ask that we view the tape because I haven't seen it.

Councilman Carmody: I haven't seen it, I don't know what you're talking about.

Councilman Green: We can see the tape. I have the tape.

Councilman Carmody: Can I beg your indulgence one more time. Mr. Thompson, would it be appropriate to ask for a motion to see this tape, so that we don't have the confusion that we had prior meetings where we showed the tape without properly following Robert's Rules of Order. Can I ask your assistance?

Mr. Thompson: I mean if it's the will of the Council to see the tape, I guess one of the questions that we have is, is this going to be part of the minutes that we type in everything that is said on the tape? I don't know how this works at this point.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, while it may not be appropriate, I want to ask as a point of order with regards to this meeting, if in fact, it's the pleasure of Councilman Green to deal with right now and it may be some questions with regards to the minutes, because it's only the viewing of the tape. Is it in fact appropriate to have a brief recess to view the tape and to come back and to get started where we stopped.

Councilman Carmody: Or we could resolve ourselves into a Committee of the Whole to do it.

Ms. Glass: You could resolve into a Committee of the Whole, you could not recess because – Councilman Carmody: Right.

Ms. Glass: Unless you have less than a quorum, you would have an open meetings problem. Substitute motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lester to resolve into the Committee of the Whole.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, does that mean that we have to view it here?

Councilman Lester: You can do it right now.

Councilman Jackson: No, I'm asking does it mean that we have to view it here? Cause it is viewed here, it's viewing it via television. Is that correct?

Councilman Carmody: Yes.

Councilman Green: It's already been on television. This is a tape from Channel 12.

Councilman Walford: Just in the way of discussion, point out that we are resolving ourselves into a committee of the whole for the sole purpose of not having to put word for word, what's on the video into the published council minutes.

Mr. Thompson: It's to view the tape and to also hear from the Chief as it relates to the subject matter of the tape?

Councilman Carmody: Yes. Any further discussion?

Motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION.

TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Resolution 88 of 2004 to lay over until the May 11, 2004 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution No. 88 of 2004: A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana to execute an Escrow Restructuring Agreement and provisions for other matters and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Resolutions 89, 90, and 91 of 2004 to lay over until the May 11, 2004 meeting.

2. Resolution No. 89 of 2004: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation between the City of Shreveport and NF Road Company, for private water and sewer mains serving Norris Ferry Landing Subdivision Unit No. 1. and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

2. Resolution No. 90 of 2004: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and NF Road Company, for private water and sewer mains serving Norris Ferry Landing Subdivision, Unit No. 2. and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

2. Resolution No. 91 of 2004: Rejecting two of the furniture groups for the bids received on IFB #04-0304 to furnish and install new furniture at the Central Fire Station for the Fire Department and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Gibson: For the Administration, could you give us – I see it is rejecting the furniture bids. Who was the lowest bid on that project?

Mayor Hightower: Councilman Gibson, we had several low bidders. There were several different categories of furniture, however, when purchasing went back and took a look at the furniture that was bid on the prices that we received and compared them to the state contract there was a huge discrepancy, about \$70,000.00 worth. That is the reason those bids were rejected and the state contractors used instead our bid process.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, so this is not going to be put out for rebid.

Mayor Hightower: No, it is not put out for rebid. What we were able to do is go to the state contract, get the low bid on the state contract to go through its local dealer and that's the way we are getting the furniture now.

Councilman Gibson: Its local dealer? What does that mean? The state doesn't put it out for bid?

Mayor Hightower: The state puts it out for bid and it may have been bid by – let me us cars, it may have been bid by Ford, okay, but then – and Ford may have bid \$15,000 a car but what we are doing now is going through our local dealer, Champion or Wray and they are delivering the car for \$15,000 instead of \$18,000 that they bid.

Council Gibson: I didn't know we had a local dealer. Who is that local dealer?

Mayor Hightower: Okay, like I said there were several different categories, one was ML Bath, one was Bill Ferris, somebody –

Mr. Antee: I think the Chief is here and he can answer that question for you.

Mayor Hightower: Ensemble, that's the name I'm trying to – Ensemble and there was one other on too, I think it was another one that was a smaller amount than that. The bottom line –

Councilman Gibson: Are those the bidders or are those the dealers that the state is going to be dealing with.

Chief Simons: They are the vendor, the local vendor who has actually – the state is authorized through the state for state contract for the furniture.

Councilman Gibson: So the question I ask was, who is the local dealer that the state will be asking for bids from or who?

Chief Simons: Ensemble.

Councilman Gibson: And who else? That's it.

Chief Simons: That's it on the on the state contract as far as one particular manufacturer goes. That's the state contract group of furniture which is the case goods.

Councilman Gibson: And that is going to be competitively bid?

Chief Simons: It was competitively bid. It was bid through the state. They had the state contract.

Mayor Hightower: We competitively bid as well at the local level and when we totaled up the entire furniture bid and then we compared that to the state contract and when we totaled up the entire furniture bid and then we compared that to state contract there was roughly a \$70,000 difference, apples to apples. So we chose to reject the \$70,000 difference, go with the state contract. One of the furniture manufacture was Inwood, their local rep is Ensemble. So we have asked Inwood and Ensemble to honor the state contract price to deliver the furniture for the new Fire Station. That along with several other pieces that ML Bath is a huge player in the project as well but there – like I said \$70,000 a huge difference in what we could get through our bid process verses the states bid process, so we are taking advantage of that.

Councilman Gibson: Is Ensemble local?

Mayor Hightower: Yes.

Mr. Antee: In accordance with the state bid law in buying goods such as furniture, you can not bid it and go buy in accordance with the state bid law or you can publicly bid it. In this case we publicly bid it, we got the bids back and there were several items that were higher than the state contract. So we rejected those bids and went and purchased in accordance with the state contract without rebidding it because it saved time and saved money from the public bid and it saved \$70,000.

Mayor Hightower: And Mr. Chairman – Mr. Gibson, I'm sorry, this is not unusual it happens in automobiles constantly. The state bids the contracts – you know we will go out for bid as well and a lot of times police car bids for instance will come back a whole lot higher but what we will do is go to the state contract and then go back to a Champion Ford and say, can you deliver the cars for the state contract. Sometimes they can sometimes they can't but the state seems to get a better price on some items then we were able to do locally, so we compare.

Councilman Gibson: And that is the reason for the question. I wasn't aware of that and I do appreciate you filling the blanks on it. I commend the administration in terms of saving the money. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. Ordinance No. 46 of 2004: Create and establish a No Through Truck Route on Ellerbe Road south of LA523 and the south city limits and to otherwise provide with respect thereto..

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green to introduce Ordinance 46 of 2004 to lay over until the May 11, 2004 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford to Adopt Resolutions 92, 93, and 94 of 2004. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7

RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STUART EDWARD MILLS, PATRICIA HOLCOMB MILLS, & LAUREL A. MILLS, LOCATED AT 1250 LEONARD RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Stuart Edward Mills, Patricia Holcomb Mills, & Laurel A. Mills have agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Stuart Edward Mills, Patricia Holcomb Mills, & Laurel A. Mills, be authorized to connect the building located at 1250 Leonard Rd., to the water system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 93 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DAVID STEWART WATKINS, SR. & JACQUELINE HAWSEY WATKINS, LOCATED AT 1550 LEONARD RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that David Stewart Watkins, Sr. & Jacqueline Hawsey Stewart, be authorized to connect the building located at 1550 Leonard Rd., to the water system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 94 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LARRY DARNELL MURFF, LOCATED AT 6470 NORTH LAKESHORE DR., TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Larry Darnell Murff 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 Larry Darnell Murff, be authorized to connect the building located at 6470 North Lakeshore Dr., to the sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND NORRIS FERRY ROAD, L.L.C., A LOUISIANA CORPORATION, FOR PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES SERVING ST. CHARLES PLACE SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 4 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Keith Hightower, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Norris Ferry Road, L.L.C., represented by Randel J. Mason, owner, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of Council on April 27, 2004.

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

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 67 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND RANDAL J. MASON FOR NORRIS FERRY ROAD, L.L.C., FOR PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAINS, LIFT STATIONS AND ALL RELATED APPURTENANCES SERVING NORRIS FERRY CROSSING, UNIT NO. 1 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Keith Hightower, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Randal J. Mason for Norris Ferry Road, L. L. C. substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of Council on April 27, 2004.

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

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 68 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND MANOHAR RAMCHANDRA MANCHANDIA AND BHARTI MANOHAR MANCHANDIA, FOR PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAINS SERVING SADHU VASWANI HINDU TEMPLE AND CULTURAL CENTER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Keith Hightower, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Manohar Ramchandra Manchandia and Bharti Manohar Manchandia, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of Council on April 27, 2004.

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

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Jackson, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DEVIATE FROM THE LANDFILL FEE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED IN SEC.74-54 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to waive it's portion of the landfill disposal fees for all waste generated during the construction of the City Convention Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Shreveport or his designee be and is hereby authorized to waive a portion of the landfill fee established in section 74-54, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the waiver authorized by this Resolution shall not exceed \$10.00 per ton of the landfill disposal fees established in section 74-54 and shall apply only to waste generated from the City's Convention Center project.

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

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Jackson seconded by Councilman Green, for passage.

Councilman Gibson: This question is for the Administration. I just want to be clear in my mind. This is going to provide a level playing field for all participation that are out there moving waste on the – construction waste on the convention center. There is no competitive advantage for anybody in this process.

Mayor Hightower: No sir. All we are doing is changing the gate rate for convention center construction debris only.

Councilman Gibson: So whoever is the general contractor of record on that convention center project chooses to accept lowest bids, the landfill fee is a none issue in terms of any competitive edge. Mayor Hightower: Correct.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair.

Councilman Carmody: A quick question and comment. Mr. Mayor, I know that we talked about this two weeks ago. We said that really our intent was to make sure that all the materials that comes off the site because of environmental concerns that we had really necessitate making sure that it is a repository that belong to the city of Shreveport. I guess it triggered the question in mind that we certainly expended a lot of money cleaning up that site. We don't have anything out there that is of environmental concern, do you?

Mayor Hightower: No we don't but part of our concern is to be sure that all the materials that come off of the site go a designated site, preferably a site which we know has daily cover. What we don't want to see are the materials to go to a site that is not required to have daily cover or does not have daily cover and a piece of paper will blow across the Interstate that says, City of Shreveport Convention Center and then somebody expects us to go and clean it up. We know that if it is going to the City of Shreveport Landfill we control the waste stream, that we control what eventually happens to it and we don't increase our liability or spread our liability to other sites across the community.

Councilman Carmody: Is there a substantial savings to the community by utilizing this method?

Mayor Hightower: No.

Councilman Carmody: There is not.

Mayor Hightower: There is no savings involved in it. We are asking you to deviate from the gate rate at the landfill for this project so that we can control it. When Yates bid the job they claim they did not bid disposal at the City of Shreveport Landfill. They felt like they could get disposal cheaper somewhere else, so in order for us to be able to stay within their bid estimate on waste hauling we need to modify the gate rate for this job and this job only has nothing to do with any other job to control the waste drain to be sure that they can take it to the City own landfill, Woolworth, inside their budget numbers. If not, if we force them to come into the landfill, the city of Shreveport landfill without this ordinance then obviously the price is higher and they are going to come to us with a change order. But it is just money moving from one of our hands to the other one.

Chairman Carmody: We didn't make that a condition of the bid that whoever was going to bid on it would have to use our facility?

Mayor Hightower: No we didn't.

Chairman Carmody: Why didn't we do that?

Mayor Hightower: We didn't and we should have and I think we should and we talked about doing that on all future city projects to be sure of the waste streams are going that the city of Shreveport doesn't ultimately wind up in a super fund clean-up in some site that we don't control.

Councilman Gibson: Once the convention center is complete, this ordinance goes away, correct?

Mayor Hightower: This ordinance only applies to –

Councilman Gibson: – construction material or material that is no longer utilized on that site. It does not have to do with once the convention center is up and running that we have materials coming off that site from vendors and things of that nature that have to go to that.

Mayor Hightower: You are correct.

Councilman Gibson: So it has a sunset clause in there.

Mayor Hightower: Ribbon cutting.

Resolution passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: Councilman Carmody. 1.

ORDINANCE NO. 75 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO SELL THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S TAX INTEREST IN CERTAIN SURPLUS ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the herein below described properties for an amount not less than the offer as indicated below.

Property No. 1: Legal Description - Lot 28, Roosevelt Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 150, Page 265f the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171416-043-0028-00) Municipal Address - 5211 Florence Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$250.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$600.00 DISTRICT F

Property No. 2: Legal Description - Lot 19, Johnson Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 600, Page 491 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, and

(GEO#171410-075-0019-00) Municipal Address - 3538 Huston Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$300.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,200.00 DISTRICT G

Property No. 3: Legal Description - Lot 132, West Morningside Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 650, Page 519 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements located thereon together with all buildings and improvements located thereon (GEO#171415-012-0132-00) Municipal Address - 3501 Palm Road

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$2,500.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$13,500.00 DISTRICT F

Property No. 4: Legal Description - East ½ of Lot 491, Jones-Mabry Subdivision, Unit No. 8, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 450, Page 281 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181420-010-0597-00) Municipal Address - 2601 Plum Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,750.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,200.00 DISTRICT A

Property No. 5: Legal Description - Lot 37, Block 4, OPO Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 2632, Page 469 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171306-021-0037-00) Municipal Address - 227 Topeka

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$660.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$3,800.00 DISTRICT B

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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 severable.

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 76 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FIRE 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 Municipal Fire Civil Service personnel include state certified Airport Fire Fighters and state certified Hazardous Material Technicians equal to the Associate Degree category in the Monthly Fire Incentive Pay section of the schedule.

WHEREAS, the proposed pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" reflects said changes to the Civil Service Pay Schedule.

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 thereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective April 27, 2004.

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 repealed.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford, for passage.

Councilman Lester: Chief, could someone come and explain to us the –

Mr. Antee: Mr. Chairman, I can explain it. This involves our Haz Mat Technician who are not currently serving on the Haz Mat Team and therefore do not get Haz Mat pay, I mean, tech pay. It also applies to our airport firefighters. What had happened was since Chief came on board he has been real big on education to the fire department and putting in a plan to eventually have degrees required for promotion and that sort of thing. Jamie Touche and other members of the union came to us and said, look, the education that these people get in this training for the ARFF certification and the Haz Mat certification is every bit as important as an associates degree from Tech, Southern, Northeast, Wiley College or anywhere else and is more beneficial to the fire department because it is specifically training for what they do and they stated and made a very good case on behalf of there members that they should be entitled to the educational pay, the equivalent of an associates degree and I would like to use associate degree of broadcasting because my sister got one. What's more beneficial to the fire department and to the citizens, an associates degree from LSU or Haz Mat certification or ARFF training and so what this does is if they have that certification and they do not have a bachelors degree or an associates degree then they would get the same educational as you would for an associates degree.

Councilman Lester: I want to ask the Chief a question. My question and I appreciate the explanation from Mr. Antee, my question is, how many officers in the department is this going to affect.

Chief Cochran: All of our members are eligible for education and incentive pay, that is one of the good things about it. Our current policy is inclusive of all of our members. We have currently about 18 members who are state certified Hazardous Materials Technicians who are outside of our Haz Mat Team who are not receiving the technical pay because they are not on the team. Revising our definition of the education incentive pay program to include state certified Haz Mat Technician will allow them to get the benefit of having the same level of an associates degree. The airport firefighters state certification, we currently have 13 members who are reached that level and are currently eligible. Passing of this resolution will give them recognition as being equivalent of an associate degree and therefore they will gain that benefit under education incentive pay.

Councilman Lester: Tell me this Chief, for those of us who are unfamiliar with this type of training, what -- to achieve the level of state certification, what type of training are we talking about? How many hours? How does that process work?

Chief Cochran: Well, there are several classes required by the state to even become eligible to take the state certification and there are actual certifications that must be attained prior to being eligible to take the state certification. We calculated the – I don't have a list of those itemized classes but college institutions that actually give a college credit for those classes, for the Haz Mat state certification, they grant thirty-seven plus depending on the acceptance of the basic EMT certification, college credit hours for state certified Haz Mat Technician and for the state certified airport firefighter college institutions grant them 43 college credit hours for all the training that they have gone through. So if a member of the department were to get all of the certification and the training and instead of going to the state route they would actually went to LSU or Southern or something. They would have earn in one case over 30 hours and in another case over 43 hours which is well over the number of hours required to get an associates degree.

Chief Cochran: Now, we have an associate degree at Southern, it's called a Safety and Haz Mat Technology and they require certain academic requirements to get that associate degree. What we are saying is because of the track that they have to follow to get the state certification and

there is a direct application of that certification to our service level where Haz Mat service is concerned that on the job experience and application plus the college credits that the colleges give, they should be equivalent to the associate degree level and that is why we are making this proposal. It does not have any impact on our current budget and it does not change anything. It is an existing benefit that we are just expanding.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Chief.

Chairman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Lester. Chief, I think you answered my question. All I was wanting to make sure was is that this incentive pay is not going to cause a problem with your budget or is not going to require coming back to us to as for a revision of your budget to increase it.

Chief Cochran: No sir.

Chairman Carmody: Thank you very much. Any other questions for the Chief?

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman. Chief, is this the only incentive pay category you have?

Chief Cochran: No, Councilman Jackson, we have several incentive pay categories. We have incentive pay for basic EMT, EMT immediate, EMT paramedic, Haz Mat technician and several others but education incentive pay is an incentive pay within its own for benefits for achieving certain areas of technical training and college degrees.

Councilman Jackson: And I guess my concern was whether or not rather than making something equal to something that was a track in and of itself that those people could have incentive pay specifically designed for that while I understand it is educational it is still not an associates degree and so when you say, I understand, I think the little kids, you just want to make sure that the pay is equivalent to the same and I guess that was my concern. It just may be I's and t's, you know, dotting I's and crossing t's perhaps but I just – I didn't want it to diminish the value of the associates degree either.

Chief Cochran: Absolutely, and we make that perfectly clear internally Councilman Jackson, that it does not have the equivalent value. We are just recognizing it internally as having that equivalent value so that they can get equivalent pay benefit.

Councilman Gibson: Chief, did I hear this is kind of a co-operative effort by your department, the fire union administration?

Chief Cochran: Yes it is.

Resolution passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA CHAPTER OF THE SICKLE CELL DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Louisiana Chapter of the Sickle Cell Anemia Disease Association of America, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Sickle Cell") sponsors an annual fund raising softball tournament at Cargill and Southern Hills Parks; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the tournament have enabled the organization to continue its work in the area of sickle cell anemia research and development; and

WHEREAS, persons residing in and around the Shreveport area are the primary beneficiaries of the efforts made by this organization; and

WHEREAS, the programs and efforts of this organization provide a benefit to the public and serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has been a major co-sponsor of the annual sickle cell softball tournament for the past several years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Northwest Louisiana Chapter of the Sickle Anemia Disease Association of America, Inc., substantially and in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on April 13, 2004.

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 resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Gibson, for passage.

Councilman Hogan: Mr. Chair. I'm sure who can answer this question but as I was looking over the documents here related to this resolution, agreement, I notice that the cost associated with is \$21,400 and I understand what this is, we had it last year in my district, it is a fund-raiser. I would assume it would be no cost associated with – can I get someone from SPAR to come forward and explain this.

Ms. Ragle: You are looking at the Sickle Cell agreement. The total cost (inaudible). The City has an agreement with Sickle Cell to provide some services and that is the cost of these services. We provide umpires and referees. It cost us about \$12,000 and all the other income, the use of the fields, employees to keep those fields (inaudible), use of some radios, all of those things we put an in-kind dollar figure to and that is where you get that total amount.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, it's not above the budget then?

Ms. Ragle: No sir.

Councilman Hogan: Really, it is just what we estimate the cost of our services to be.

Ms. Ragle: Correct.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, that's fine. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: And I would say and I appreciate SPAR's cooperation with Northwest LA Chapter Sickle Cell Anemia. They do a tremendous job of bringing teams from across, not only the state but across the gulf south, they bring people in from as far away as the far reaches of Texas. You got people from Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, all over the place and for those three or four days, I mean they are literally – you know Shreveport is the capitol of softball world during this time and they spend a lot of money, they fill up our hotel space. It will probably be the equivalent of having a convention that you know is going to come to your city each and every year and you know exactly when they are going to come, they are going to be here for those three days and our hotel folks are very excited about them coming. So I just want to appreciate SPAR for their work with this group. It is really a net benefit to the City, a tremendous benefit to the city. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Resolution passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None

RESOLUTION NO. 78 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE OF FAMILY SUPPORT TO PROVIDE TRANSIT SERVICE FOR THEIR CLIENTS ON EXISTING ROUTES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, SporTran management has determined that the opportunity exists to contract for transit service on existing routes for clients of the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support (O.F.S.); and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to take whatever steps necessary to facilitate these recipients' achievement of personal independence by providing access on the City's transit system to social services, employment, medical care, shopping and recreational activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor be empowered to contract with O.F.S. to provide transit rides, at rates established by City Ordinance, in form of transit passes, tickets, other means existing on SporTran routes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor shall require that safeguards shall be established to ensure that services are provided in accordance with the contract.

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

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Jackson, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 79 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT ON BEHALF OF BEAIRD COMPANY, LTD. AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Beaird Company, Ltd. operates manufacturing facility in Shreveport, Louisiana, and wishes to make renovations and improvements to its physical plant; and, WHEREAS, Beaird Company, Ltd. made application to the Louisiana Economic Development Award Program for financial assistance with renovations resulting in an award of a five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000.00) grant; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Economic Development Award Program requires a local political subdivision of the state to serve as a Sponsoring Entity and execute the contract accepting the grants awarded to Beaird Company, Ltd.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport will serve as the Sponsoring Entity for Beaird Company, Ltd.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the contract to accept as Sponsoring Entity the grant awarded by the Louisiana Economic Development Award Program to Beaird Company, Ltd. effective April 27, 2004, substantially the same as the document filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council on April 13, 2004.

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.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gibson, for passage.

Councilman Lester: Question Mr. Chairman, and I think that the Mayor might have addressed this last time. I know that we had some issues as it relates to Beard and the new company taking over. Have we resolved those issues to the administration satisfaction in terms of making sure we are going to have a company that is going to try to do their best to maintain the job force here?

Mayor Hightower: You know, we think so. That is obviously private business and there is not a lot we can do to control market. Obviously, I think we all ought to be for the energy bill that is pending in congress and that would make a huge difference with what Beard is able to do. We do know that the sale has been completed as of last week. So either these guys make it or we have nobody. We only got one horse in this race and I think we need to do everything we can to keep the employees they have, keep our building full and hope they can add more.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Lester. Mr. Mayor, what is the lease term on the facility right now? Do you know how much time we got left on it.

Mayor Hightower: No I don't. It is a lengthy time though.

Chairman Carmody: But I mean the owner assumed or was assigned the lease that the previous tenant had.

Mayor Hightower: Correct and we may actually come back to you with a modified lease to change the name and all those type things as well so that we don't have to – so that we can distinguish between the two companies. But keep in mind the money that we are getting here will go into the City's facility, so God forbid that the worst thing happen and Beard actually closed. At least we have a facility that has been upgraded at that point to go out and attract somebody new to come into.

Chairman Carmody: If I could ask just for confirmation on what the remaining lease term is and what that value is annually to the City, I would appreciate it.

Mayor Hightower: I can tell you, I think the value to the City is about a \$1,000 a month.

Chairman Carmody: Oh, is that right.

Mayor Hightower: It is obviously lucrative.

Chairman Carmody: A \$1,000 a month?

Mayor Hightower: Yea, to the rente.

Chairman Carmody: Okay.

Resolution passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays. None.

RESOLUTION 80 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM AWARD TO U. S. SUPPORT COMPANY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, U. S. Support Company applied for and received Louisiana Economic Development Award Program funds in the amount of one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000.00); and

WHEREAS, The City of Shreveport agreed to serve as Sponsoring Entity to accept the grant funds on behalf of U. S. Support Company; and

WHEREAS, an agreement was entered into between the Louisiana Department of Economic Development through the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation, the City of Shreveport and U. S. Support Company; and

WHEREAS, the agreement requires the City of Shreveport as Sponsoring Entity to purchase and retain ownership of any property and improvements purchased with grant funds for the term of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the funds (\$1.3 million) will be used to acquire an interest in property and improvements located at 5800 Bet Kouns, Shreveport, Louisiana 71118 (total purchase price approximately \$4.25 million) which will house the call center operations to be located in Shreveport, Louisiana by U. S. Support Company; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor to execute certain documents in order for the City of Shreveport to comply with the terms of the agreement and obtain and retain an ownership interest in the property and improvements located at 5800 Bert Kouns, Shreveport, Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents related to the purchase of property and improvements described above by the City of Shreveport, effective April 27, 2004.

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 including but not limited to Resolution 54 of 2004.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Hogan, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

The Clerk read the resolution by title: Resolution No 81 of 2004: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with U. S. Support Co and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to postpone until the May 11, 2004 meeting. Motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 86 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MR. WILLIE D. BURTON FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN SHREVEPORT; HIS PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

By: Councilman Green

WHEREAS, Mr. Willie D. Burton was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and graduated from Brooker T. Washington High School in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton obtained a Bachelors of Arts degree from Southern University in 1966 with a Master of Arts Degree from North Caroline Central University in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton joined Southern University - Shreveport in 1968 where he became the Associate Professor of History; and

WHEREAS, while at Southern University Mr. Burton has held the following positions: Chairman of the Department of History and Geography; Chairman of the Division of Humanities; President and Vice President of Faculty Senate; Chairman of the Department of Social Sciences and Coordinator of the Off-Campus Site; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton has done extensive research in his areas of expertise and has published several books including *On the Black Side of Shreveport: A History* in 1988, and revised in 1996 and *The Blacker the Berry: A Black History of Shreveport* in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton was involved in the preparation and printing of the "Black Heritage Calendar" for 1980, 1981, and 1990, and the "African-American Heritage Calendar" in 1999 and the centennial publication 1900-2000: and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton was elected as a Caddo Parish School Board member in 1990 and has been reelected, unopposed for an additional three terms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton is active in the following organizations: Louisiana Historical Association, Southwest Conference of Afro Studies, Louisiana and National School Board Association, Historic Preservation Society of Shreveport, Northwest Sickle Cell Foundation, BTW Alumni Federation, and the National Conference for Communities and Justice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton has received many awards, which recognize his leadership and service including but not limited to: Institute for Services to Education in 1975, Outstanding Teacher SUSBO in 1987, inducted into the BTW Hall of Honor in 1992, 100 Most Influential Leaders in Northwest Louisiana for 100 years in 1999, Afro-American Society Leader of the Year in 2000, and AMPS Magazine - Author of the Year in 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City of Shreveport and all its citizens publicly recognize and thank **Mr. Willie D. Burton** for his public service to the citizens of this community as a member of the Caddo Parish School Board; for his dedication to Southern University in Shreveport and to higher education in this state; and for his historical publications about the accomplishments of African-Americans in this community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to **Mr. Willie D. Burton** and the other resolution filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

/s/Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., District C

/s/ Calvin Ben Lester, Jr., District A /s/ R. M. "Monty" Walford, District B

/s/ Michael "Mike" Gibson, District D /s/ Jeffery "Jeff" A. Hogan, District E

/s/James Edward Green, District F /s/ Theron J. Jackson, District G

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gibson, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Lester. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 87 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE INDEPENDENCE BOWL FOR PROVIDING POSITIVE NATIONAL VISIBILITY AND A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THIS COMMUNITY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

By: Councilman James Green

WHEREAS, the Independence Bowl is in its 29th year of existence, which makes it the eleventh oldest bowl in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Independence Bowl has been televised on ESPN for the past thirteen years and has consistently been one of ESPN's higher rated bowl games, which gives notable exposure to the City of Shreveport and this community; and

WHEREAS, the Independence Bowl rates tenth to fourteenth (out of 28 total bowl games) in three major categories: Team Pay-Out, Television Ratings, and Attendance; and

WHEREAS, the Independence Bowl has increased its team pay-outs from the NCAA minimum of \$750,000 per team to \$1,250,000, and since inception the Independence Bowl has contributed over \$33 million to higher education in the form of team pay-outs; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, the Independence Bowl has delivered over \$190 million in economic impact to the Shreveport area, including approximately \$20 million in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport received over three quarters of a million dollars in commercial television time from the 2003 Independence Bowl, and the Shreveport-Bossier

Convention and Tourist Bureau estimates this area received over \$6 million in print media exposure through various articles and written accounts of the Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the Independence Bowl has gained significant respect from the regional/national sports media and the collegiate athletic community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City of Shreveport and all its citizens publicly commend the Independence Bowl for providing the City of Shreveport, with positive national visibility and for generating millions of dollars for this community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to **Glen Krupica, Executive Director and Jack Lee, 2004 Bowl Chairman**, and the other resolution filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

/s/Thomas G. Carmody, Jr., District C

/s/ Calvin Ben Lester, Jr., District A /s/ R. M. "Monty" Walford, District B

/s/ Michael "Mike" Gibson, District D /s/ Jeffery "Jeff" A. Hogan, District E

/s/James Edward Green, District F /s/ Theron J. Jackson, District G

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford,

passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Lester. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 95 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION FOR SAGEWOOD DRIVE, ASH STREET, BASILWOOD STREET, AND PEPPERWOOD STREET IN THE SAGEWOOD PLACE SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 1, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the dedication for Sagewood Drive, Ash Street, Basilwood Street, and Pepperwood Street in the Sagewood Place Unit No. 1 in Section 3 (T16N-R15W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and the same is hereby accepted as dedicated to the public for public use in the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the original plat reflecting the dedication for Sagewood Drive, Ash Street, Basilwood Street, and Pepperwood Street be and recorded in the official records of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Jackson, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 96 OF 2004

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Caddo Parish under which Caddo Parish will undertake to sell or donate said properties as authorized in R.S. 33:4720.11 or R.S. 33:4720.25; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-294 of the Code of Ordinances, the city's interests in said properties can be sold after the City Council declares them to be surplus; and

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

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

Lot 64, Oak Forest Subdivision, Unit 2 Geographic Number 181419-003-006400

Municipal Address: 2109 Miller Street

Council District "A"

Lot 64, Kingwood Forest Subdivision, Unit 2 Geographic Number 171434-024-006400

Municipal Address: 14815 None

Council District "E"

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

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Hogan, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to adopt 97, 98, 99, 100, and 101.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman I would like to find out, it seems to me that one of them for an example it is AmSouth perhaps that is a part of this, as we grant the endorsement for this, we just – has it been our practice to do this as a blanket endorsement simply because they are a local business and because we feel for some reason or the other because they are local business this is going to benefit them and that there is a mutual benefit to the city as well.

Councilman Carmody: Let me go back and defer back to the administration but my recollection is that any of the companies that are petition to have the endorsement of the City of Shreveport to participate in the benefit of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program do not receive any relief from the City as far as the tax benefit, excuse me, the tax burdens that they are required to pay. This is actually our endorsement to submit their names to the state to receive the benefits through that program. Is that not correct?

Mayor Hightower: That is correct.

Councilman Jackson: I guess my question is and let me ask and hopefully this will be intelligently naive, is in fact our endorsement then saying that not only do we endorse these companies but some how another we personally stand the level of integrity of these companies and – how much are we actually saying when we say this an endorsement? Is this just a blanket (unclear) that they need to get the states enterprise zone designation or are we voting now because we all feel very comfortable about all of these businesses and do we know about all these businesses?

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Mayor, I defer to you to help Mr. Jackson on that –

Mayor Hightower: That is probably a legitimate question but I do think it is apart of the process for the state to grant the enterprise.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, and the reason I'm asking is because it seems to be often and I would say this is probably the second time that I can just recall in doing this, you can come on Ms. Moore, but we never have read much about the application. I know the application is – you know there is an application that these individuals fill out and they have different things i.e., who's a councilman in that area, a lot of different questions and we never have in my opinion looked much at the documentation that they turn in to the state but we almost blanketly and without much regard to what we may be endorsing. We just say okay, you know, I use AmSouth, not to pick on them but I'm just saying in general, I would like to know for an example what is AmSouth c- r -a work, you know, where are they with regards, c-r-a, because we are blanketing and endorsement when in fact we may not agree to some degree with some things we have but because we rush through it and it comes before us and we just rubber stamp it and we keep moving and I guess my concern is that I feel a little derelict in just putting a rubber stamp on all of these businesses and I guess not to challenge the integrity of any of these businesses but I can't honestly say that I know. I don't have the option to abstain in the vote and so I guess my concern is, you know, now and in the future is there something that can be done from the administration prospective to make sure that there is adequate information so that we can make that decision based on that information.

Councilman Carmody: And I'm hoping that Ms. Moore can shed the bright light on this but I'm going to try and see if I remember my history correctly. Originally you had to locate your business within a designated enterprise zone and the intent of that was that these enterprise zones would be established in areas where there was low employment, low economic opportunity and that it would be a economic development vehicle to employ those persons that lived in that area. Again, going back on what I recall, what had occurred was is that for all best intentions of trying to say, we would like to see you locate in this area we did not have many takers but the state then said we still need to try to create a program in which we can offer economic benefits to companies that are doing business in the state of Louisiana. My consumption of their beginning of all this was, is the administration or Community Development asking this council to relieve part of the obligation of being in business in the city of Shreveport by our endorsement and I was always assured and always given the same nod that "no" this is not something that we are allowing them an opportunity to get out of something that is an obligation here. And Mr. Lester I will come right to you but I see Ms. Moore nodding head, maybe she can –

Ms. Moore: You are indeed correct. We have a due diligence check list that we have to fill out and one of the requirements is that be in an enterprise zone and an enterprise zone is based on the undeveloped area, high concentration of poverty or high concentration of unemployment. Additionally, this entity has to create jobs and they have a certain amount of jobs that they have to create in order to even be considered for this.

Councilman Jackson: Let me say Mr. Chairman, the reason I'm asking is because I'm very familiar with the State Incentive Program. I'm very familiar with how it works and the fact that there are tax credits given for numbers of employees and those kinds of things and some basic abatements given just for the fact that they are located there. But I also know that very often we make a decision at a level, when I worked at the Chamber, made a decision at a City level, where to designate those particular areas. The State did not designate those areas. It was left up to the municipality or it's agent to designate. So we find where there are folks who have businesses already, and we say well this would be great because we could help them, it would be an incentive to that business and I'm not saying that's a bad thing. But what I am saying has very little to do with the State Incentive Program, because we are setting companies up potentially to

take advantage and I would suggest it's a win/win situation if everything happens, if the folks are hired and so and so forth. My question is not about the State's program. My question is about the endorsement of people who we (a) may not be familiar with; (b) we're putting our full faith and credit with regards to our name behind people and I'm not sure and I can only speak for one Council person, I'm not sure all of us are aware who these people are, or what these peoples track records may be. Willis Knighton is going to get the benefits, AmSouth is going to get the benefits, you know and I may have a Willis Knighton and an AmSouth already in my district, that may not be performing to the degree I think they ought to be, yet we sit here and we rubber stamp these things. I don't feel comfortable with that. It may seem like it's petty to some, because it's an endorsement, but it's an endorsement that's necessary and certainly that's helpful to these businesses as well. And I think we do a dis-service and an injustice to the Community at large, by just rubber stamping. And with that in mind Mr. Chairman, I certainly would like to ask that if it pleases this Council, that we would take some time, whether it be two weeks or whatever to deliberate and to do our due diligence before we blanketly endorse people, who again, I'm seeing on the agenda yesterday and today for the first time.

Councilman Lester: On this issue, this is something that I had raised previously. Certainly, when a business wants to take advantage of the enterprise zone program and that business is locating or seeking to locate in City Council District A, one of the things that I have done is taking the time to go and find out something about that business. One of the concerns that I have had and in my previous life of working with the Shreveport-Bossier African-American Chamber of Commerce, one of the things that we did was, we sponsored a piece of legislation sponsored by Rep. Glover and Rep. Baylor, to change this program. Because the problem that I have with it and I think Councilman Carmody alluded to it before, you can get benefit of the program and you don't have to locate your business inside the enterprise zone. As long as you say that someone in an enterprise zone that works in an enterprise – it doesn't even have to be a contiguous enterprise zone, but they live in an enterprise zone somewhere, we give them the benefit of or the State gives them the benefit of the package. What I think needs to happen, and it's probably too late, because I think Tuesday was the last day to file some bills. But I think at a certain point, we need to speak as a council to our legislators and say we want maybe to offer instead of an additional incentive as I spoke to earlier, whereby you actually get a benefit, if you live or locate that business inside of an enterprise zone. Because the way the current situation is, you can be in southwest Shreveport, or on Youree Drive, which is not, in my opinion an area that needs economic assistance, but because you hired somebody that maybe lives in another part of time, you may or may not, you get the benefit of the program. So, I think that the point that you're making is accurate. There is a double edge sword. On one end, you want to create scenarios where it's beneficial to businesses to come and locate, but at the same time, you have to be diligent. As I appreciate it, there is someone inside the Department of Community Development that deals with some of those issues. Am I correct?

Ms. Moore: We only do the initial assessment that's required by the State. We do not monitor this program. The program is monitored on a statewide basis.

Councilman Lester: And it could be Councilman Jackson, that we might for our own purposes, create a scenario that when someone comes with one of these, a request for an endorsement, that it has to lay over for two weeks as opposed to just being able to - - - just be endorsed. But from the other side of it, the State makes it incredibly easy and simplifies the process, you don't even have to fill out any paperwork, You can go to the Department of Economic Development website, fill out a pre-application form, saying this is what you're going to do. So, I think the point that you're making is an accurate one. I think part of it is onus as Councilmen to deal with this especially if this is a business that's going to reside in our districts, I think we do have to be

vigilant and at some point, we do need to make sure – there should be some after care to make sure that these businesses that say they are going to do or that they need to do what they are supposed to do in terms of comporting with the statute. So, I think you're absolutely right. I don't know if that's something that we have to do, I don't know if that's something that we would charge the Department of Community Development, I know that they have a number of people that do a number of things and they are tasked with a lot of jobs, but at some point, someone needs to be looking after this. But I agree with you wholeheartedly.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Lester. Mr. Green?

Councilman Green: Where are we on the vote?

Councilman Carmody: We have a motion and a second to adopt 97, 98, 99, 100 and 101.

Councilman Green: And with that, I'd like to say that I think that since we have these before us, that we just need to vote on these and for future reference, whatever it is this body decides to do, that we do that. But at this time, I'd like to call for the question.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gibson to end debate. Motion passed by the following votes. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Green. 6. Nays: Councilman Jackson. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 97 of 2004

RESOLUTION STATING CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF BRANDON INDUSTRIES OF LOUISIANA, L.L.C. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, Act 624 of 1997, and Act 997 of 1999;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in parish, and

WHEREAS, BRANDON INDUSTRIES OF LOUISIANA, L.L.C. is located in Census Tract 243.02 Block Group 4, which is a designated Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, said business will employ a minimum of 35% of its employees from the distressed groups targeted by the Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the City of Shreveport, and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** is marked showing the location of the business being endorsed, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements the City of Shreveport agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that **BRANDON INDUSTRIES OF LOUISIANA, L.L.C.** and their project **BUILDING ADDITION**, Enterprise Zone Application # **2003-0566**, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 98 of 2004

RESOLUTION STATING CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF FIRE TECH SYSTEMS, INC. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, Act 624 of 1997, and Act 997 of 1999;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in parish, and

WHEREAS, FIRE TECH SYSTEM, INC. is located in Census Tract 239.03 Block Group 2, which is a designated Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, said business will employ a minimum of 35% of its employees from the distressed groups targeted by the Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the City of Shreveport, and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** is marked showing the location of the business being endorsed, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements the City of Shreveport agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that **FIRE TECH SYSTEMS, INC.** and their project **FIRE TECH SYSTEMS, INC.**, Enterprise Zone Application # **2004-0010**, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 99 of 2004

RESOLUTION STATING CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF M. CARL RICE D/B/A CARL RICE & ASSOCIATES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, Act 624 of 1997, and Act 997 of 1999;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in parish, and

WHEREAS, M. CARL RICE D/B/A CARL RICE & ASSOCIATES is located in Census Tract 202.00 Block Group 1, which is a designated Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, said business will employ a minimum of 35% of its employees from the distressed groups targeted by the Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the City of Shreveport, and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** is marked showing the location of the business being endorsed, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements the City of Shreveport agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that **M. CARL RICE D/B/A CARL RICE & ASSOCIATES** and their project **HUNTER BUILDING REPAIR AND RESTORATION**, Enterprise Zone Application # **2003-0611**, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 100 of 2004

RESOLUTION STATING CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF AMSOUTH BANK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, Act 624 of 1997, and Act 997 of 1999;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in parish, and

WHEREAS, AMSOUTH BANK is located in Census Tract 241.08 Block Group 2, which is not a designated Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, said business will employ a minimum of 35% of its employees from the distressed groups targeted by the Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the City of Shreveport, and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** is marked showing the location of the business being endorsed, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements the City of Shreveport agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the **City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal** session convened that **AMSOUTH BANK** and their project **MANSFIELD ROAD**, Enterprise Zone Application # **2004-0089**, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 101 of 2004

RESOLUTION STATING CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF W.K. PIERREMONT HEALTH CENTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 901 of 1981, Act 337 of 1982, Act 433 of 1987, Act 1024 of 1992, Act 581 of 1995, Act 624 of 1997, and Act 997 of 1999;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in parish, and

WHEREAS, W.K. PIERREMONT HEALTH CENTER is located in Census Tract 239.01 Block Group 1, which is not a designated Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, said business will employ a minimum of 35% of its employees from the distressed groups targeted by the Enterprise Zone, and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for the City of Shreveport, and

WHEREAS, the **attached Enterprise Zone map** is marked showing the location of the business being endorsed, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program requirements the City of Shreveport agrees:

1. To participate in the Enterprise Zone Program
2. To assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that **W.K. PIERREMONT HEALTH CENTER** and their project **NEW EXPANSION**, Enterprise Zone Application # **2003-0495**, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program.

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

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

Resolutions Nos. 97 through 101 passed by the following votes. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Green. 6. Nays: Councilman Jackson. 1.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to, if it doesn't impose too much on this Council, ask the people who are on this Council, and I only want to speak from a District G perspective, this is my own polling if you will. How many of you all are familiar with Brandon Industries of Louisiana? Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Hogan: Mr. Chairman, could I make a quick comment before you go onto 102. I'd just like to say that I have talked to the President of AmSouth Bank, Ronnie Smith who is locating the AmSouth in my district regarding this. And I'm familiar with it. And I have faith that he will follow through with what he's going to say. I'd be glad to take responsibility for that.

Councilman Jackson: No, I don't have any problem with AmSouth. AmSouth is my bank. I ain't got no problem with that. I wanted to know how many people knew about Brandon, because we voted on all of them. Not just AmSouth. We voted on all of them and I would think to a great

degree, with no knowledge of whether or not the company sells illegal drugs out the back door, we have no idea.

Mayor Hightower: They don't say that.

Councilman Gibson: I'm going to call for a point of order.

Councilman Carmody: The appropriate time for this discussion, gentlemen, will (inaudible) agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 102 OF 2004

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE CADDO-SHREVEPORT SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission was created by the City of Shreveport and the Caddo Parish School Board to provide for the joint collection, enforcement and administration of sales and use taxes levied by the City and School Board; and

WHEREAS, the Sales and Use Tax Commission is required to submit its proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year to the City Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has submitted its proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, a copy of which was filed with the Clerk of the City Council on April 27, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that the total operating budget of \$927,450 and the capital budget of \$14,000 proposed by the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, are hereby approved.

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

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

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Gibson, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, before you leave 9A, 104 which is under B, I have been advised by the City Attorney that this matter can be voted on today. Mr. Jack Brown with the Bond Attorneys has requested that the Council reconsider this today and I assume that is the request of the Administration also. If the Council is incline to do it, a motion to move Resolution 104 to Section 9A on the agenda would be in order.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to move Resolution 104 to Section 9A on the agenda.

Councilman Lester: Thank you. My only discussion was, when we dealt with this on yesterday, during the process of going through things with Work Session, I was under the impression that this was not going to be adopted prior to May 11. So, I didn't exercise any due diligence in terms of asking any questions and talking to Mr. Brown, and I know that they are here today. But my concern would just be for my own personal edification, I would ask that we adopt it on May 11. As I appreciate it, I don't think exigency. Now if there is someone that can speak to some exigency in dealing with this today versus May 11, then I'd certainly entertain that.

Mr. Thompson: As you know, I was out of the office Thursday and Friday of last week and didn't have any say so in putting together the agenda and this was an item that could have, would have been normally on 9A. Mr. Brown is here. This is going to the State Bond Commission. I

don't know whether it causes a problem, but I would urge the Council to at least ask him whether or not

Councilman Carmody: Can I ask Mr. Brown to please come forward? Welcome Mr. Brown. Can you assist the Council. We're trying to find out if there is a time factor that we're dealing with here that requires us to act on this legislation right now?

Mr. Brown: Well, this is a preliminary resolution, which merely – this will come back to you again to issue any bonds or do anything. This is merely the resolution that goes to the Bond Commission. It's a timing factor. The 11th wouldn't work as well as today, but because you have, if you go on the 11th and you have an eight day hold over period before the Mayor can actually sign the resolution and you've passed the deadline for the Bond Commission to meet their criteria being 30 days before. This wouldn't even go to the Bond Commission until I guess about June. So, if you want to hold it over, you can, you have to go to the Bond Commission, submit your application to the Bond Commission 30 days before the next meeting. So, trying to make the June meeting, you have to be there for May, which would be May probably about, I think this would be the third Thursday, I don't know the exact dates, but it's around the 15th to the 18th. This would pass assuming the 11th, so you'd be eight days to get you to the 19th and it's close, they might take it at that point. But this is a preliminary resolution to put the information together, go to the Bond Commission, make the application, get their approval, then all that has to come back to the Council. So, if there are any other questions, I'd be happy to answer them. But's that's what it is, just like all the others, we're just trying to get to the Bond Commission in order, so that the Bond Commission staff has their material in a timely manner.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you sir. Questions?

Councilman Green: Mr. Chair, since basically the Airport is in my district and as to what he just said to give us some time, I would ask that we give them that opportunity.

Councilman Carmody: Very good. At this time we have a motion and a second to move 104 from Introductions onto the adoptions part of our agenda. Is there any other discussion?

Resolution passed by the following votes: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: Councilman Gibson. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 104 OF 2004

Offered by _____ and seconded by _____:

RESOLUTION

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) aggregate principal amount of Airport Revenue Bonds of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, providing certain terms of said bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; and, providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer) desires to incur debt and issue not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) aggregate principal amount of its Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 (the "Bonds") in the manner authorized and provided by Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, for the acquisition, construction and equipping of a 70,000 square foot Cargo Freight Facility at the Shreveport Regional Airport and paying the costs of issuance thereof, said Bonds to mature over a period not exceeding thirty (30) years, and to bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed seven per centum (7%) per annum and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to make formal application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the Bonds, and further to confirm the employment of the underwriter and special bond counsel in connection therewith;

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

SECTION 1. **Preliminary Approval of Bonds.** Preliminary approval is given to the issuance, in one or more series, of not exceeding \$9,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Airport Revenue Bonds of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "Bonds"), to be issued for the purpose described in the preamble hereto, said Bonds to be payable from a pledge and dedication of the revenues of the Shreveport Regional Airport, including passenger facility charges. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed seven percent (7%) per annum, to be determined by subsequent proceedings of this City Council at the time of the sale of the Bonds, and shall mature over a period not exceeding thirty (30) years. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, shall be sold to the purchasers thereof at a price of not less than 97% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest, and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined by this City Council at or prior to sale.

SECTION 2. **Employment of Bond Counsel.** This governing authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Casten & Pearce, A Professional Law Corporation, Shreveport, Louisiana is hereby employed as Bond Counsel to perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work as Bond Counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this governing authority for adoption of all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this governing authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinion covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of said Bond Counsel shall be fixed at a sum less than the maximum fee allowed by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana's fee schedule for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in connection with the issuance of general obligation bonds and based on the amount of the Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Director of Finance is hereby empowered and directed to issue vouchers to said Bond Counsel in payment for the work herein provided for upon completion of the work herein specified and under the conditions herein enumerated.

SECTION 3. **Appointment of Senior Managing Underwriter.** Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., of New Orleans is hereby appointed as senior managing underwriter in connection with the issuance, of the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds, provided that no compensation shall be due to said senior managing underwriter unless the Bonds are sold and delivered.

SECTION 4. **State Bond Commission.** Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green, passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 6. Nays: Councilman Gibson. 1.

Councilman Lester: I always ask this question and to the Administration. We are going to have a (inaudible) Council working on this project right?

Mr. Antee: That's correct.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Thompson: We only have 103, Authorizing the mayor to execute Mineral Leases. 105 is to be removed from the agenda.

1. Resolution No. 103 of 2004: A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute Mineral Leases with Alternate Fuel Systems of Louisiana, Inc. and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Green to introduce Resolution 103 of 2004 to lay over until the May 11, 2004 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None. Councilman Carmody: Do I have a motion for 105 to be removed from the agenda?

1. Resolution No. 105 of 2004: Declaring the intention of the Shreveport Airport Authority that certain expenditures to be made in connection with the acquisition, construction and equipping of a 70,000 square foot Cargo Freight Facility at Shreveport Regional Airport be reimbursed with the proceeds of tax-exempt borrowings.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody to remove Resolution No. 105 from the agenda.

Councilman Lester: As I appreciate it, 104 and 105 are linked. Is there a reason why we're removing 105 from the agenda?

Mr. Thompson: 105 Declaring the intention of the Shreveport Airport Authority, not the intention of the Shreveport City Council. It's going to be re-worded and brought back to the Council.

Councilman Lester: Okay, take it off.

Councilman Carmody: Very good. A technical? Any other questions?

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 47 of 2004: To repeal Ordinance No. 125 of 1977 which repealed a portion of Ordinance No. 17 of 1974 with respect to one way traffic on Travis St. and to supplement and amend Ordinance No. 17 of 1974, Sec. 1, item no. 9, Travis St - from Commerce St to Common St all traffic shall travel in a southeasterly direction and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

2. Ordinance No. 48 of 2004: To repeal Ordinance No. 68 of 1995 which created and established stop intersection at the intersection of Commerce St. and to Travis St and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

3. Ordinance No. 49 of 2004: To repeal an existing speed limit ordinance for the Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway Ordinance No. 3 of 2003 and amending and re-enacting a portion of Section 90-198 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport pertaining to the maximum limits on Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

4. Ordinance No. 50 of 2004: To amend section 102-127 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport by creating a discounted bus fare for employees of local businesses and students of local colleges participating in the area's Ozone Action Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

5. Ordinance No. 51 of 2004: Amending the 2004 Airports Fund Budget.

6. Ordinance No. 52 of 2004: To amend Chapter 82 of the code of Ordinances, as amended, the City of Shreveport Subdivision Ordinance, by amending Section 82-29 (b) (2) to correct provisions in the subdivision ordinance regarding private streets and by otherwise providing with respect thereto.

7. Ordinance No. 53 of 2004: To amend Chapter 82 of the code of Ordinances, as amended, the City of Shreveport Subdivision Ordinance, by amending Section 82-42 © regarding preliminary plan provisions of the subdivision ordinance.

8. Ordinance No. 54 of 2004: To amend Chapter 82 of the code of Ordinances, as amended, the City of Shreveport Subdivision Ordinance, by amending Section 82-44 (e) regarding final plat provisions of the Subdivision ordinance and by otherwise providing with respect thereto..

9. Ordinance No. 55 of 2004: Zoning C-15-04 Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of the Shreveport Zoning, by rezoning property located on the east side of Steeple Chase Plaza Drive, 300 feet south of west 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, From B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to B-3, community business district and by otherwise providing with respect thereto.

10. Ordinance No. 56 of 2004: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re zoning property lots 5, 6, & 7 Dean Terrace Subd., less and except the South 400 feet thereof, located on the south side of Bert Kouns industrial Loop 880 feet west of Walker Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban one family resident district, to B-3 community business district, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

11. Ordinance No. 57 of 2004: An ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the east side of Steeple Chase Plaza Drive, 300 feet south of West 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

12. Ordinance No. 58 of 2004: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport zoning ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, 1000 feet east of Pines Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, residence, Agriculture District, to B-1, Buffer Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lester to introduce Ordinances 47 through 58 of 2004 to lay over until the May 11, 2004 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

1. Ordinance No. 34 of 2004: Twenty Second Supplemental Ordinance: A Supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Resolutions No. 131 of 1984 (the "General Bond Resolution") adopted on June 12, 1984, as amended; providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$13,000,000 principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, 2004 Refunding Series B of the City of Shreveport.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to postpone the ordinance until the May 11, 2004 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7 Nays: None.

2. Ordinance No. 35 of 2004: Twenty Third Supplemental Ordinance: A Supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Resolutions No. 131 of 1984 (the "General Bond Resolution") adopted on June 12, 1984, as amended; providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$12,000,000 principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, 2004 Refunding Series C of the City of Shreveport.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford to postpone the ordinance until the May 11, 2004 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7 Nays: None.

3. Ordinance No. 36 of 2004: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Wiley College and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Jackson adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7 Nays: None.

4. Ordinance No. 37 of 2004: An Ordinance amending Chapter 26-91 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport relative to fees for insufficient funds checks and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Walford adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7 Nays: None.

5. Ordinance No. 38 of 2004: Amending Chapter 42 and Chapter 86 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport relative to itinerant vendors' licenses and occupational license taxes and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Lester adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, Green, and Jackson. 7 Nays: None.

6. Ordinance No. 39 of 2004: Amending Chapter 72 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport relative to Sexually Oriented Businesses and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Green for passage.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, there have been attempts to characterize this particular amendment to this ordinance. We are not changing the guidelines in terms of SOB cards. What my ordinance does is put SOB cards on the same footing as everything that we have in the City. Whether we talk about ABO cards, whether we talk about Zoning Board, whether you talk about any of the other municipal boards that we have within the City. All those boards have an appellate process that ends at the City Council. That allows the City Council the opportunity to exercise discretion. I think some people are concerned that we might exercise discretion in one way or another, but that's putting the cart before the horse. I think for us not to allow ourselves the opportunity to express discretion is to disenfranchise the voters and puts us in a position being impotent in terms of a statute and an ordinance that we created ourselves. And I cannot sit and have a situation where we create a statute and an ordinance that has an appellant procedure that we do not have an opportunity to express ourselves on that. Now if the Council decides that they don't want to do that, then fine, I think it needs to be said. But for us to do -- for us to vote against this is saying that we are creating a separate class and Sexually Oriented Business Card in that whole process is different from the appellant procedure of MPC, is different from the appellant procedure of the Zoning Board, it's different from the appellant procedure of everything that we deal with on a routine basis. This amendment strictly allows this Council the

ability to exercise its discretion in the appellant process as we do on every municipal board, on every issue that comes before the City. And any attempt to mis-characterize it is just that, an attempt to mis-characterize and muddy the water.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Lester. Can I take this opportunity to ask a representative of the Police Department to come forward, I have a couple of questions. I don't know that it takes a Chief to answer the question that I have.

Councilman Walford: We just saw the difference in three stripes and two though didn't we?

Councilman Carmody: Oh yeah, that's what you call rank. Cpl. Collins, how are you sir?

Cpl. Collins: Fine sir.

Councilman Carmody: I just asked for my own clarification, what type of conditions have to exist for the Police Department to issue a denial for a Sexually Oriented Business Card or license?

Cpl. Collins: If I could please, Chief Shoemake.

Councilman Carmody: Chief Shoemake, welcome to the podium sir. I'm not sure that you heard the question, so I'll just repeat myself. What conditions must the applicant have or precondition that require mandatory denial by the Police Department for a Sexually Oriented Business License or a Sexually Oriented Business Card in order to work in a Sexually Oriented Business?

Chief. Shoemake: If the person has been convicted of a felony, he is automatically disqualified and then our specified criminal acts that they have been convicted of that they are also automatically rejected on.

Councilman Carmody: Can you list those for me?

Chief Shoemake: Actually, Cpl. Collins could probably do that, he's better than me.

Councilman Carmody: Okay, I don't mean to play ping pong with you guys.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I think I can solve this.

Cpt Shoemake: He's the one that approves or denies these permits on a daily basis. Okay, rape, sexual battery offenses, sexual offenses affecting minors, offenses concerning prostitution, offenses concerning disorderly places and obscenity, operating places of prostitution and voyeurism, engaging in organized criminal activity related to sexually oriented businesses, money laundering, tax evasion, conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing offenses or less than two years have lapsed since the date of conviction or the date of release from confinement imposed for the conviction, which is the latter date, if the conviction is a misdemeanor offense, and less than five years have elapsed from the date of conviction or date of release from being confined for the conviction if the conviction is a felony offense.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you sir, that helps me immensely.

Councilman Walford: I think what Chief Shoemake has just said shows us that it's not an apples to apples comparison with the ABO Cards. I mean these are offenses that are sexual by nature and certainly, I don't think this Council needs to be making a judgement to allow someone the card if they've committed one of those offenses. I feel like we have a very good ordinance. We spent a lot of time on it and I just don't believe it should be up to this Council to make those decisions. I can understand it, however, if I had to vote on ABO right now, I would vote that we didn't have that option there as well. So, I would urge the Council to stand by the ordinance as we have it and vote no against this amendment to the ordinance.

Councilman Gibson: I call for the question Mr. Chair.

Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford to end debate passed. Motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Green. 1.

Motion denied to adopt by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, Gibson, and Hogan. 4. Ayes: Councilman Lester and Jackson. 2. Out of Chamber: Councilman Green. 1.

7. Ordinance No. 40 of 2004: Declaring the City's interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Jackson adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 7 Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Green. 1.

8. Ordinance No. 41 of 2004: Amending the 2004 General Fund Budget.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 7. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Green. 1.

9. Ordinance No. 42 of 2004: Amending the 2004 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 7 Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Green. 1.

10. Ordinance No. 43 of 2004: Amending the 2004 Water and Sewerage Fund Budget.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford adopted by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 7 Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Green. 1.

11. Ordinance No. 44 of 2004: Amending the 2004 Capital Improvements budget.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair, Chief Cochran, can I ask you to come forward for a second. The increase of \$180,000 on the new Central Fire Station, what is that in reference to?

Chief Cochran: I'm not familiar with - - -

Councilman Gibson: May I ask the Administration?

Councilman Lester: Which item are you on?

Councilman Carmody: This is the third item on the amendment, Mr. Mayor, the decrease in the appropriation for the Fire Station renovation - - -?

Councilman Cochran: Correction, Mr. Gibson, it's just a transfer of funds from one account to the Central Station account.

Councilman Gibson: Okay and that purpose, we're just not spending the money or it was already in the budget, I'm a little bit confused.

Chief Cochran: We had, it was money already in our budget that was not in the Central Station account because the cost of the project was not complete and it did not have enough money to take care of all our furniture and equipment needs. We're transferring some money from one account into our Central Station.

Councilman Gibson: So, this is in reference to furniture?

Chief Cochran: Furniture and also the exercise equipment for the new station.

Mr. Thompson: It says fiber optics and station furnishings.

Councilman Gibson: Where is that?

Mr. Thompson: It's at the bottom of the agenda.

Councilman Gibson: And I guess this money would be additional \$70,000 if we saved that \$70,000 going to the State Contract, then it would have been \$250,000.

Chief Cochran: Yes, it would have been even more.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Council Lester, seconded by Councilman Hogan for adoption. The Clerk read the following amendment:

Amendment No. 1.

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

In Section H (Airports Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Construct Ten T-Hangars - Downtown Airport (03H001)** by \$180,000. Funding source is Shreveport Airport Authority.

In Section I (Fire Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **New Central Fire Station (96-I001)** by \$180,000. Funding source is 2003 GOB.

Decrease the appropriation for **Fire Station Renovations, Phase II (01-I003)** by \$180,000. Funding source is 2003 GOB.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Hogan for adoption of Amendment No.

1. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Green 2.

Motion by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Walford for adoption of the ordinance as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Green 2.

12. Ordinance No. 45 of 2004: Authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A, of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, et al.

Mr. Thompson: Forty-five has an amendment. The amendment is to delete the ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached ordinance. This is the one that we got at the last minute that fills in all of the blanks in the ordinance concerning the incurring of debt.

Councilman Carmody: I'll entertain a motion and a second and then I'll open it up for discussion.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I'm looking for an explanation.

Councilman Carmody: That's what I was going to ask for myself. Mr. Mayor, is - - ? And I don't mean to step on your question.

Councilman Walford: No, no.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Mayor, is this a refinancing of existing debt or, are going down and indebting the City another \$18.5 million?

Mayor Hightower: A refunding refinancing.

Councilman Walford: Okay.

Councilman Carmody: Okay. Thank you very much. Are there any other questions?

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, somebody spoke a second ago, spoke to an amendment that I don't see.

Councilman Walford: I don't either.

Councilman Carmody: It's not on the electronic agenda.

Mr. Thompson: No, we got the thing about what? 3:00 this afternoon? And so, it's not on the electronic agenda.

Councilman Carmody: Okay, but it is to clarify and to add that information as a part of this legislation?

Mr. Thompson: Yes, they filled in all of the blanks. It's about a what a 25 page document.

Councilman Walford: So, would my motion be correct on the amendment or on the ordinance?

Mr. Thompson: It's on the amendment

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody adopted by the following vote: The Clerk provided the following amendment:

ORDINANCE NO. ____ of 2004

Offered by Councilman _____ and seconded by Councilman _____:

ORDINANCE

An ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A, of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said City, that:

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent pursuant to this Ordinance.

"Bond" means any Bonds of the Issuer authorized to be issued by this Ordinance, whether initially delivered or issued in exchange for, upon transfer of, or in lieu of any Bond previously issued.

"Bond Register" means the records kept by the Paying Agent at its principal office in which registration of the Bonds and transfers of the Bonds shall be made as provided herein.

"Bond Insurer" means MBIA Insurance Corporation.

"Bond Insurance Policy" means the municipal bond insurance policy issued by the Bond Insurer.

"Bonds" means the Issuer's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A, authorized by this Ordinance, in the total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000).

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Executive Officers" means, collectively, the Mayor, the Director of Finance and the Clerk of Council of the Issuer.

"Governing Authority" means the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, which are non-callable prior to their maturity, may be United States Treasury obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in book-entry form.

"Interest Payment Date" means June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2004.

"Issuer" means the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana.

"Outstanding" when used with respect to Bonds means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds theretofore issued and delivered under this Ordinance, except:

1. Bonds theretofore canceled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
2. Bonds for which payment or redemption sufficient funds have been theretofore deposited in trust for the owners of such Bonds, provided that if such Bonds are to be redeemed, irrevocable

notice of such redemption has been duly given or provided for pursuant to this Ordinance or waived;

3. Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of which other Bonds have been registered and delivered pursuant to this Ordinance;

4. Bonds alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen which have been paid as provided in this Ordinance or by law; and

5. Bonds for the payment of the principal (or redemption price, if any) of and interest on which money or Government Securities or both are held in trust with the effect specified in this Ordinance.

"Ordinance" means this ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, as it may be supplemented and amended.

"Owner" or "Owners" when used with respect to any Bond means the Person in whose name such Bond is registered in the Bond Register.

"Paying Agent" means Regions Bank, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, until a successor Paying Agent shall have been appointed pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Ordinance and thereafter "Paying Agent" shall mean such successor Paying Agent.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Prior Bonds" means collectively, the outstanding balance of \$20,230,000 of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 1997 previously issued to finance the construction, acquisition and improving works of public improvement of the City including roads, streets, drainage, parks and recreation facilities and public facilities including facilities for the police department and fire department, and other public purposes, and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings.

"Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

"Underwriter" means Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., representing the original purchaser of the Bonds.

SECTION 2. Authorization of Bonds Maturities. In compliance with the terms and provisions of Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, (the "Act") as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority, the City of Shreveport, Louisiana (the "Issuer") governed by the City Council (the "Governing Authority"), there is hereby authorized the incurring of an indebtedness of not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000) for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Issuer, for the purpose of providing funds to refund the Prior Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Act. To represent said indebtedness, this Governing Authority does hereby authorize the issuance of not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A, of the Issuer. The Bonds shall be in fully registered form, shall be dated the date of delivery, shall be issued in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity and shall be numbered from R-1 upward. The unpaid principal of the Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on each Interest Payment Date, commencing December 1, 2004, at an average interest rate not to exceed 5.0% and shall mature serially on June 1 of each year no later than June 1, 2017.

The principal of the Bonds, upon maturity or redemption, shall be payable at the principal office of the Paying Agent, upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Bonds shall be

payable by check of the Paying Agent mailed by the Paying Agent to the Owner (determined as of the close of business on the Record Date) at the address shown on the Bond Register. Each Bond delivered under this Ordinance upon transfer of, in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond, and each such Bond shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution.

No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond a certificate of registration, substantially in the form provided in this Ordinance, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

The Principal of the Bonds is payable at the principal corporate trust office of Regions Bank, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, as Paying Agent and Bond Registrar with respect to the Bonds upon surrender thereof.

Each Bond shall be dated the date of delivery. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, as the case may be. However, when there is no existing default in the payment of interest on the Bonds, each Bond executed after the Regular Record Date for any Interest Payment Date but prior to such Interest Payment Date, shall bear interest from such Interest Payment Date provided, however, that if and to the extent that the Issuer shall default in the payment of the interest due on any Interest Payment Date, then all such Bonds shall bear interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, unless no interest has been paid on the Bonds, in which case from the date of delivery.

The person in whose name any Bond is registered at the Regular Record Date with respect to an Interest Payment Date shall in all cases be entitled to receive the interest payable on such Interest Payment Date (unless such Bond has been called for redemption on a redemption date which is prior to such Interest Payment Date) notwithstanding the cancellation of such Bond upon any registration of transfer or exchange thereof subsequent to such Regular Record Date and prior to such Interest Payment Date.

SECTION 3. Special Provision with respect to the Bond Insurer.

A. Notice to the Bond Insurer. Any notices required under this Ordinance to be given by any party should also be given to the Bond Insurer, Attn: Insured Portfolio Management.

B. Events of Default and Remedies. The following are events of default under this Ordinance:

1. the Issuer fails to pay principal on the Bonds when due;
2. the Issuer fails to pay interest on the Bonds when due;
3. the Issuer fails to observe any other covenant or condition of this Ordinance and such failure continues for 30 days; and
4. the Issuer declares bankruptcy.

The Bond Insurer, acting alone, shall have the right to direct all remedies in the event of a default. The Bond Insurer shall be recognized as the registered owner of each Bond which it insures for the purposes of exercising all rights and privileges available to bondholders. For bonds which it insures, the Bond Insurer shall have the right to institute any suit, action, or proceeding at law or in equity under the same terms as a bondholder in accordance with applicable provisions of this Ordinance. Other than the usual redemption provisions, any acceleration of principal payments must be subject to the Bond Insurer's prior written consent.

SECTION 4. Redemption Provisions. The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

SECTION 5. Registration and Transfer. The Issuer shall cause the Bond Register to be kept by the Paying Agent. The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the Bond

Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new Owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bonds after receipt of the Bonds to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning (i) at the opening of business on a Record Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date or (ii) with respect to Bonds to be redeemed, at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the date of the mailing of a notice of redemption of such Bonds and ending on the date of such redemption.

SECTION 6. Form of Bonds. The Bonds and the endorsements to appear thereon shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

No. R-_____ Principal Amount

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 STATE OF LOUISIANA
 PARISH OF CADDO
 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2004A
 OF THE
 CITY OF SHREVEPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA

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THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA (the "Issuer"), promises to pay to:

REGISTERED OWNER: _____

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____

or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date set forth above, the Principal Amount set forth above, together with interest thereon from the Bond Date set forth above or the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2004 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), at

the Interest Rate per annum set forth above until said Principal Amount is paid, unless this Bond shall have been previously called for redemption and payment shall have been duly made or provided for. The principal of and premium, if any, on this Bond, upon maturity or redemption, is payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts at the principal office of Regions Bank, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, or successor thereto (the "Paying Agent") upon presentation and surrender hereof. Interest on this Bond is payable by check or draft mailed on or before the Interest Payment Date by the Paying Agent to the registered owner at the address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent maintained for such purpose. The interest so payable on any Interest Payment Date will be paid to the person in whose name this Bond (or one or more predecessor Bonds) is registered at the close of business on the Record Date (which is the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date). Any interest not punctually paid or duly provided for shall be payable as provided in the Bond Ordinance (hereinafter defined).

During any period after the initial delivery of the Bonds in book-entry-only form when the Bonds are delivered in multiple certificates form, upon request of a registered owner of at least \$1,000,000 in principal amount of Bonds outstanding, all payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be paid by wire transfer in immediately available funds to an account designated by such registered owner; CUSIP number identification with appropriate dollar amounts for each CUSIP number must accompany all payments of principal, premium, and interest, whether by check or by wire transfer.

This Bond is one of an authorized issue aggregating in principal the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____) (the "Bonds"), all of like tenor and effect except as to number, denomination, interest rate and maturity, said Bonds having been issued by the Issuer pursuant to Ordinance No. ___ of 2004 enacted by its governing authority on _____, 2004 (the "Bond Ordinance"), for the purpose of refunding \$16,000,000 of the Prior Bonds.

The Bonds are issuable only as fully registered bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 principal amount or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity, exchangeable for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds of the same maturity of any other authorized denomination. Subject to the limitations of and upon payment of the charges provided in the Bond Ordinance, the transfer of this Bond may be registered on the registration books of the Paying Agent upon surrender of this Bond at the principal office of the Paying Agent as registrar, accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form and with guaranty of signature satisfactory to the Paying Agent, duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new bond or bonds of the same maturity and of authorized denomination or denominations, for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the transferee. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Bond, the Issuer and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Bond shall be overdue and neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be bound by any notice to the contrary.

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Bond Ordinance permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modifications of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the owners of the Bonds at any time by the Issuer with consent of the owners of a 2/3 majority in aggregate amount of all Bonds issued under the Bond Ordinance, to be determined in accordance with the Bond Ordinance.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Ordinance until the certificate of registration hereon shall have been signed by the Paying Agent.

This Bond and the issue of which it forms a part constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is pledged for the payment of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part. Said Bonds are secured by a special ad valorem tax to be imposed and collected annually in excess of all other taxes on all the property subject to such taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer, under the Constitution and laws of Louisiana, sufficient in amount to pay the principal of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part and the interest thereon as they severally mature.

It is hereby certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part to constitute the same legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer have existed, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the indebtedness of the Issuer, including this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part, does not exceed the limitations prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana. It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority thereof, has caused this Bond to be executed in the name of the Issuer by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor, Clerk of Council and Director of Finance and its corporate seal to be impressed hereon.

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA

Clerk of Council Mayor

Director of Finance

(SEAL)

(FORM OF PAYING AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION -
TO BE PRINTED ON ALL BONDS)

This Bond is one of the Bonds referred to in the within-mentioned Bond Ordinance.

Regions Bank
Montgomery, Alabama
as Paying Agent

Date of Registration: By: _____

Authorized Officer

(FORM OF ASSIGNMENT)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

**Please Insert Social Security
or other Identifying Number of Assignee**
the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints

attorney or agent to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

(FORM OF LEGAL OPINION CERTIFICATE -
TO BE PRINTED ON ALL BONDS)

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the complete legal opinion of Casten & Pearce, APLC, Bond Counsel, the originals of which were manually executed, dated and issued as of the date of payment for and delivery of the original Bonds of the issue described therein and were delivered to Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana, representing the original purchaser thereof

(Bond Printer Shall Insert Legal Opinions)

I further certify that executed copies of the above legal opinions are on file in my office, and that executed copies thereof have been furnished to the Paying Agent for this Bond.

(facsimile)

Clerk of Council

STATEMENT OF INSURANCE

MBIA Insurance Corporation (the " Bond Insurer") has issued a policy containing the following provisions, such policy being on file at Regions Bank, Montgomery, Alabama.

The Bond Insurer, in consideration of the payment of the premium and subject to the terms of this policy, hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees to any owner, as hereinafter defined, of the following described obligations, the full and complete payment required to be made by or on behalf of the Issuer to Regions Bank or its successor (the "Paying Agent") of an amount equal to (I) the principal of (either at the stated maturity or by any advancement of maturity pursuant to a mandatory sinking fund payment) and interest on, the Obligations (as that term is defined below) as such payments shall become due but shall not be so paid (except that in the event of any acceleration of the due date of such principal by reason of mandatory or optional redemption or acceleration resulting from default or otherwise, other than any advancement of maturity pursuant to a mandatory sinking fund payment, the payments guaranteed hereby shall be made in such amounts and at such times as such payments of principal would have been due had there not been any such acceleration); and (ii) the reimbursement of any such payment which is subsequently recovered from any owner pursuant to a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction that such payment constitutes an avoidable preference to such owner within the meaning of any applicable bankruptcy law. The amounts referred to in clauses (I) and (ii) of the preceding sentence shall be referred to herein collectively as the "Insured Amounts." "Obligations" shall mean;

\$ _____

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA
General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Series 2004A

Upon receipt of telephonic or telegraphic notice, such notice subsequently confirmed in writing by registered or certified mail, or upon receipt of written notice by registered or certified mail, by the Bond Insurer from the Paying Agent or any owner of an Obligation the payment of an Insured Amount for which is then due, that such required payment has not been made, the Bond Insurer on the due date of such payment or within one business day after receipt of notice of such

nonpayment, whichever is later, will make a deposit of funds, in an account with U.S. Bank Trust National Association, in New York, New York, or its successor, sufficient for the payment of any such Insured Amounts which are then due. Upon presentment and surrender of such Obligations or presentment of such other proof of ownership of the Obligations, together with any appropriate instruments of assignment to evidence the assignment of the Insured Amounts due on the Obligations as are paid by the Bond Insurer, and appropriate instruments to effect the appointment of the Bond Insurer as agent for such owners of the Obligations in any legal proceeding related to payment of Insured Amounts on the Obligations, such instruments being in a form satisfactory to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, U.S. Bank Trust National Association shall disburse to such owners or the Paying Agent payment of the Insured Amounts due on such Obligations, less any amount held by the Paying Agent for the payment of such Insured Amounts and legally available therefor. This policy does not insure against loss of any prepayment premium which may at any time be payable with respect to any Obligation. As used herein, the term "owner" shall mean the registered owner of any Obligation as indicated in the books maintained by the Paying Agent, the Issuer, or any designee of the Issuer for such purpose. The term owner shall not include the Issuer or any party whose agreement with the Issuer constitutes the underlying security for the Obligations.

Any service of process on the Bond Insurer may be made to the Bond Insurer at its offices located at 113 King Street, Armonk, New York 10504 and such service of process shall be valid and binding.

This policy is non-cancellable for any reason. The premium on this policy is not refundable for any reason including the payment prior to maturity of the Obligations.

MBIA INSURANCE CORPORATION

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SECTION 7. Execution of Bonds. The Bonds shall be signed by the Executive Officers for, on behalf of, in the name of and under the corporate seal of the Issuer, and the Legal Opinion Certificate shall be signed by the Clerk of Council of the Issuer, which signatures and corporate seal may be either manual or facsimile.

SECTION 8. Pledge of Full Faith and Credit. The Bonds shall constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is hereby pledged for their payment. This Governing Authority does hereby obligate itself and is bound under the terms and provisions of law and the election authorizing the Bonds to impose and collect annually in excess of all other taxes a tax on all of the property subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds falling due each year, said tax to be levied and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes are levied and collected within the territorial limits of the Issuer.

SECTION 9. Application of Proceeds. The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out all of the provisions of this Ordinance, to cause the necessary Bonds to be printed, to issue, execute and seal the Bonds, and to effect delivery thereof as hereinafter provided. The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds, except accrued interest, shall be deposited by the Issuer with its fiscal agent bank or banks to be used only for the purpose for which the Bonds are issued. Accrued interest, if any, derived from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited in the Sinking Fund to be applied to the first interest payment.

SECTION 10. Bonds Legal Obligations. The Bonds shall constitute legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer and shall be the only representations of the indebtedness as herein authorized and created.

SECTION 11. Ordinance a Contract. The provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the Issuer, or its successor, and the Owner or Owners from time to time of the Bonds and any such Owner or Owners may at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel the performance of all duties required to be performed by this Governing Authority or the Issuer as a result of issuing the Bonds.

No material modification or amendment of this Ordinance, or of any ordinance amendatory hereof or supplemental hereto, may be made without the consent in writing of the Owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding and the written consent of the Bond Insurer; provided, however, that no modification or amendment shall permit a change in the maturity or redemption provisions of the Bonds, or a reduction in the rate of interest thereon, or in the amount of the principal obligation thereof, or affecting the obligation of the Issuer to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds as the same shall come due from the taxes pledged and dedicated to the payment thereof by this Ordinance, or reduce the percentage of the Owners required to consent to any material modification or amendment of this Ordinance, without the consent of all of the Owners of the Bonds.

SECTION 12. Severability; Application of Subsequently Enacted Laws. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Bonds shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance or of the Bonds, but this Ordinance and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validate or make legal any provision of this shall be filed with the Paying Agent, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

SECTION 13. Cancellation of Bonds. All Bonds surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange or replacement, if surrendered to the Paying Agent, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the Issuer, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Paying Agent for cancellation any Bonds previously registered and delivered which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Paying Agent. All canceled Bonds held by the Paying Agent shall be disposed of as directed in writing by the Issuer.

SECTION 14. Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Bonds. If (1) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Paying Agent, or the Issuer and the Paying Agent receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond, and (2) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Paying Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Paying Agent that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Paying Agent shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same maturity and of like tenor, interest rate and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Bond, pay such Bond. Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section, the Issuer may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith. Every new Bond issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond shall be at any time enforceable by anyone and

shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Ordinance equally and ratably with all other Outstanding Bonds. Any additional procedures set forth in the Agreement, authorized in this Ordinance, shall also be available with respect to mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds. The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement and payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds.

SECTION 15. Discharge of Ordinance; Defeasance. If the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid, or there shall otherwise be paid to the Owners, the principal (and redemption price, if any) of and interest on the Bonds, at the times and in the manner stipulated in this Ordinance, then the pledge of the money, securities, and funds pledged under this Ordinance and all covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the Issuer to the Owners of the Bonds shall thereupon cease, terminate, and become void and be discharged and satisfied, and the Paying Agent shall pay over or deliver all money held by it under this Ordinance to the Issuer.

Bonds or interest installments for the payment or redemption of which money shall have been set aside and shall be held in trust (through deposit by the Issuer of funds for such payment or redemption or otherwise) at the maturity or redemption date thereof shall be deemed to have been paid within the meaning and with the effect expressed above in this Section, if they have been defeased pursuant to Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or any successor provisions thereto.

Defeasance requires the deposit of:

1. Cash.
2. U.S. Treasury Certificates, Notes and Bonds (including State and Local Government Series -- "SLGs").
3. Direct obligations of the Treasury which have been stripped by the Treasury itself, CATS, TIGRS and similar securities.
4. Resolution Funding Corp. (REFCORP) Only the interest component of REFCORP strips which have been stripped by request to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in book entry form are acceptable.
5. Pre-refunded municipal bonds rated "Aaa" by Moody's and "AAA" by S&P. If however, the issue is only rated by S&P (i.e., there is no Moody's rating), then the pre-refunded bonds must have been pre-refunded with cash, direct U.S. or U.S. guaranteed obligations, or AAA rated pre-refunded municipals to satisfy this condition.
6. Obligations issued by the following agencies which are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S.

a. U.S. Export-Import Bank (Eximbank)

Direct obligations or fully guaranteed certificates of beneficial ownership

b. Farmers Home Administration (FmHA)

Certificates of beneficial ownership

c. Federal Financing Bank

d. General Services Administration

Participation certificates

e. U.S. Maritime Administration

Guaranteed Title XI financing

f. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Project Notes

Local Authority Bonds

New Communities Debentures - U.S. government guaranteed debentures

U.S. Public Housing Notes and Bonds - U.S. government guaranteed public housing notes and bonds

The Bond Insurer shall be provided with an opinion of counsel acceptable to the Bond Insurer that the Obligations have been legally defeased and that the escrow agreement establishing such defeasance operates to legally defease the Obligations within the meaning of the Ordinance and the Supplemental Ordinance relating to the Obligations. In addition, the Bond Insurer will be entitled to receive (I) 15 business days notice of any advance refunding of the Obligations and (ii) an accountant's report with respect to the sufficiency of the amounts deposited in escrow to defease the Obligations.

SECTION 16. Successor Paying Agent; Paying Agent Agreement. The Issuer will at all times maintain a Paying Agent meeting the qualifications hereinafter described for the performance of the duties hereunder for the Bonds. The designation of the initial Paying Agent in this Ordinance is hereby confirmed and approved. The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor Paying Agent by (a) filing with the Person then performing such function a certified copy of an ordinance giving notice of the termination of the Agreement and appointing a successor and (b) causing notice to be given to each Owner. Every Paying Agent appointed hereunder shall at all times be a bank organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to serve as Paying Agent, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. The Executive Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute an appropriate Agreement with the Paying Agent for and on behalf of the Issuer in such form as may be satisfactory to said officers, the signatures of said officers on such Agreement to be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder.

SECTION 17. Arbitrage. The Issuer covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any amendment thereto (the "Code") in order to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from "gross income" of interest on the Bonds under the Code. The Issuer further covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, fail to take any action, or permit any action within its control to be taken, or permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the Issuer to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, the effect of which would be to cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" or would result in the inclusion of the interest on any of the Bonds in gross income under the Code, including, without limitation, (I) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of Bond proceeds or (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America or (iii) the use of the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner which would cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds".

The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any instrument, document or certificate necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Section.

SECTION 18. Continuing Disclosure. The Director of Finance of the Issuer is hereby empowered and directed to execute an appropriate Continuing Disclosure Certificate (substantially in the form set forth in Appendix F of the official statement issued in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds) pursuant to S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

SECTION 19. Bond Counsel Employment A real necessity is hereby found for the employment of bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the aforesaid bonds, and accordingly Casten & Pearce is hereby employed as bond counsel to the Issuer and requested to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the aforesaid bonds of the Issuer for the purposes stated hereinabove. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings

incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale of the bonds, and shall furnish their opinions covering the legality of the issuance thereof. The fee of Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the aforesaid bonds of the Issuer is hereby fixed at a sum not to exceed eighty per cent (80%) of the maximum fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional services in the issuance of general obligation bonds, based on the amount of said bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fee to be payable solely out of the funds derived from the sale of said Bonds and to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fee herein designated, and the Director of Finance is hereby empowered and directed to make payment to said Bond Counsel in payment of the fees herein provided for under the conditions herein enumerated.

Section 20. Employment of Special Counsel to the Issuer. It is found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of Special Counsel to the Issuer in connection with issuance and delivery of the Series 2004A Bonds and, accordingly, Harvetta Colvin, Esquire, Shreveport, Louisiana has been employed as Special Counsel to the Issuer in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds. The fee to be paid to Special Counsel shall be an amount less than the Attorney General's then current hourly fee schedule, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of the Bond proceeds subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee to be paid with Bond proceeds as required by the Act.

SECTION 21. Sale of Bonds. The sale of the Bonds to the Underwriter is hereby in all respects approved, ratified and confirmed and after their execution, the Bonds shall be delivered to the Underwriter or its agents or assigns, upon receipt by the Director of Finance of the Issuer of the agreed purchase price. The execution and delivery on behalf of the Issuer by the Mayor or the Director of Finance of the Bond Purchase Agreement is hereby approved and ratified in all respects. The Mayor and Director of Finance of the Issuer are each hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all documents required to be executed on behalf of the Issuer or deemed by them necessary or advisable to implement this Supplemental Resolution or facilitate the sale of the Bonds including an Escrow Agreement with The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as escrow trustee.

SECTION 22. Official Statement. The Governing Authority hereby approves the form and content of a Preliminary Official Statement pertaining to the Bonds submitted to the Governing Authority and hereby ratifies its prior use by the Underwriter in connection with the sale of the Bonds. The Governing Authority further approves the form and content of the final Official Statement and hereby authorizes and directs the execution by the Mayor or Director of Finance of the Issuer and delivery of such final Official Statement to the Underwriter for use in connection with the public offering of the Bonds.

SECTION 23. Employment of Underwriter. The employment of Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., as Underwriter of the Bonds is hereby approved and ratified.

SECTION 24. Publication. A copy of this Ordinance shall be published immediately after its adoption in one (1) issue of the official journal of the Issuer.

SECTION 25. Section Headlines. The headings of the various sections hereof are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 26. Payments Under the Policy/Other Required Provisions.

A. In the event that, on the second Business Day, and again on the Business Day, prior to the payment date on the Bonds, the Paying Agent/Trustee has not received sufficient moneys to pay all principal of and interest on the Bonds due on the second following or following, as the case may be, Business Day, the Paying Agent/Trustee shall immediately notify the Bond Insurer or its designee on the same Business Day by telephone or telegraph, confirmed in writing by registered or certified mail, of the amount of the deficiency.

B. If the deficiency is made up in whole or in part prior to or on the payment date, the Paying Agent/Trustee shall so notify the Bond Insurer or its designee.

C. In addition, if the Paying Agent/Trustee has notice that any Bondholder has been required to disgorge payments of principal or interest on the Bonds to a trustee in bankruptcy or creditors or others pursuant to a final judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction that such payment constitutes an avoidable preference to such Bondholder within the meaning of any applicable bankruptcy laws, then the Paying Agent/Trustee shall notify the Bond Insurer or its designee of such fact by telephone or telegraphic notice, confirmed in writing by registered or certified mail.

D. The Paying Agent/Trustee is hereby irrevocably designated, appointed, directed and authorized to act as attorney-in-fact for Holders of the Bonds as follows:

1. If and to the extent there is a deficiency in amounts required to pay interest on the Bonds, the Paying Agent/Trustee shall (a) execute and deliver to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, or its successors under the Policy (the "Insurance Paying Agent/Trustee"), in form satisfactory to the Insurance Paying Agent/Trustee, an instrument appointing the Bond Insurer as agent for such Holders in any legal proceeding related to the payment of such interest and an assignment to the Bond Insurer of the claims for interest to which such deficiency relates and which are paid by the Bond Insurer, (b) receive as designee of the respective Holders (and not as Paying Agent/Trustee) in accordance with the tenor of the Policy payment from the Insurance Paying Agent/Trustee with respect to the claims for interest so assigned, and (c) disburse the same to such respective Holders; and

2. If and to the extent of a deficiency in amounts required to pay principal of the Bonds, the Paying Agent/Trustee shall (a) execute and deliver to the Insurance Paying Agent/Trustee in form satisfactory to the Insurance Paying Agent/Trustee an instrument appointing the Bond Insurer as agent for such Holder in any legal proceeding relating to the payment of such principal and an assignment to the Bond Insurer of any of the Bond surrendered to the Insurance Paying Agent/Trustee of so much of the principal amount thereof as has not previously been paid or for which moneys are not held by the Paying Agent/Trustee and available for such payment (but such assignment shall be delivered only if payment from the Insurance Paying Agent/Trustee is received), (b) receive as designee of the respective Holders (and not as Paying Agent/Trustee) in accordance with the tenor of the Policy payment therefor from the Insurance Paying Agent/Trustee, and (c) disburse the same to such Holders.

E. Payments with respect to claims for interest on and principal of Bonds disbursed by the Paying Agent/Trustee from proceeds of the Policy shall not be considered to discharge the Bond of the Issuer with respect to such Bonds, and the Bond Insurer shall become the owner of such unpaid Bond and claims for the interest in accordance with the tenor of the assignment made to it under the provisions of this subsection or otherwise.

F. Irrespective of whether any such assignment is executed and delivered, the Issuer and the Paying Agent/Trustee hereby agree for the benefit of the Bond Insurer that:

1. They recognize that to the extent the Bond Insurer makes payments, directly or indirectly (as by paying through the Paying Agent Trustee), on account of principal of or interest on the Bonds, the Bond Insurer will be subrogated to the rights of such Holders to receive the amount

of such principal and interest from the Issuer, with interest thereon as provided and solely from the sources stated in this Ordinance and the Bonds; and

2. They will accordingly pay to the Bond Insurer the amount of such principal and interest (including principal and interest recovered under subparagraph (ii) of the first paragraph of the Policy, which principal and interest shall be deemed past due and not to have been paid), with interest thereon as provided in this Ordinance and the Bond, but only from the sources and in the manner provided herein for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds to Holders, and will otherwise treat the Bond Insurer as the owner of such rights to the amount of such principal and interest.

G. In connection with the issuance of additional Bonds, the Issuer shall deliver to the Bond Insurer a copy of the disclosure document, if any, circulated with respect to such additional Bonds.

H. Copies of any amendments made to the documents executed in connection with the issuance of the Bonds which are consented to by the Bond Insurer shall be sent to Standard & Poor's Corporation.

I. The Bond Insurer shall receive notice of the resignation or removal of the Paying Agent/Trustee and the appointment of a successor thereto.

J. The Bond Insurer shall receive copies of all notices required to be delivered to Bondholders and, on an annual basis, copies of the Issuer's audited financial statements and Annual Budget.

Notices: Any notice that is required to be given to a holder of the Bond or to the Paying Agent/Trustee pursuant to the Ordinance shall also be provided to the Bond Insurer. All notices required to be given to the Bond Insurer under the Ordinance shall be in writing and shall be sent by registered or certified mail addressed to MBIA Insurance Corporation, 113 King Street, Armonk, New York 10504 Attention: Surveillance.

K. The Issuer agrees to reimburse the Bond Insurer immediately and unconditionally upon demand, to the extent permitted by law, for all reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees and expenses, incurred by the Bond Insurer in connection with (i) the enforcement by the Bond Insurer of the Issuer's Bonds, or the preservation or defense of any rights of the Bond Insurer, under this Ordinance and any other document executed in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and (ii) any consent, amendment, waiver or other action with respect to the Ordinance or any related document, whether or not granted or approved, together with interest on all such expenses from and including the date incurred to the date of payment at Citibank's Prime Rate plus 3% or the maximum interest rate permitted by law, whichever is less. In addition, the Bond Insurer reserves the right to charge a fee in connection with its review of any such consent, amendment or waiver, whether or not granted or approved.

L. The Issuer agrees not to use MBIA's name in any public document including, without limitation, a press release or presentation, announcement or forum without MBIA's prior consent. In the event that the Issuer is advised by counsel that it has a legal Bond to disclose MBIA's name in any press release, public announcement or other public document, the Issuer shall provide MBIA with at least three (3) business days' prior written notice of its intent to use MBIA's name together with a copy of the proposed use of MBIA's name and of any description of a transaction with MBIA and shall obtain MBIA's prior consent as to the form and substance of the proposed use of MBIA's name and any such description.

M. The Issuer shall not enter into any agreement nor shall it consent to or participate in any arrangement pursuant to which Bonds are tendered or purchased for any purpose other than the redemption and cancellation or legal defeasance of such Bonds without the prior written consent of MBIA.

FOREGOING PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVED

(AS TO FORM ONLY)

City Attorney's Office

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.17 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport, 1978, that the following ordinance was introduced in final form at a regular meeting of the Council of said City held on _____, 2004, and is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council of said City, complete in the form in which it will be offered for final adoption by said Council, and is available for public inspection and will so remain for at least one week prior to its final adoption:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, will consider the final adoption of said ordinance at its regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, _____, 2004, at three (3:00) o'clock p.m. at the City Hall, Shreveport, Louisiana
Given this ____ day of _____, 2004

Clerk of Council Chairman

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody for adoption of Amendment No. 1. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Green 2.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody for adoption of the ordinance as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Green 2.

13. Ordinance No. 46 of 2004: An ordinance changing the name of the Lakeside Golf Course to Jerry Tim Brooks Course and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed the first reading on April 13, 2004 was read by title and on motion ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Jackson to table the ordinance until the July 11, 2004 meeting. Motion approved. by the following vote: Ayes: Councilman Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 5. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilmen Lester and Green 2.

The Adopted Ordinances, as amended, follow:

ORDINANCE 36 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WILEY COLLEGE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport maintains a regional fire and police training academy with classroom space which is not utilized at all times; and

WHEREAS, the City also maintains an employee education program where certain educational expenses are eligible for reimbursement and encourages its employees to participate and;

WHEREAS, Wiley College provides college level course instruction to city employees and the general public in classroom space located at the Fire Academy and at times the space is not utilized by the Fire Department and;

WHEREAS, the instruction provided by Wiley College serves a public purpose by providing opportunity for city employees to further their education and participate in the City's education reimbursement program , and

WHEREAS, the City and Wiley College have agreed upon a lease arrangement whereby Wiley College will pay a fee of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per month for use of the classroom

space at the Academy for a period of twenty-one (21) months commencing April 1, 2004 and terminating on December 31, 2005 and ;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:4712.2 requires passage of an ordinance authorizing the lease of any city owned property.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a lease agreement between the City of Shreveport and Wiley College leasing classroom space located at the Municipal Fire and Police Training Academy located at 6440 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, Louisiana to Wiley College, effective April 27, 2004, substantially the same as the document filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council on March 23, 2004.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 37 OF 2003

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-91 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RELATIVE TO FEES FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS 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 Section 26-91 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-91. Fees for insufficient funds checks.

(a) There shall be a fee of \$25.00 charged for each check or automated clearing house (electronic) bank draft which is unpayable due to insufficient funds or for any other reason.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 38 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 AND CHAPTER 86 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RELATIVE TO ITINERANT VENDORS' LICENSES AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAXES 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 Sections 42-291(b)(3), 42-291(b)(5)(I), and 86-29(a) and © of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42-291. Required; exceptions

* * *

(b) The following persons and businesses shall be exempt from the requirement of obtaining a license under this section:

* * *

(3) Persons operating on the premises of a special event in a city-owned building or on city-owned property, for which a sponsor or promoter has paid an occupational license tax under

section 86-30 of the City Code, or when the sponsor or promoter is exempt from the payment of an occupational license tax.

* * *

(5) (I) has paid an occupational license tax under section 86-30 of the City Code,

* * *

Sec. 86-29. Peddlers and itinerant vendors

(a) All peddlers and itinerant vendors as defined by R.S. 47:359© shall obtain a license, the fee for which shall be \$200.00, except the license fee for an itinerant vendor of agricultural products grown by the itinerant vendor or purchased directly from farmers shall be \$20.00.

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© There shall be no occupational license tax required of itinerant vendors when operating on the premises of an event for which a sponsor or promoter has paid a license fee under section 86-30, or when the sponsor or promoter is exempt from the payment of an occupational license tax.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 40 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES TO BE SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO SELL THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S TAX INTEREST IN CERTAIN SURPLUS ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the herein below described properties for an amount not less than the offer as indicated below.

Property No. 1: Legal Description - Lot 28, Roosevelt Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book 150, Page 265f the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171416-043-0028-00) Municipal Address - 5211 Florence Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$250.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$600.00 DISTRICT F

Property No. 2: Legal Description - Lot 19, Johnson Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 600, Page 491 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, and

(GEO#171410-075-0019-00) Municipal Address - 3538 Huston Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$300.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,200.00 DISTRICT G

Property No. 3: Legal Description - Lot 132, West Morningside Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 650, Page 519 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana together with all buildings and improvements located thereon together with all buildings and improvements located thereon (GEO#171415-012-0132-00) Municipal Address - 3501 Palm Road

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$2,500.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$13,500.00 DISTRICT F

Property No. 4: Legal Description - East ½ of Lot 491, Jones-Mabry Subdivision, Unit No. 8, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 450, Page 281 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181420-010-0597-00) Municipal Address - 2601 Plum Street

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,750.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,200.00 DISTRICT A

Property No. 5: Legal Description - Lot 37, Block 4, OPO Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 2632, Page 469 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#171306-021-0037-00) Municipal Address - 227 Topeka

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$660.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$3,800.00 DISTRICT B

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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 severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 41 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2004 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 2004 General Fund budget, to appropriate funds from an economic development grant and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 158 of 2003, the 2004 General Fund budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Increase Miscellaneous by \$500,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, increase Improvements and Equipment by \$500,000..

Adjust all totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 158 of 2003 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 42 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2004 BUDGET FOR THE POLICE GRANTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 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 desirable to amend the 2004 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, to appropriate additional funds and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 169 of 2003, the 2004 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

2003 and Prior-Year Receipts:

Appropriate \$14,700 from Prior-Year Weed and Seed Queensborough grants.

Appropriate \$19,000 from Prior-Year Weed and Seed Highland grants.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

From 2003 and Prior-Years Revenues:

From Prior-Year Weed and Seed Queensborough grants, appropriate \$4,800 to Personal Services, \$5,900 to Materials and Supplies and \$4,000 to Contractual Services.

From Prior-Year Weed and Seed Highland grants, appropriate \$16,400 to Personal Services and \$2,600 to Materials and Supplies.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 169 of 2003 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 43 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2004 WATER AND SEWERAGE 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 2004 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund to reallocate funds among expenditure categories and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 160 of 2003, the 2004 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Contractual Services by \$70,000 and increase Improvements and Equipment by \$70,000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 160 of 2003 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 44 OF 2004

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 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 2004 Capital Improvements Budget to provide additional project funding and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 159 of 2003, the 2004 Capital Improvements Budget, be further amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Program L (Transit Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **2004 SporTran Capital Improvements (04L001)** by \$64,000.

Funding source is Private Donations.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 159 of 2003, as amended, shall remain 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 severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 45 of 2004

Offered by Councilman _____ and seconded by Councilman _____:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,500,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2004A, OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; DESIGNATING THE DATE, DENOMINATION AND PLACE OF PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said City, that:

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Agreement" means the agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent pursuant to this Ordinance.

"Bond" means any Bonds of the Issuer authorized to be issued by this Ordinance, whether initially delivered or issued in exchange for, upon transfer of, or in lieu of any Bond previously issued.

"Bond Register" means the records kept by the Paying Agent at its principal office in which registration of the Bonds and transfers of the Bonds shall be made as provided herein.

"Bond Insurer" means _____.

"Bond Insurance Policy" means the municipal bond insurance policy issued by the Bond Insurer.

"Bonds" means the Issuer's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A, authorized by this Ordinance, in the total aggregate principal amount not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000).

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Executive Officers" means, collectively, the Mayor, the Director of Finance and the Clerk of Council of the Issuer.

"Governing Authority" means the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, which are non-callable prior to their maturity, may be United States Treasury obligations such as the State and Local Government Series and may be in book-entry form.

"Interest Payment Date" means June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2004.

"Issuer" means the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana.

"Outstanding" when used with respect to Bonds means, as of the date of determination, all Bonds theretofore issued and delivered under this Ordinance, except:

1. Bonds theretofore canceled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
2. Bonds for which payment or redemption sufficient funds have been theretofore deposited in trust for the owners of such Bonds, provided that if such Bonds are to be redeemed, irrevocable notice of such redemption has been duly given or provided for pursuant to this Ordinance or waived;
3. Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of which other Bonds have been registered and delivered pursuant to this Ordinance;
4. Bonds alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen which have been paid as provided in this Ordinance or by law; and
5. Bonds for the payment of the principal (or redemption price, if any) of and interest on which money or Government Securities or both are held in trust with the effect specified in this Ordinance.

"Ordinance" means this ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, as it may be supplemented and amended.

"Owner" or "Owners" when used with respect to any Bond means the Person in whose name such Bond is registered in the Bond Register.

"Paying Agent" means Regions Bank, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, until a successor Paying Agent shall have been appointed pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Ordinance and thereafter "Paying Agent" shall mean such successor Paying Agent.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Prior Bonds" means collectively, the outstanding balance of \$20,230,000 of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 1997 previously issued to finance the construction, acquisition and improving works of public improvement of the City including roads, streets, drainage, parks and recreation facilities and public facilities including facilities for the police department and fire department, and other public purposes, and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings.

"Record Date" for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

"Underwriter" means Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., representing the original purchaser of the Bonds.

SECTION 2. Authorization of Bonds Maturities. In compliance with the terms and provisions of Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, (the "Act") as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority, the City of Shreveport, Louisiana (the "Issuer") governed by the City Council (the "Governing Authority"), there is hereby authorized the incurring of an indebtedness of not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000) for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Issuer, for the purpose of providing funds to refund the Prior Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Act. To represent said indebtedness, this Governing Authority does hereby authorize the issuance of not to exceed Eighteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$18,500,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A, of the Issuer. The Bonds shall be in fully registered form, shall be dated the date of delivery, shall be issued in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity and shall be numbered from R-1 upward. The unpaid principal of the Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on each Interest Payment Date, commencing December 1, 2004, at an average interest rate not to exceed 5.0% and shall mature serially on June 1 of each year no later than June 1, 2017.

The principal of the Bonds, upon maturity or redemption, shall be payable at the principal office of the Paying Agent, upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by check of the Paying Agent mailed by the Paying Agent to the Owner (determined as of the close of business on the Record Date) at the address shown on the Bond Register. Each Bond delivered under this Ordinance upon transfer of, in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond, and each such Bond shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution.

No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond a certificate of registration, substantially in the form provided in this Ordinance, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

The Principal of the Bonds is payable at the principal corporate trust office of Regions Bank, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, as Paying Agent and Bond Registrar with respect to the Bonds upon surrender thereof.

Each Bond shall be dated the date of delivery. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, as the case may be. However, when there is no existing default in the payment of interest on the Bonds, each Bond executed after the Regular Record Date for any Interest Payment Date but prior to such Interest Payment Date, shall bear interest from such Interest Payment Date provided, however, that if and to the extent that the Issuer shall default in the payment of the interest due on any Interest Payment Date, then all such

Bonds shall bear interest from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, unless no interest has been paid on the Bonds, in which case from the date of delivery.

The person in whose name any Bond is registered at the Regular Record Date with respect to an Interest Payment Date shall in all cases be entitled to receive the interest payable on such Interest Payment Date (unless such Bond has been called for redemption on a redemption date which is prior to such Interest Payment Date) notwithstanding the cancellation of such Bond upon any registration of transfer or exchange thereof subsequent to such Regular Record Date and prior to such Interest Payment Date.

SECTION 3. [Reserved]

SECTION 4. Redemption Provisions. The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

SECTION 5. Registration and Transfer. The Issuer shall cause the Bond Register to be kept by the Paying Agent. The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the Bond Register, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new Owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bonds after receipt of the Bonds to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register, transfer or exchange any Bond during a period beginning (i) at the opening of business on a Record Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date or (ii) with respect to Bonds to be redeemed, at the opening of business fifteen (15) days before the date of the mailing of a notice of redemption of such Bonds and ending on the date of such redemption.

SECTION 6. Form of Bonds. The Bonds and the endorsements to appear thereon shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

No. R- _____ Principal Amount

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF CADDO

GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2004A

OF THE

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, STATE OF LOUISIANA

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Agent, duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new bond or bonds of the same maturity and of authorized denomination or denominations, for the same aggregate principal amount, will be issued to the transferee. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of this Bond, the Issuer and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Bond shall be overdue and neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be bound by any notice to the contrary.

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Bond Ordinance permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modifications of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the owners of the Bonds at any time by the Issuer with consent of the owners of a 2/3 majority in aggregate amount of all Bonds issued under the Bond Ordinance, to be determined in accordance with the Bond Ordinance.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under the Bond Ordinance until the certificate of registration hereon shall have been signed by the Paying Agent.

This Bond and the issue of which it forms a part constitute general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is pledged for the payment of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part. Said Bonds are secured by a special ad valorem tax to be imposed and collected annually in excess of all other taxes on all the property subject to such taxation within the territorial limits of the Issuer, under the Constitution and laws of Louisiana, sufficient in amount to pay the principal of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part and the interest thereon as they severally mature.

It is hereby certified, recited and declared that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part to constitute the same legal, binding and valid obligations of the Issuer have existed, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the indebtedness of the Issuer, including this Bond and the issue of which it forms a part, does not exceed the limitations prescribed by the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana. It is certified that this Bond is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority thereof, has caused this Bond to be executed in the name of the Issuer by the manual or facsimile signatures of its Mayor, Clerk of Council and Director of Finance and its corporate seal to be impressed hereon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Resolution No. 88 of 2003: Amending Sections 1.8 and 1.11 of the Rules of Procedure of the City Council (Public Comments). (A/Lester) (*Tabled on June 24*)
2. Ordinance No. 152 of 2003: Amending Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport by Adding Article VIII., Division 1 and Division 2 relative to disposal of public property and disposal of adjudicated property. (A/Lester) (*Tabled on Nov. 11*) Statute

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Taxi License Permit appeal: Mr. Duchesne.

Councilman Carmody: Yesterday, we had received information from Mr. Lloyd Duchesne. At the time, there was not an appropriate party, Mr. Duchesne, would you please come forward sir, the appropriate party to provide the City's position on the denial of his Taxi License Permit.

Welcome. How are you Ma'am?

Lt. Wilkerson: Just fine.

Councilman Carmody: Could I just ask you to identify yourself?

Lt. Wilkerson: Lt. Eunice Wilkerson.

Councilman Carmody: Glad to have you here. Yesterday, during our work session, we had heard from Mr. Duchesne, he had explained to us that he had been denied the re-issuance of his taxi license permit. We did not have a representative from the Police Department that could explain to us the reason for the denial and was hoping that you could offer some insight into that?

Lt. Wilkerson: Yes sir. He pled guilty to a charge that stated on his application that denies him license in January of '03.

Councilman Carmody: In January of '03?

Lt. Wilkerson: Yes sir. And that applies (inaudible) ten years.

Councilman Hogan: Pardon Me, I didn't hear the last part of what you just said.

Lt. Wilkerson: In ten years. And he pleaded guilty in January of '03.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Duchesne, please address us, because I think you had brought some additional information to us yesterday.

Mr. Duchesne: Yes sir, just like she said. All I have is a letter from Sgt Cope of the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department saying that everything has been done on this. This was two years ago. Two years and two months ago. And I think it's kinda cruel and unusual punishment to make somebody wait ten years to keep 'em feeding their kids.

Councilman Hogan: Mr. Chairman would ask Madam Clerk, I'd like to see the letter.

Councilman Carmody: Oh, yes. I tell you what if you would hand it to the Clerk, she would be happy to circulate it. To clarify and as I appreciate it and hopefully understands this as well. You were denied by the Police Department based upon prior conviction within a - - -

Mr. Duchesne: A misdemeanor- - -

Councilman Carmody: A misdemeanor conviction that occurred within a time frame in which is mandatory for the Department to deny your- - -

Mr. Duchesne: And I'd also like to state that I can bring forward in front of the City Council, three cab drivers out there, that are three time convicted felons and they have their tax permits. Now, how can you justify that?

Councilman Hogan: Mr. Duchesne, I noticed, I read your letter from Randy Cope, but I notice it has no date on the letter.

Mr. Duchesne: Yes sir, I went and got it yesterday when I left here.

Councilman Hogan: Yesterday?

Mr. Duchesne: Yes sir and I also have, (inaudible) gave me this and it may have some bearing on it.

Councilman Lester: Are there (inaudible) or something?

Councilman Carmody: I just want to make sure that I can explain to the public what we have in front of us. This is actually a letter acknowledging that Lloyd Duchesne was placed on supervised probation on January 23, 2003 for possession of marijuana. His probation period was for one year. He reported each month as required and paid all fines and fees as ordered by the Court. His probation expired on January 23, 2004. He maintained a very positive attitude while on probation and has done everything asked of him. Sincerely, Sgt Randy Cope, CPSO.

Councilman Lester: Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office Probation.

Councilman Lester: And there is also a sheet that shows that he completed his probation satisfaction.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Lester, it does indicate that, that he has completed his probation. Gentlemen, I will pass this on to you. Are there any questions for the Police

Department's representative from Council Members? Any questions for Mr. Duchesne? The Chair would entertain a motion then.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Hogan to overturn the denial of the Shreveport Police Department passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Hogan, and Jackson. 5. Nays: Councilman Gibson. 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Green. 1.

1. **BAC-7-04**, *Melissa Fussell*, 346 Sadie Douglas Lane, Special Exception Use in an R-1D District, expanded home occupation (Creative memories parties, meetings, workshops) to 12 midnight. (D/Gibson) (Postponed on April 13)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I believe there is a motion in front of you, Mr. Gibson is that correct and that's the motion that he's making, it's a one page document. Do each of you have a copy of it?

Councilman Gibson: If you recall about four weeks ago, we put it in front of you- - -

Councilman Gibson: Apologize Mr. Chair. As you recall, about four weeks ago, I put a signed document by the two parties involved in this particular appeal and what the MPC staff did, what you have before you is a, not a modification, but a kind of executive summary of what that document that they signed. I guess this will be put into the formal records in terms of what the two parties agreed to. And we had done significant facilitation between the two parties and had several back and forth pros and cons and points and counterpoints. And I'm pleased to say that both parties are amenable to what you have in front of you.

Councilman Carmody: And Mr. Gibson, can I ask for a clarification? Your motion is to approve?

Mr. Thompson: To modify the decision, I believe of the Zoning Board of Appeals and to approve the expanded home occupancy subject to compliance with the following stipulations which are a, b, c, d, e, and no. 2.

Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Lester to modify the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilman Carmody: Excellent, that's what I needed.

Councilman Walford: I'm going to direct this to Mr. Gibson if I may. First of all I commend you for probably refereeing something like this with the neighborhood. My only question is the 18 months. I know that normally, the MPC/ZBA grant 12 months to see how something works.

Councilman Gibson: That was the recommendation. I know he's not here today, but that was the recommendation by Charles Kirkland. There was debate between the appellant and the applicant. The appellant wanted 12 months. The MPC or the applicant wanted 24 months. And so Mr. Kirkland suggested 18 months, which I thought was amenable. We went back to the table and negotiated that into the agreement. And both parties were - - -

Councilman Walford: And so the neighbors are okay with the 18 months?

Councilman Gibson: What I gave you four weeks ago, like I said is more detailed, but it was signed off by both the Fussell's and the Witts, the Witts being the person, the group, or the neighbor that filed the appeal.

Councilman Walford: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Lester: Are we changing the Zoning Board of Appeals' opinion? Are we - -

Mr. Thompson: It's modifying the decision.

Councilman Lester: We're modifying their decision, that their decision was to deny? Their decision was to approve, we're just making some changes to that?

Councilman Gibson: Right.

Councilman Lester: Subject to this that you've outlined and that, that you gave us.

Councilman Gibson: That was agreed by both parties.

Councilman Lester: And this was after the Zoning Board Meeting? Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Lester, and one last question for you Mr. Gibson, because again, I'm familiar with doing this. But who was the appropriate monitor of activity? Do you know?

Councilman Gibson: I do not know.

Councilman Carmody: The reason I say that is because I know in the past, I've had that question asked of me when we put stipulations on because neighbors want to make sure that they've got a point of reference to contact if they see something that - - -

Councilman Walford: Ms. Dean can probably come up and tell you, but I can tell you from experience that neighbors will have the phone ringing at MPC if there are problems and it will be closely monitored by Mr. Clarke and Company.

Ms. Dean: He is exactly right, our office will get calls if something goes and get's this and we will check into and try and enforce it.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Ms. Dean, I appreciate it.

Councilman Gibson: My commitment to both parties was to work very closely with the MPC staff to try to head off any problems but at the same time, that's why the 18 months was put in there and the fact that we felt like that was enough time to see if this particular agreement would work, but still not too far off in the fact that, by the time this gets through the system and everything, it's going to be a few months. So 24 months was too much, but 12 months was too soon.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, for whoever asked the question, if you pull up on your electronic agenda, this was passed on a 5-1 vote.

Councilman Gibson: I said it was approved by the- - -

Councilman Walford: They actually granted a little more hours than you've negotiated, so you've brought down the intents of the (inaudible) whatever we want to call it.

Councilman Gibson: Well again, we spent at least four different meetings, the first one over 2 ½ hours, the other ones were at least an hour and a half in duration to get to this point. So, at least 10 to 12 hours worth of just neighbors sitting across the table from the City Councilman being the facilitator in this process.

Councilman Carmody: Very good gentlemen. Are there any other questions gentlemen?

Motion passed by the following vote: Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes:

Councilmen

Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber:

Councilman Green. 1.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES. None.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Councilman Carmody: I also show that we have no Clerk's report, is that correct?

Mr. Thompson: Except for two cases that are listed.

1. **Case No. S-19** Brenda Lilley Kraak Pettit, Northwest corner of Creswell Avenue & Montrose Drive, R-1D (postponed until May 25, 2004)

Councilman Carmody: I spoke with this Brenda Pettit, she had said that she would not be able to be in Shreveport on the 11th of May and had asked to make a motion to postpone this matter till May 25th in order to apprise the persons that are in opposition as well as to allow her an opportunity to come town.

Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Walford to postpone until May 25th passed by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Out of Chamber: Councilman Green. 1.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Thompson, I would ask your direction though, I believe that we've already sent a letter notifying those persons in opposition that they hearing will be held on May 11th?

Mr. Thompson: We'll get with the MPC staff and send another letter advising them that on a motion by the Council, the matter has been postponed until May 25th.

2. **Case No. S-31-04**, Alex S. & Mary C. Mijalis, et al, south side of Kennie Road, west of Linwood Avenue, R-1-D

Councilman Carmody: It does not indicate a Council District, but I believe this might - - -

Councilman Gibson: That's my district. This has been appealed.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that's ready for a vote. I'm just notifying the Council.

Councilman Gibson: But if you would, I would say that we're going to be facilitating a meeting with the parties. There is a tremendous amount of misinformation about this particular proposal starting with the fact that there are several spreading rumors that this is a HUD project, this does not have anything to do with a HUD project and that's the reason for facilitating the meeting between the neighborhood, the business community and the City Councilman along with the developer. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

COMMUNICATIONS and MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS (Council resolves itself into COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following):

Approval of Minutes (April 13)

Communications of the Mayor

Communications from the Council Members

Public Comments

Miscellaneous Matters

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

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57 p.m.

/s/ Thomas G. Carmody, Jr. Chairman

/s/ Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council