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**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**  
**September 13, 2005**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman James Green at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2005, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Pastor E. P. Wimberly.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Gibson.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Green, Hogan and Jackson. 7. Absent: None.

**Amendment to Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, August 23, 2005.**

Amend the Minutes of the August 23, 2005, City Council meeting as published in the Official Journal (The Times) on Monday, August 29, 2005, as follows:

1. On Page 6B, in Column 7, under Introduction of Ordinance (not to be adopted prior to September 13, 2005)

Delete the following:

12. **Ordinance No. 135 of 2005**: An Ordinance to amend and reenact Section 90-327 of the Code of Ordinances relative to parking and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

13. **Ordinance No. 136 of 2005**: An Ordinance amending the 2005 Budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

And,

Insert the following to read:

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13. **Ordinance No. 136 of 2005**: An Ordinance to amend and reenact Section 90-327 of the Code of Ordinances relative to parking and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

And, make the same amendment in the August 23, 2005, Minutes in the official "Council Book, 2005", and in the City Council Meeting Minutes as published on the City of Shreveport/City Council Web Page.

**Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Jackson to approve Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings of August 23, 2005. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: None. (Councilman Green – Mayor Pro Tem)**

**Motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Jackson to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday August 22, 2005 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 23, 2005 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson.**

**6. Nays: None. Absent: None. (Councilman Green – Mayor Pro Tem)**

Councilman Green: I'd like to also advise you all as to the reason I will not be voting today is the Mayor is out of the State and when the Mayor is out of the State, then the Chairman of the Council becomes Mayor Pro Tem and that's my responsibility for today. So we will move forward.

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

Councilman Green: Mr. Antee, do you have any comments at this time?

Mr. Antee: No Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Hogan: Mr. Chairman, I have a resolution of recognition for Mr. Walter Laney whenever you're ready. Thank you Mr. Chairman. This is a two fold recognition. We have a proclamation by the Mayor, unfortunately the Mayor is not here today. And Mr. Chairman, were you furnished a copy of that or Mr. Antee, do you have a copy to read?

Mr. Antee: No.

Councilman Hogan: Madam Clerk, who has the copy of the proclamation from the Mayor? No, this is the resolution in my hand. This is the City Council Resolution. Okay, thank you. Mr. Chairman, may I read.

Councilman Green: Yes sir, go right ahead. The mic is yours.

Councilman Hogan: This is the proclamation by Mayor Keith Hightower.

*In recognition of his caring and dedicated service and in honor of his significant contributions, Walter Laney has made to improve the social and spiritual development of the Citizens of Shreveport, I Keith Hightower, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Mayor of the City of Shreveport, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 13, 2005 as Walter Laney Day in the City of Shreveport and urge all citizens to join in the celebration of this special occasion.*

Councilman Hogan: Mr. Laney, would you come forward, I would like to have you here at the mic and I have one more resolution by the Council to read as well. And I'll be there in just a moment, I'm going to present these to you. I just wanted everybody to see your face. And so, this is Resolution No. 159 of 2005, by the Shreveport City Council.

*Councilman Hogan read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 159 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE WALTER H. LANEY FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

By: Councilman Jeff Hogan

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Walter H. Laney worked and retired with the General Motors Plant in

South Gate California where he was a faithful worker in the community of Lynwood, California; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laney first began volunteering with the Juvenile Justice Department by spending his time helping youths on Saturday and Sundays who were on probation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laney completed the Volunteers In Policing (VIP) course which enable him to assist in escorting prisoners to court, answers visitors= questions and directed visitors to the different departments at the City of Shreveport police station; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laney serves on the Board of Directors for the Southern Hills AARP Chapter where he is a very active member; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laney is a member of the UAW Local 216 and is making the most of his retirement by volunteering with the Caddo Parish Sheriff=s Auxiliary; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laney spends several hours each week patrolling rural parts of the parish, deterring crime by his presence and promoting the Sheriff=s Office with frequent citizens contacts; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laney helps the community at large by putting some of his energy into area organizations and communities throughout Shreveport.

**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. Walter H. Laney** for his distinguished leadership and public service to the citizens of this City and this community.

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Hogan to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: None. (Councilman Green – Mayor Pro Tem)**

Councilman Hogan: I want to say a personal word about this gentleman before us today. His history of service goes way back before I came on the Council. When I accepted this position, I was elected in November of 2002. The person that was going out of the position, Ms. Spigener, Pat Spigener, one of the first things she told me as she was telling me about the general constituency, was that she said there's a man in this area, in our community that will be there for you. You can call on him anytime day or night, anything you need and he will be there to help you. His name is Walter Laney. And I can say without a doubt that he has indeed lived up to everything that she said he would be. Mr. Laney's been there. If I need anything, I can call him, he comes to just about every kind of meeting there is, whether it's the Southern Business Association, the Southern Hill Homeowners Association, AARP meetings, I know he has been very active in that as well and other folks in the community know him well, and appreciate his work. Mr. Laney, you've organized the efforts for the trash pick up and has been there bright and early on Saturday morning when we've had those trash pick ups. And the list goes on and on. But and by the way, in light of what's happened with the hurricane, there has been a ground swell of support and volunteers throughout the City and State and this whole nation and there are other people that have indeed given a lot of their time, given

much of their time, this resolution was proposed before the hurricane happened, but anyway, I didn't want to stop. I wasn't going to end this, I wanted to go through with it Mr. Laney, because you deserve it, and I just want to tell you right here on the record, how much I appreciate all that you've done for me and the people of my district and the people of this City. And Mr. Chairman, when you get a moment, I'm going to ask that you go with me to present this to Mr. Laney. Would you do the pleasure for me?

Councilman Green: Yes sir.

Councilman Hogan: I'm going to let Mr. Laney say a couple of words and Ms. Hogan, not one of my relatives, but I would claim her. She's here from the Sheriff's Department and she is welcomed if she wants to, to say a word, you don't have to.

Mr. Laney: And my boss is here.

Councilman Hogan: And your boss is here as well. Alright. If you want to speak a word, you don't have to, but Mr. Laney, I'm going to present these to you. This is the proclamation from the Mayor and as today being Walter Laney Day, and this is the resolution from the Council, and I would love to have you speak a word. You don't have to, but I would love to have you speak if you'd like to. You want to speak a word or not?

Mr. Laney: I'm most highly honored to do this. It reminds me of a scripture of ten lepers. I'm overwhelmed in what is being done for me this day. But I'm reminded of ten lepers that Jesus was passing away and he seen the ten, and he knew that they needed something from him, and what he did he healed all ten of them. But there was only one that was grateful enough to come back and give him thanks. And I want to give you thanks.

Councilman Hogan: I appreciate that Mr. Laney, and for anyone here or watching by T.V., I just wanted to say, I've never done one of these before. I had wanted to do one sometime during my four year term and there's nothing in for me politically as I'm not running again next year. So, if anyone wonders that's the truth. And I just wanted to thank you again for your years of service. And I just have to tell y'all this too. I hope you don't mind Mr. Laney me saying this. I was shocked about a month ago, Mr. Laney had a birthday, and he turned 86 years old. Give him a hand for that. Still going strong. Thank you.

Councilman Carmody: Mr. Mayor Pro Tem, could we go back on the agenda, I believe that we missed one item, and I'd like to make a motion on Amendment No. for the Council Proceedings of August 9.

Councilman Green: We did that one.

Mr. Thompson: We did that one? Okay, I missed it.

Councilman Green: Councilman Gibson did it.

Mr. Thompson: I thought he did Amendment No. 1 to August 23<sup>rd</sup>?

Councilman Gibson: Right.

Councilman Green: Which did you Mike?

Councilman Gibson: I did the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Councilman Green: Okay, so we need to go back to August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings of August 9, 2005:**

Amend the minutes of August 9, 2005 City Council Meeting as published in the Official Journal (The Times) on August 15, 2005 as follows:

1. Page 11B, in columns 7 and 8 under Ordinances on Second Reading and Final Passage.

Delete the following:

Motion fails by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Walford, Green, Jackson. 3. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, . 3. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.

And insert the following:

Motion fails by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Walford, Green, Jackson. 3.

Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Carmody, Gibson. 3. Absent: Councilman Hogan. 1.

And, make the same amendment in the August 9, 2005, Minutes in the official "Council Book, 2005", and in the City Council Meeting Minutes as published on the City of Shreveport/City Council Web Page.

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Jackson to approve Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings of August 9, 2005. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: None. (Councilman Green – Mayor Pro Tem)**

Councilman Green: Thank you. At this time, I'd like to pause and read this, the procedure for filling the vacancy of Council District D. I've been informed that Councilman Gibson was resigning from the Shreveport City Council, and I talked to him today and he said he was. So this is basically the platform as to how it will go. The City Council is required by Louisiana Election Code to appoint a person to fill the vacancy within ten days after the vacancy occurs. The Charter states that each member of the Council shall be a qualified elector and resident of the Council District from which he is selected at the time of his qualification for election or appointment. Therefore any registered voter who resides in City Council District D who wishes to consider for an appointment for the City Council should submit a letter requesting that appointment and a resume to the Shreveport City Council. The letter and resume may be mailed to the Clerk of Council office P.O. Box 31109, Shreveport, LA 71130 or delivered to the Council Office at 505 Texas Street, Suite 410.

Mr. Thompson: Travis.

Councilman Green: I mean Travis Street. I'm sorry. A special meeting of the City Council will be called to fill the vacancy after the vacancy occurs. The Council may, but is not required to interview applicants to insure that applicants is considered. The applicant's letters and resumes must be submitted to the Council Office no later than 5:00 p.m., the second day after the vacancy occurs. That date cannot be established until after the resignation is submitted in writing to the Council. If the vacancy occurs before September 30, 2005, the person appointed by the Council will serve until the vacancy is filled at a special Election on April 1, 2006 or April 29<sup>th</sup>, if a runoff election is held. If the vacancy occurs after September 30, 2005, the person appointed by the Council will serve until November 28<sup>th</sup>. And those are the ground works that we'll be working on. At this time, we have Mr. Mike Carrier. We've asked him to come, and of course, I've asked him for some specific information and asked that he would come at this time and do you have any of that information prepared to pass out to Council Members.

Mr. Carrier: I believe you asked for a list of our employees by race?

Councilman Green: Yes sir. You have a list?

Mr. Carrier: I've got that.

Councilman Green: Give them to the Clerk to pass out. Thank you. One of my questions, and of course I'm just getting the list is how many employees do you have at this particular time?

Mr. Carrier: At this particular time, we have 12.

Councilman Green: Have how many?

Mr. Carrier: 12.

Councilman Green: 12? And out of that 12, how many of them are African-Americans?

Mr. Carrier: One.

Councilman Green: And I guess basically, wanted to know the breakdown as to why the only one African-American?

Mr. Carrier: Well, we have been trying to fill the positions in a specific order, i.e. the Department Heads, etc. And in doing that, I have five department heads, two of them have transferred in here with SMG, from other buildings because of their specialties. The other three, one of them is an African-American, one of them came to us from another hospitality industry here in - - - another aspect of hospitality here in Shreveport. The third one came to us from another Public Assembly facility, not here in the area, but another public assembly facility and in terms of trying to hire the people that we need to fill the positions here, we have to take the people based on their qualifications and based on what we are able to solicit in terms of people applying for jobs and that's what we have had to deal with. Mr. Green, we have tried to advertise as far and wide as we can including not only the Times, but the Shreveport Sun, and other opportunities throughout the area, and to interview those folks that are qualified for the jobs and that are available to us.

Councilman Green: So, you are saying at this particular time, out of all of the people that you have interviewed, there's only been one African-American qualified?

Mr. Carrier: No sir, I didn't say that. I will tell you that we have had at least one other one that we have offered a job to, that person was requested to provide certain information to us, did not provide that information and has never returned a phone call that we have made to him to try to get that information. So, there have been others that we have talked to, and others that we will continue to talk to. We have approximately 50 more positions to fill in the Convention Center. So we have a lot more to do before we have all of our staff hired.

Councilman Green: The positions that you have here, are these the top positions in your company, or you have not started hiring the folk for the top positions. When you look at this list, as far as your company is concerned, these folk that you have hired, where are they on the totem pole as to the positions?

Mr. Carrier: Well, there is the General Managers, then there are the Directors, then there are management level under that, and we have just started into the management level. We have operational supervisors, we have security manager, we have telecommunications manager. Did the Mayor provide the information to the Council- - - I had given you all a list of other jobs that we have coming available. It was my understanding that it was going to be handed out to you all. Again, there are approximately 50 other jobs. And I've got that list if you'd like to have that also. The jobs are yet to be hired. We have Accounting Managers, Executive Chefs, Security Managers, Building Engineers, Telecommunications Manager, Event Services Managers,

you know we've got a number of other management positions that we are getting ready to hire. And have started advertising for.

Councilman Green: And I guess my next question would be, of course, I know you hadn't been in town a long time, but are you familiar with our basic ordinance of the - - - that is called, basically the Fair Share Ordinance?

Mr. Carrier: Yes sir.

Councilman Green: In your company layout, is there anything in your company that recognizes that particular ordinance?

Mr. Carrier: That is a part of the contract that we have with the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Green: Okay, so as you would look at the names that you have already here, would you consider one as being Fair Share?

Mr. Carrier: I would consider Mr. Green that once we finish hiring all of the management staff that we have to hire, all of the employees that we have to hire, that we should be evaluated when we have our staff completed. At the present time, we're not through hiring.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Mr. Carrier: You know we are probably, we're 20% through the hiring process.

Councilman Green: Okay. And here again I really appreciate you saying that. And basically what I will do is basically give you all the opportunity to finish hiring. As you said my granddaddy had a thing that says 'when the cow is out of the fence, it's too late to close the gate', and basically I would want African-Americans to have more jobs than the cooking and the cleaning and the sweeping, and that's basically where I stand. So, those are the basic questions that I have now and since you've said that, after you have some other positions to hire - - - about how many other positions you have?

Mr. Carrier: Between - - - we've got approximately 45 full time positions, we've got about 12-15 what we call full time/part time positions, that is they are hourly positions, they may not get 40 hours a week, but they are our full time/part time core. They are the people we rely on in terms of part time positions that will be used on and on and on. Then we'll have another cadre of probably 200 true part time employees that we'll call (inaudible) may only get 15-20 hours a week, and I've got a list here. I'll be glad to give to Council. These are the jobs that we've got coming up. The estimated starting dates and the salary range, I'll be glad to give to Council, these are the jobs we've got coming up. The estimated starting dates and the salary range, and I would encourage all of you to have people send in resumes. As a matter of fact, I got a resume just before I came up here from someone Mr. Jackson had directed to our office.

Councilman Green: Okay, I really appreciate that, but I would like more than me saying to you 'here is this and here is this', that I would just be in hopes that you all could find it in the goodness of your heart just because it's right to do whatever you possibly can to make this to look better. Because today, it don't look good. And that's just where I am. And that would be my - - - anyone else with any questions?

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I want to correct something that the Chairman said, and with all due respect to the Chairman, he spoke of the fact that there was a document known as Fair Share or some - - -

Councilman Green: Ordinance.

Councilman Jackson: Ordinance known as Fair Share. That's not a correction,

that is in fact the case. That though applies whenever we're talking about purchasing goods and doing business. When it comes to employment, Fair Share a) does not apply. What I think people will talk more about in this City, the Mayor and other folks are saying making sure that our organization looks like our City is what they often talk about. That Fair Share number would be woefully lower than that number. So, I would not encourage you to try to achieve 25%, because again, that would be at least in my opinion, way below what it is. Now, I again would be the first one to tell you that I'm not suggesting that before you hire people that there is a litmus test and there is a rainbow that you are trying to achieve. But I would also suggest to you that in this whole process of service, we've recognized that this convention center is about service. This convention center will be about hosting and entertaining all kinds of people. And as it relates to that, and it would be at least in my opinion a very tragic mistake for that convention center staff to not look like, not only the City, but the world in which we live. And I would suggest that all of this hiring and all that we go into with regards to hiring, we have to indeed take into consideration not people who meet a certain criteria which relates to race or color for the purpose of just filling the positions, but they are qualified people of all races for every position. And I can't stand by and let people say 'well, you know just not any qualified people', that doesn't work. And I'm not suggesting that's what you all are - - - well, I hope that's not what's being said, by you all, but there are qualified people, and then we make decisions based on that. I would suggest to you that just as we said there are some lists of jobs, where there are some opportunities for individuals and you'd like us to help. You know, while again I guess the cow may be out - - - whatever Councilman Green used as his analogy would have been good to have that same scenario happen before all of those who are on board took place. Because again there are some folks who in the City who perhaps would have been in and/or qualified. But maybe not. So, I'm certainly not going to suggest that you haven't done all you could, but I'm suggesting that if you've done all you could, then maybe there's another problem somewhere. Because I would like to believe that there are some folks who are qualified across the width and breadth of this City. The City made over \$100,000,000 investment. I heard you say people moved in from other places, and that's good and fine. But SMG should know that when you come to Shreveport and if you're managing a property in Shreveport, people in Shreveport expect people from Shreveport to work in these locations or hadn't done much to affect our economy. So, I would suggest that we continue to remember that we want to have people not transferring in and God bless the ones who have transferred in, and we certainly welcome, but we have enough, at least in my opinion, raw talent in our city to be able to at least not only staff, but I'd think adequately host those conventions that are coming into our City. And you know I just hope that as we move forward that, that continues to be a major consideration. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to echo the comments that both Councilman Green and Councilman Jackson have said. And you know I think it's important that the staff reflect the community. I think not only it's important, it's imperative. Because you know Shreveport for all of its good and bad and whatever, is a diverse community. Some people don't like that, but the fact of the matter is Shreveport is a diverse community, and if we are going to present what Shreveport really is, it's important for the staff of our convention center to reflect what Shreveport

really is. And I think that's important. And I would also be interested in any documents you are able to provide as it relates to your management structure. Because typically what happens is people hire folks and they say 'well 50% of our staff is African-American. But when you are talking about the lower paying service related jobs, quite obviously, that's easy because that's where the workforce is. You can cast a net out and you know it doesn't take a Harvard Keynesian trained economist to know that that's what your population is going to be, because that's what the population that you're pulling from. But it's very imperative and please understand from where we sit and from where Shreveport is going to be viewed to the world, because for many instances, your organization and the Convention Center is going to be Shreveport's eye to the world. And the mirror that you're presenting where you only have one African-American at a management level position, that's not Shreveport. Might have been Shreveport 30 years ago, but that's not Shreveport. And certainly, it's imperative that your management structure be reflective of our city's diversity. Because again, diversity with Shreveport is not a weakness, it's a strength. And the more we, and the sooner we start to realize that, the sooner our city can start moving forward as a city instead of a town. And the last thing I would say would be, obviously I'm concerned as the other Councilmen are concerned about what your staff looks like, but I'm also concerned about how the staff performs. And I'm even more concerned when we talk about Fair Share contracting. Because again, one level of participation is the jobs, and I think that's a battle that's already been fought. But the thing that's more important than that is you guys being inclusive in your contracting, because that's where the rubber really meets the road. This is important, please misunderstand, because we've had situations where certain other organizations in town that purport to speak for the width and breadth of the city, they were in situations where they only had one African-American, and then that person left, and then they had none. So we don't want SMG to be in that same situation. Because we've made a commitment from the City, not just on one part of town, but everybody's made the commitment, and we're all in this thing together. We want that group to be reflexive. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Good afternoon Mike. I'm going to put that aside for a second, because at the end of the day, the numbers don't produce, all this doesn't make a hill of beans. How many conventions do we have booked so far?

Mr. Carrier: I can't give you an honest answer right now.

Councilman Gibson: More than five?

Mr. Carrier: Yes sir.

Councilman Gibson: More than ten?

Mr. Carrier: I think so, yeah. We've got 10-12 right now, and I believe - - - I'll be glad to send you the latest update.

Councilman Gibson: Alright. Before you were hired, we went through an exercise up here on looking at the investment that we were being asked to vote on. I think I turned to Councilman Carmody who had a calculator at the time. I think we were given the number about 120,000 people were going to run through that convention the first year of operation, and I think the numbers were also at 1700 per convention. I think I asked Councilman Carmody to divide 17 into 120,000 we were supposed to average about 73 per year. You've got a heck of a job on your hands. But you've got even more of a job on your hands, everybody put a spin on what's happening in New Orleans, that

we might pick up some business from there, but I'm, going to suggest, and I think you probably already been in contact with your peers across the country. We've got a real image problem in this State. Because of the images that people are seeing around the country. And some of it being very unfair by CNN, and some of the other national cable networks that only want to show the negative of what's happening in New Orleans. There's a lot of positives happening down there, but unfortunately, the broad brush is being painted of Louisiana, and Shreveport's right in the middle of that. You know I encourage you to continue to work to try to meet those numbers, because the convention center numbers don't work, the hotel doesn't work, then we've got another set of headaches coming the City's way. But I commend you for obviously fast tracking. You've got a lot of, lot of bases to cover and a lot of things to do in a short period of time. And the only reason I bring it up, is I know SMG is down in Houston marketplace, and I've touched base with a couple of my colleagues in the Houston marketplace, and City Councilmen down there. I don't remember at the end of the day, when y'all were involved with the two venues that y'all provide management services for. At the end of the day, I think y'all have a heavy percentage of minority participation from top to bottom. And I fully expect that at the end of the day, you put SMG aside, I had my differences with the hotel and convention center, because I think the numbers are over inflated. I think that my predictions will come true over the next couple of years. But the fact is SMG has been a top ranked management firm of which I think at the end of the day, my Council colleagues will find that you will definitely step up to the plate and do what needs to be done to reflect their interest from their constituent standpoint. And I do appreciate you standing tall before this body and answering the tough questions, at the end of the day, if the numbers don't produce, all these other questions don't matter. Because we will have one financial albatross around our neck and I do appreciate the challenge that you've stepped up to do for quite some time. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mike, just a couple of comments, I would like to say along with what has been said already, that I do believe that it's important that your staff reflect the diversity of our City. You've heard that three or four times already, and I think progress is being made. Perhaps not enough progress is being made. Not enough emphasis is being put on the Fair Share and I understand that. But there's an important point I'd like to make. I'd like you to know and I'd like the public to know as well. That lest we sound hypocritical, I'd like to make this point in relation to your staff list, I see as you've provided for us, there is only one African-American. I would have no problem at all if they're all African-American except one White. As long as the job gets done, I have no problem with that at all. But again, lest we sound hypocritical, our own Council staff up here is the opposite of this. I think it's noteworthy that people in the public and on TV know that our Council staff consists of only one White person looking at it in terms of race. You know that might not compare apples to apples. There's less people on our staff, but I think that's noteworthy for our benefit so you'll know that's where we are on our staff. So, and I might add too they all do a great job and I appreciate the job that they do. And so, that's all I have to say. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: I would note just for the record that while our staff may be all African-American with the exception of one White female, for over I don't know, 150

years, the staff of the Shreveport City Council and the staff of the City of Shreveport was what, maybe 95-97% White? I mean if you're talking about apples to oranges, well apples to apples, there would be a fair comp - - - I just wanted for the public's edification, I just wanted them to know it hasn't always been like that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Antee: Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Antee I guess asked before me. I didn't know.

Councilman Green: Just a minute Mr. Antee. One is that I didn't know if you were serious or if you were just saying you have a comment, because you do a lot of under toning. I apologize. So be perfectly clear when you have a comment, and be serious about it and not do the under toning. Yes sir, go ahead and make your comment.

Councilman Jackson: Well, from now on Mr. Chairman, when I say I got a comment, I mean that. Just FYI.

Councilman Green: Okay.

Councilman Jackson: Let me just say - - - .

Councilman Green: Just one minute Mr. Jackson, as long as I'm in the Chair, as long as you were in the Chair, I gave you respect. Again, I'll say you know how the under tone that you do, I can't tell when you're serious or when you're not. All I'm asking you to do is let me know that you are serious and I will respond. That's all. Go ahead and make your comment.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, when I say I want to speak, that's when I'm serious. So anytime you hear me say that, just assume I'm serious at that time.

Councilman Green: And you'll speak at the pleasure of the Chair.

Councilman Jackson: Right. Do I have your pleasure to speak?

Councilman Green: You got it.

Councilman Jackson: What I want to say to Mr. Carrier is that I just want to put emphasis on the fact that I don't think that anybody was requesting that we not have effective people. Very often when the conversations get to a point of people that seem to be specifically only about race, then people also assume that means that someone is suggesting that you hire a less qualified person for the purpose of this mythical rainbow. Certainly that's not what I'm suggesting. I am suggesting that there are qualified people who can fill every position, notwithstanding what they look like. But when you do have qualified people of all races, not just Black or White, whatever the case may be, that when we consider that, we do consider the fact that we're all serving a multiplicity of races and people and ethnicities who are going to come to our city. If right now we use the City as a guidepost, if you will, then it is true, that 50% plus of the population is African-American. So there are going to be times when there are going to be a predominant amount of people depending on the organization. It's no surprise that in public places, government, there's always been, you could always find a number of four African-Americans and one White in government places. Where our weakness has been is in the private sector. What I'm suggesting is that what we'd like to see is progress in the private sector. It's not saying much to say it happens in the public sector. It's been happening for years in the public sector. And so, what I'm suggesting is that when we talk about it, I certainly don't want to reduce the conversation to people saying as long as they are good. I expect anybody you hire, No. 1, to be qualified. I'm just suggesting that

when we do this, we put these kinds of pictures out there. Citizens have questions about it as well. And if the answer when the question comes were there no qualified African-Americans? That's a legitimate question. If the answer is No, say No. If the answer is Yes, then the question then becomes 'why haven't hired any?' If the answer is No, I think some people have gotten so conscious and politically correct, that if the answer is No, then they've gotten afraid to say no. If the answer is No, say No. If the answer is not No, then that's when there needs to be some accountability. And I just hope that you all will appreciate that. Thank you Mr. Chairman Sir.

Mr. Antee: I'd just like to say that if there's anybody out there that's interested in working at the Convention Center, if they'll bring their resume to the Personnel Office in an envelope that has Convention Center on it, or if they don't have a resume, but there is a certain area where they feel they are qualified, then just put their name and contact information in that area in an envelope that say 'Convention Center', then we'll get it to 'em and when those jobs come available, we'll make sure they get notice of the advertisement of the application period. And that's the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, our Personnel Department.

Mr. Carrier: If I can just say something else about that, all of the jobs that we have, have been - - - that we have just recently announced, we've got seven that are advertised right now, have been advertised through *The Times*, through *Shreveport Sun*, have been sent to LSUS, to Job Corps, to a number of other places and the City's Personnel Office. So, we are continuing to try to broaden our reach to find other opportunities for folks that are looking for jobs to know that we are out there and they can always come by our office and fill out applications. We have applications at the front desk that they can fill out at anytime whether it's a job that's been posted or jobs that will be coming available later. So, we certainly encourage people to come by and apply. Thank you.

Councilman Green: We'd like to move to Reports. Also as we move to reports, I'd like to also welcome a special guest of mine, Ms. Earlene Coleman. We'll move to Convention Center and Hotel Report. Any questions?

***Reports:***

***Convention Center and Convention Center Hotel***

Mr. Antee: Mr. Chairman, if it's okay, prior to that report, the Mayor did ask that the Chief provide a report as to the Police Department, and if it's okay with the Chair and the Council for him to do it at this time, he is prepared to do that.

Councilman Green: Okay. Chief, will you come? Chief, we'd like to say welcome and the mic is yours.

Chief Campbell: Thank you Councilman.

Mr. Antee: Y'all starting to look like the Fire Department with your Power Point.

Councilman Carmody: It's looks like a paper weight, it doesn't look like a Power Point.

Chief Campbell: Alright. Y'all ready?

Councilman Carmody: We're ready.

Chief Campbell: What the Mayor has asked us to do I think at a couple of council

meetings ago was to give a kinda of a status of the Police Department and where we're at. And I want to take this opportunity to run through a brief Power Point demonstration to let you know, to give you some ideas. First thing we're going to do is look at Part I Crime Comparison, 10 Year Average, Part I Violent Crime, 10 Year Average, and Part I Property Crime 10 Year Average Comparisons. And we've already discussed this, I'm not going to waste a lot of time on that. But if you look in the far left hand column, 1995, that was our Part I Crime Index. That's a total Part I Crime, City of Shreveport, and where we go to now. The one thing I will say and we talked about this before is the economic impact of how that affects the Part I Crime and we'll get into a little bit more on that later on. But I would like to tell you this. That if we continue the pace that we're on this year, we will have an 18 year low in Part I Crime overall. Possibly 20 year low if I can find the '85 and '86 numbers. But we're doing a good job up there dealing with that in addressing those issues. Looking at the Violent Crime Index, last year 2004, we basically had a 6% increase. We looked this year to have a negligible increase to no increase whatsoever in violent crime. Again, that's Lord willing and the creek doesn't rise. Property Crime Index, last year we had a 2% decrease (inaudible) 6-8% decrease this year. And here's where we are. Part I Crime Comparison for the first six months or actually the first seven months of the year, and that's where we are. One of the things I want to point out at this place. What is driving our violent crime index, if you'll look down to aggravated assault, and aggravated battery, those large numbers there are what's driving our violent crime index. I think it's also very important to understand the difference between an aggravated assault and an aggravated battery. If I were to pick up this rock and tell Ken Antee that I was going to bash him in the head with that and he thought that I meant what I said, then that would be an aggravated assault even though I did nothing to follow through with that and actually did not commit a battery upon him. Aggravated battery would be the difference, if I told him I was going to do it, and then I followed up and did do it. Okay? And really when you look at those numbers, 40% of that 578 is 40% of that is aggravated assault as opposed to aggravated battery. Let's talk a little bit about crime fighting. Because the Police Department not only should be judged by its ability to deter crime, but also it's success in bringing offenders to justice. And we're going to talk about some of those things. And another good indicator is and you hear rumors around that the Police Department is soft on crime. That the Police Department has low morale, that we are handcuffed and can't do our jobs. Well, one of the only things I can point to is the performance indicator. Talk about felony arrests in the first half of the year. Felony arrests were up 38%. Misdemeanor arrests were up 27%, total arrests were up 30%. When you put that into numbers and bodies, that's 1,500 more arrests in the first half of this year as opposed to last year. I believe common sense would dictate to you that we're not soft on crime, that we're not handcuffed, and morale is not at the lowest level ever. Let's talk about some recent status of some recent cases. This is the armed robber of the Circle Ks, arrested and warrants have been issued for two of his accomplices. This is our pepper mace robber, he is in jail. This is the machete robber. He is in jail. All these are crimes which occurred in August. This arrest for an individual second degree murder, which occurred up in the MLK area. This is a narcotics trafficker that was arrested. This is second degree murder arrest that occurred in District A or the South Shreveport, Southeast Shreveport area.

Councilman Carmody: District D.

Chief Campbell: This is a narcotics ring that was arrested in reference to about an 18 month investigation. Let's talk about some other things that we do beside crime fighting. Let's talk about crime prevention. There is those uninformed who say we're not meeting in the community with citizens. Nothing is further from the truth. In fact in January of 2006 all of our elements that had anything to do with community affairs which is our CLOs, our Crime Prevention Units, our COP units, our Auxiliary Police Officers, and our Pastors on Patrol were all moved under one organization in January and the main reason for it was command control and to be more effective. Let's look at some of the things that'll be done this year. They've attended over 239 meetings in churches, schools, neighborhood associations, neighborhood watch groups, non-profit organizations, business associations, and civic groups. I personally have made 67. Some the same, some different. That equates to nearly a meeting a day in the community. Let's talk about some of the other things (inaudible). Training seminars and crime prevention in the community, formed 34 new neighborhood watch groups and reactivated 2 neighborhood watch groups. Resolved 71 complaints received through my office. Have coordinated, conducted basketball camps, fishing camps, all directed at children and youth in our community. Auxiliary Officer Program has logged 3239 hours of volunteer time, and our Police Pastor Program has performed 320 hours of service in the jail. Let's talk about what we're doing. What we're being talked about, about implementing the Bellmio Study in our direction. False Alarm Ordinance. Studies indicate that nearly 85% of alarms are false and they represent about 20% of our total calls for service. It is clearly evident that this equates to wasted manpower resources and conservatively speaking in 2004, these responses cost in excess of half million dollars. That alarm ordinance is currently before this Council. Re-draw the district lines. We have basically done that, we're doing some fine tuning and we'll be - - - that restructure indicates that we will go from 18 Police Districts down to 13 Police Districts and there's the obvious benefits of the - - - more ownership of the - - - it's a basically balancing of our resources across the thing which also gives us that uncommitted time that Mr. Bellmio said was so important in preventing crime. Gonna reallocate our resources, that's going to involve some reorganization of the table of organization and see what else we can remove out of that to put on the street. And also it's going to be an adjustment in the time frame of the hours working that we put our resources on the street when they're needed. And then we transition to GEO policing and generalization from the traditional policing method and specialization. And that establishes ownership of district areas by police officers that patrol them. It promotes ownership and is fundamentally good productivity job satisfaction and most importantly accountability. Let's talk about another area that seems to cause us a lot of issues. Fear of crime. And I think we need to talk a little bit about the causes of crime. And we're going to talk a little bit about the comparison between the City of Shreveport and Bossier City. And then look at Little Rock and Baton Rouge for comparisons. Causes of Crimes. In addition to lack of - - - budgetly economic factors of poverty. In addition to lack of financial resources, poverty manifests itself in a lack of educational opportunities, lack of meaningful employment options, poor housing, lack of hope, and a prejudice against persons living in poverty. In economically disadvantaged areas, 7% of men are responsible for over 50% of all crime. Persistent offenders engage in criminal behavior earlier and continue longer is the affects of poverty. Social environment. Social root causes of crimes are inequality, (inaudible)

lack of support in families and neighborhoods, real or perceived inaccessibility to services, lack of leadership in communities, low value placed on children and individual well being. The over exposure to television as a means of recreation. Also in addition to that, social and economic disadvantages manifest in low family income, and poor housing often amplify poor parental supervision, marital disharmony, inconsistent care, poor nutrition, chronic healthcare problems, poor school performance and psychological problems, and the third and final cause of crime, family structures. Families are uniquely placed and (inaudible) into raising healthy responsible members of society. But the task of putting children first goes well beyond the family to include communities and society. Dysfunctional family condition contributes to future delinquency. And to further reiterate that, the home environment, there is a link between the abuse of women and child abuse to crime. Over 50% of violent young offenders witness wife abuse at home. Physically abused children are five times more likely to be violent than adults. Let's now look at a Bossier comparison. Often times, primarily because of our proximity to Bossier City, it is utilized as a measuring stick for us involving crime statistics. Keep in mind the causes of crime, lets look at the facts. And they are. First half of the year January through June 2005. Now, let's look at some other comparisons. Shreveport's population is 254% larger than the size of Bossier City's population. Shreveport's Part I Crimes (major crimes) rate per 100,000 is 16% greater than Bossier City. Shreveport's Violent Crimes, homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault and batter rate per 100,000 is less than 1 times greater than Bossier City's violent crime rate per 100,000. Shreveport's property crime, that's burglary theft, auto theft, rape per 100,000 is 8% greater than Bossier City's property crime rate per 100,000. Now this is a very interesting slide. Bossier City's median household income is 20% greater than Shreveport's median household income. \$36.5 as it relates to \$30.5. Shreveport's population below the poverty level is 452% larger and Bossier City's population below the poverty level. Shreveport's vacant housing units are 484% greater than Bossier City's vacant housing units, and that is an incubator for crime. Shreveport's land area is 159% greater than Bossier City's land area. Bossier City's officer authorized per 10,000 population is 20% greater than Shreveport's authorized per 10,000 population. Bossier City's budget per 10,000 population is 24% greater than Shreveport budget for 10,000 population. That's police budget. And if you want to do another comparison in very similar situation with very similar demographics, I will tell you to go look at West Monroe and Monroe. Almost identical on smaller scale. Reason being demographics. Now, lets look how we stack up with somebody with similar demographics. Little Rock, Arkansas. And I'd ask you to go down to the violent crime, property crime and total. The first half of the year, we're 27% below Little Rock, AR violent crime. We're 18% below on property crime, 19% total.

Councilman Carmody: Chief, a quick question though. Could you address why we're 41% higher in homicides?

Chief Campbell: That's an issue that we have some control over. Some we don't have control. I think if you go back and look at the root causes of crime and why the educational levels and those types of things, indicates why we increased there. What I will tell you at the end of the year, we're going to be pretty much balanced where we were last year.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you.

Chief Campbell: Which is still not acceptable. Now, let's take a look at Baton Rouge. Go down there and look at their violent crime, 17%. We're less 17% in violent crime, 15% less in property crime, total 15% less. And also point out to you that Baton Rouge, while only a population increase of about 25,000 has an additional of 150 officers. And so the point in comparison that I make there is not necessarily how many officers you have, it's how they're utilized and what else happens in the community in regards to root causes of crime. And finally in conclusion, I will tell you this. This police department has and continues to do an excellent job. That's primarily attributable to the men and women who work in the trenches everyday. And the other thing with that, also I'd like to point out is we get stronger everyday. Last year, we were 50 officers short. The Council in their wisdom gave us an additional 20 officers, for an increase of 70, which we make those up. About 36 of those officers are still in some form of training. It's going to take a little time to get out there, but everyday that goes by, we get stronger. The other things we'd ask for your support in is to helping us implement the recommendations the Bellmio study made. The false alarm ordinance that cost us valuable resources. We put the other things in place and we're going to put the officers out there when they're needed on the days and times that they are needed. And its more effective use of our resources. I think we'll continue to make headway. And then finally, I'm not content to playing 2<sup>nd</sup> fiddle to anyone. Bossier City or anybody. One crime is too many. Realistically though, we know we're going to have 'em. And I would tell you this. To address the crime issues we face, we must face them as a community and address the root causes of crime in a holistic manner which includes our community leaders, elected officials, citizens, and the police department working together to address the causes of crime. Based on that, I would be open to any questions you may have at this time.

Councilman Green: Chief, would you go back to the slide where you made the big drug bust arrest that you did for the 18 months.

Chief Campbell: I will, it may take me a second to get back there.

Councilman Green: When I look at that list there, and of course Operation Big Mook, my question would be, once we leave Operation Big Mook, is that the end of the line for drug cartel or is there somebody higher than Big Mook, and my question why we don't ever catch the bigger mook, because they gotta mook it from some mook?

Chief Campbell: Okay, to answer your question, we do. In fact, also.

Councilman Green: My next question is, if we catch them, why are they never on TV so that the general public and people like myself would know that we caught 'em? Because the only folk that we ever see are at this level. And when it comes to the next level, we never know.

Chief Campbell: I'll try to answer that question for you.

Councilman Green: Alright.

Chief Campbell: There were several people that were arrested out of Dallas in connection with this arrest here. And that was the point that the narcotics were being distributed from. They were handled over there. They were arrested by those authorities. And we didn't publish that. We didn't make those arrests. These are the arrests that we made. And often times, they continue to work up the ladder on those things, and sometimes we don't put out anything on arrests that we make, so that we are allowed to go up there so that other people don't know that these people have been

arrested.

Councilman Green: Okay, so you're saying when it comes to our City, these are the only folk here that's dealing?

Chief Campbell: No sir. Not by a long shot. There are other groups similar to this group out there, that we're continuing to work on, and hopefully we're successful with those groups as we were with this group.

Councilman Green: Okay. And I guess because you said it took you 18 months, to get these guys, and I don't want to put you on the spot, but what would be a prediction as to when we would catch the other folk a little higher than these folk?

Chief Campbell: In this case, we did catch people higher than this. They were arrested in our jurisdiction.

Councilman Green: No, I meant locally, do we have anybody locally that's higher - - -?

Chief Campbell: I would say this. That we have locally people that are similar to this group. But then and actually it's just like a business, if you will, if I can explain it that way. You have a wholesaler, and a retailer, and it goes back in line. Those drugs weren't grown here, weren't manufactured here, they came from someplace else. The line in many cases always goes back to Mexico, or Central America. And there are people that arrested there that may start from these investigations. There was - - - I'll give you another example. There was a case here where a traffic stop was made here locally, I say locally, within 60-80 miles that was actually featured as one of the cases of the year last year, because of the implications that it had on the east coast. So often times, you don't see the long term affects of - - - and this was just a basic traffic stop, that led all the way to the east coast and the taking down of a major organization, even larger than this organization.

Councilman Green: Okay. My last request would be if in fact you could do a presentation on the drug trafficking as we did with the crime, at some time in the near future.

Chief Campbell: Certainly, be glad to do it.

Councilman Green: Councilman Jackson, and then Councilman Gibson.

Councilman Jackson: Thank you Chief, let me say thank you again for a job, (I don't need that picture anymore). Thank you for coming today and for sharing with us. I think I may have had this conversation with you before and I know we did at my district at a couple of meetings, and thank you for both tonight and last night as well. One of the issues has always been the perception of crime and then as opposed to the reality of crime. And that's something I don't think as a police force you're ever going to be able to totally reduce that curve. Because as long, it doesn't matter how safe a City is, as long as people don't feel safe, it doesn't matter what the statistics may be, they may be like the lowest in America in five different categories. As long as people don't feel safe, that's going to be an issue. I don't know that we can ever address all of those things. But it's reassuring to know that there are things that we are addressing. I think one of my colleagues, Councilman Carmody asked the question a few minutes ago about where we were compared to other cities in homicides. I think that may have been what I talked to you about before. I had asked a police officer when I read about these things, what troubles me the most I guess in wanting to bring our City to a point where we can have a Utopian scenario, where there is no crime. It's hard for any police department in

America or in the world to prevent a homicide sometimes. Because a) you don't know it's going to happen. Nobody is telegraphic that we're going to kill somebody tonight because they may step on my shoes or they may bump into my car. That kind of scenario while it may be me jerking irresponsible hard to hold a police department responsible for saying that you need to know that. What level of intelligence must we have to know what a fool will do. I mean, you can't predict - - - it wouldn't be a fool if you could predict what they would do. And there are people out there who are going to break the law and who just - - - whose mind are made up. My question remains is there anything we can realistically do? Obviously we want to educate people and we hope people will have good sense. That's where it starts. I mean, it's not the police department's responsibility, that's parent's responsibility first of all. But then I don't know how you stop guys who don't have a job or who are just hoodlums who say I'm going to pepper spray somebody, I'm going to get a, whatever you call that thing, a machete, my question is are all of the crimes that are preventable, what are we doing about those, and then are there just crimes that's just not preventable and if there are crimes that are not preventable, what I hold the police department accountable for is what we saw today. That is captured, captured, captured. And then I hold the District Attorney responsible/accountable for saying prosecuted, prosecuted, and prosecuted, and hopefully the jury of their peers will say convicted. Ultimately, I think it's difficult. And I don't care if you had one officer per person, if a person is anticipated doing something or if they made up in their minds, I mean, most criminals think. You know they think how to get in at the right time, they case the place, they go through a lot before they commit a crime. They just don't go out and say, 'well, I got this gun, I know everybody is looking at me, but I'm just going to go anyway.' Be probably easy to prevent those, but I think sometimes, we deal the police department a difficult blow when we suggest that some of these crimes can be reduced, when the truth is the best unfortunate that we can do in many scenarios is to respond quickly, and try to be affective in our investigations and to put people in jail. I hope that, that's not lost on our citizens that we are successful at doing some of those things, because that unfortunately where there are victims, because there are no victimless crimes, in my opinion, that, that are some victims, but I think it's important that we can have confidence in the police department to say they are investigating and they are catching these criminals, who have done these things. And so, while I'm never satisfied as long as there is 1% crime or whatever the percentages may be. But I think this department must be commended and not just beat up for crimes that a) they can't prevent, and b) they are trying to investigate, give the District Attorney and the Prosecutor and hopefully we can get these people right convicted. And so, while I commend you on that, obviously there is some work that needs to be done in the areas where we can prevent crime, and I'm interested in what we're doing to bolster those attempts.

Chief Campbell: Yeah. Absolutely, and a prime example of that was last year. I don't know if you remember when we had the tremendous increase in business robbery. We put together a unit to specifically address those things, and they have been very successful. Not only in reducing the number of business robberies, but also in their arrests record. Which I think is right at 58% reduction in our business armed robberies. And also their closure rate is outstanding. Nearly doubled what the rate is in the country.

Councilman Jackson: And I would think just in case people get it kind of twisted

or misunderstood, misconstrued, or confused, there is always going to be less crime where there are fewer people. I mean maybe that's not a logical thing to some people, but if all things are being held equal and all factors are equal given any size of the City, obviously you're going to have more crime where there's a larger city. So, for morale purposes and those kinds of things, very often we bark this whole deal about Bossier and Bossier. I'm not an advocate, I'm not against Bossier at all, but I'm not an advocate for Bossier City when I come to Shreveport City Council Meeting. If there is less crime in Bossier, one of the attributable factors is that there are also less people in Bossier which means there is going to be fewer criminals and fewer victims. But for percentage sakes, I mean so what? We're here to make Shreveport as safe as possible. It doesn't matter what Greenwood is doing, what Bossier is doing, it doesn't matter what Haughton or Houston or anybody else is doing. My concern is that we're giving you the tools and that's what I expect to hear from our Police Chief. What are the tools necessary to be able to put you in the best position to serve and to protect the people who live in Shreveport, and that's the only thing that's important to me.

Chief Campbell: And I agree with you Councilman. And I think there are some other things that we talked about. We talked about the things that can help us do better. One is this alarm ordinance. Paid a man a lot of money to come in here, give us a study on recommendations which we are in the process of implementing that can help us there. And we'll continue to do those things. And again, I don't like to play 2<sup>nd</sup> fiddle to anybody. When you have more numbers, you have more opportunities. You factor in the root causes of crime which we discussed as compared to other cities. It has an impact on your crime rate.

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Chief, you weren't Chief at the time that this Body took office. I clearly remember key important things when it comes to budgets and other issues. We inherited a budget in 2002, a proposal that cut the police department by about 25%, and shortly after that in April 2003, there was a proposal to cut another 20%. Part of it, there were about two or three years worth of no training academies. This Body came together, and one of the first things we did as a collective group was to look at what was taking place. I was within 30 days of asking for your resignation in February of 2004, because when I met with you and asked for overtime and put the proposal before this Body, it was shot down because you said you didn't need the money.

Chief Campbell: That's not exactly what I said.

Councilman Gibson: Well, I'm - - - well, we can debate that all day, but the fact being is you turned around in April 2004 and realized that we did need the money for overtime. And we can dance around that all we want, but the point being is priorities are going to be a key issue for a long time in the City. Crime being one of the cornerstones of priority. And you're the Chief law enforcement officer and you've done a commendable job since Chief Roberts resigned getting this City where it needs to be. But the fact is I think if you look and I said when you came before us, wanted to compare to Jackson, Little Rock, I said I don't care about those other cities. I care about District D and the City of Shreveport. And I think that there is one thing that we have achieved and that's somebody that cares about his community. But the fact is it takes resources. This Councilman's been accused of a lot of things, sitting and complaining about things, but every single time I've complained about something, I've come with an alternative

solution. And I commend my colleagues for stepping up and giving you valuable overtime money which began the process.

Chief Campbell: Absolutely.

Councilman Gibson: If I recall in April of 2004 of major reductions in crime in this town. I did it from a self preservation standpoint, I hope that my Councilmen did the same thing. But the fact is crime was on a major increase. And I believe that one thing I didn't hear in this presentation is police presence does mean something in any community. And hopefully through some of these other things that Bellmio and the terrific experience rate that your rank and file has, you've got a tremendous amount of talent in your pool of workers or police officers that I hope you will continue to call on. Sometimes we call in out of state of people and out of region people to look at what's going on. It's good to have that fresh perspective. But as I've spent some time and I'm sure my colleagues have done the same things, talking with a lot of your rank and file, you've got a lot of committed people and a lot of experience rate there that I know you've called on a lot of those people to receive input and how we're going to redistrict and things of that nature in this City. I know District D for example is very anxious to see the results of that redistricting. I won't be here to see it, but I will be reading on the internet with a lot of interest. I guess I asked you in the 2006 budget as you're working toward your budgetary numbers which I got to believe you're pretty close to finishing for presentation in a couple of months. Are you going to have some of the same numbers or the same resources put towards some of these special forces and overtime to continue to move toward having more police officers on the street?

Chief Campbell: Absolutely. And that's what the as we move forward with the Bellmio recommendation, that's what that's all about.

Councilman Gibson: Now, I just asked some point blank questions. Because again, the budget starts with the Administration and the Chief of Police. And again, I can say without a doubt that in February 2004, I had some serious concerns about Chief Campbell. But those concerns have faded because of the responsibilities that you stepped up to the plate, and also some of the things that you recognized that you were not having in terms of support and resources. And I think the challenges that this Council is continue to have to deal with is finding additional resources over and beyond what you've asked for. Because without it, I expect to see those numbers go in the other direction versus going into decline. And it's imperative, and I found it interesting that Lo Walker, Mayor Walker, the first thing that came out of his mouth when installed a couple of months ago in Bossier City was crime is No. 1. And I think that, that priority was loud and clear. And I think that this City will have to continue to have to examine on a regular basis what are the priorities. And again, those issues are sometimes controversial depending on whose in the discussion. But the fact is we've got some competent individuals up here on Council and a lot of 'em are up for re-election. And I'm sure that, that's going to be a continued subject matter in 2006 for everybody to have to address, because again, the rubber hits the road, there's no doubt about it, if those resources aren't there, I don't care what you do as a chief or what your rank and file do, resources are going to be the key to continue to see this decline over a long period of time, and I appreciate the time, the effort that you've put in it and your experience that you've brought to the table as chef of police for the City of Shreveport. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Chief in looking at the

statistics, especially when we compare ourselves with our Sister Community on the east side of the Red, I'm assuming that the same people that have total disregard for laws of the land, don't recognize jurisdiction and different departments and that some of these same people are committing the same offenses in both Shreveport and Bossier City.

Chief Campbell: Oh absolutely. Absolutely.

Councilman Carmody: I take a lot of comfort in the fact that your strength is daily getting stronger and stronger. One of the things I had noticed in your evaluation of the different communities with our City was that it did appear that there is less crime when the percentage of officers to the 100,000 person population is greater, and again, this is just my observation. I always feel more comfortable when I see police officers in any community in which I'm in because I think that, just that presence acts as a deterrent to persons who think that they might want to do something outside of the law. If we're presently a number of officers shy of where we should be because they are in military obligations, ideally, what would you as the Chief of the Shreveport Police Department foresee as a number that the community should try to address with our current population as it is right now. Now granted, I understand we have budget constraints cause we're about to go through that exercise, but percentage wise - - -

Chief Campbell: Right, and I think if you go back to what we talked about with the Council, when we got the 20 additional officers last year, what we agreed to do was to take that 20 officers, implement the recommendations of the Bellmio Study, cause until you do that, you don't know if you're efficiently using the resources that you do have. Once we do that, what we're committed to doing and what the Bellmio Study is all about, is committing a third of that officers time everyday he goes out to what we call uncommitted time, so that he is in the neighborhoods, he is addressing specific issues for that area that he assigned. So, at that point, I wouldn't say, but to go back and address, I don't think you can just say population – police officers, and I think if you go back to the Baton Rouge comparison for just a minute, they have a significant amount more police officers than we have. But we're doing significantly better than them. So perhaps it could be how you use your resources. I'm not saying at this point, and I don't think in all fairness and we can say, until we implement the recommendations of the Bellmio Study, that we can come back and say 'okay, based on the (inaudible) give these officers a 33% uncommitted time, we're going to need X amount of officers. I think we have to also be fiscally responsible. Because also if you look at the reasons, I know it was comments made about the classes being cut. Well, if you go back to some of the initial slides, and you see a ten year average and how they are related to economic conditions, when economic conditions decline in the private sector, the same thing happens in the public sector. So, if you look at those things, you're going to have budget cuts. When the private sector declines, then you're also going to be - - - there's going to be a corresponding decline in your public sector as well, which limits your amount of money to do those things. I wasn't here when that happened again. There are some priorities there. What do you cut? It's a hard decision to make. But the decision was made at that point, and I don't know what the figures were, what the numbers were, but it was to reduce the money into the different divisions of the City and the Police Department as a result of those cuts, was not able to hire those classes. So, it's a tough decision. You know I have to try to do the job with the resources that I have, and my hands always out, if you want to give a little extra, but in reality, that is reality. The reality is that it affects

the economy affects both the public and the private sector. And what we have to do and I think before and being conscientious because I'm a citizen of Shreveport, I don't care to pay any more taxes than I'm currently paying. If I have to, I will but the first thing we have to do and feel good about is knowing that we're making maximum use of the resources that we do have. And then we go from there.

Councilman Carmody: Yes sir, and again I commend you in your leadership in your department and the work that all of your officers do. And it is a thankless job as I am sure that sounds hallowed from someone that does not do it, but again thank you and I am impressed with the work that you do with the resources that you have. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Chief, first of all I would like to ask at some date for a copy of the Bellmio Study. I'd like to sit down and read it and look at some of the recommendations. Just as an aside, you know, I don't understand what it is with us in Shreveport, but we are constantly, constantly, constantly - - - we have this obsession with comparing ourselves to Bossier City. I mean, I just don't understand that. I mean because it's an apples and oranges type of thing. And for us to look at our crime statistics and things of that nature, and say 'oh well, crime is lower in Bossier City, they must be doing something right.' Well, no. I'm glad that at least at some point, you delve into some of the reasons why we're having crime, and some of the root causes to kind of debunk a lot of this myth that our friends to the East have this omniscience that we don't have over here. And I applaud the scientific method, obviously the Bellmio Study has taken to look at what our problems are. So, I wanted to say that first. Let me ask this question. I've had a number of people talk to me and ask me as it relates to the police department. And this is a perception, I guess it's a perception, maybe you can debunk it as well. There is a perception out there that the Shreveport Police Department is top heavy. That we have too many people in - - - I don't know, too many people in management level positions, sergeants and things of that nature, that are doing more administrative or what could be considered desk jobs or jobs that are not what's considered patrol jobs and things of that nature. How would you respond to people and I'm not engaging, because if I had a question I would ask it, but I think it's a legitimate one. How would you and how do you respond to the idea that our department is top heavy, because if I've had 10 people say it, I've had 20 people say it. You know we could get more officers on the street if we just made some of the sergeants and the people in the administrative positions do less desk work and actually get out there on the street. Is that a fair assessment?

Chief Campbell: I don't think it's actually a fair assessment, I think we touched on it when we talked about some of the things about scrubbing our table of organization to go through and look at each one of those organizations and see if we can't move that officer onto the street. That's what we're in the process of doing as well. But also getting back to that presence on the street, that has more to do with how you utilize the resources that you have. And based on the study, we have the sufficient number of officers presently on patrol to do what we need to do to increase that presence. It's about how we deploy those resources that makes the difference. And I think as we get further along into the process and the actual implementation, of the 13 districts, of the changing in the shift hours, of the scrubbing of the table of organization then we will at that point have the maximum number of our resources on the street that we can do. The other

question that I wanted to ask was, I noticed where on one of the findings or one of the recommendations of the Bellmio Study was to go to a geographically based system of patrol, more so than we're doing. One of the things that I asked your predecessor directly, on more than one occasion was what about the idea of substations. Geographic locations where police officers work from that perspective. And almost routinely, in fact, more than routinely, every time I brought the idea up, it was like no, we can't do that, it's not going to work.

Chief Campbell: Let me address that question in this manner. First off, if we're going to spend money, I'd rather spend that money on police officers as opposed to a building. But to address it in another manner and what we've done in our community oriented policing is basically in a nutshell, a miniature substation where we actually stationing officers, our community liaison officers around the community, so that they can actually work in those areas that we have the most significant problems. So in essence, we kinda do that, but I don't think this City is large enough to really manifest itself in actually creating full blown police substations. Again, if I was going to spend that money, I would rather spend it on manpower as opposed to a building.

Councilman Lester: Well, let me ask this question and maybe this is some thing we can look at a later date. Maybe not in terms of an actual building. For instance, we have a number of metro parks and community centers.

Chief Campbell: And that's where we are now.

Councilman Lester: Right. Well, what would it cost us for us to increase from not just the CLOs, because I mean, if anybody and all of us can probably name the CLO officers in the Allendale and the MLK areas, because they are doing an outstanding job of being a presence in those communities. Could we at some point maybe increasing that to having actual officers use that as a substation. Because in my mind, when I think of a substation, I'm not necessarily thinking of us building another building, I'm looking at the idea of having officers that report to duty at one particular place at one particular time, and you know they are moving back and forth from that particular area, and that I guess one of the things you said on the study, them taking more ownership of that particular area, and being more familiar with the folk in that area, and all, but I've even seen situations where in the Highland area, some business owners stepped up to the plate and helped in actually having a bicycle patrol and things of that nature. And obviously, the bicycle patrol has to operate out of some particular geographical area. So, I guess what I'm thinking about and I'm asking because I don't know, could we look at that as a possibility once we realign those our districts and things of that nature? That's just something I'd like for us to take a look at.

Chief Campbell: Well two things. Certainly we can look at that. But the other thing I'd like to just explain when you talk about Geo-Policing, what that really is. What you have now based on the unbalanced work load between districts, you have some districts that are not very busy, and you have other districts that have lots of calls for service. What we're trying to do with the redistricting is to balance that workload evenly across the City. When we talk about geo-policing, what that really means is, is we want to do away with what we call cross-district dispatching. So that the officer who is assigned to that area spends about 70% or greater of his time in that specific area. To give you a- - - and it almost gets to be like Chinese checkers sometimes when you look at the way it's set up now, which I will tell you has been in place for 32 years. It's long

overdue. Because we don't have the same footprint today as the City that we had 30 years ago. But what we're looking at is you might have a busy district, and not so busy district, then we pull the officer that's in the not so busy district and send him to the busy district. Which basically leaves that district with no protection, or less protection. Let's put it like that. And the next thing we get a call from the less busy district, and we take another car from another district and move him to that district and the next thing you have is like Chinese checkers, people going everywhere to answer calls. What we want to do and what the Geo-Policing theory is, is to eliminate as much as we can cross district dispatching. Put ample enough resources in everyone of those districts to both answer the calls for service, and give us that uncommitted time that we can go and be seen in a community and address specific issues. The other benefit that, that gives you with the uncommitted time is that the officers have more time to address the smaller type crimes that lead to larger type crimes. If they can actually get out and do field investigations because they have the time, they're not just being dispatched from call to call to call. If they actually have the time to get out interfacing with the community, which is really what we're looking for when we talk about substations (inaudible)

Councilman Lester: One last question. In the realignment of the districts, are we going to be looking to maybe geographically make some of those smaller? I asked that question because for instance, in one of the districts, you've got MLK in Allendale or part of Allendale there are in the same district, and you and I both know that's a lot of ground to cover. And there have been situations where response times have been less because an officer has to come from Allendale to MLK.

Chief Campbell: In actuality, to answer your question, those are two separate districts. They each have their own officers assigned there. But what you're exactly right on your response time. When we redraw those districts trying to balance that workload based on calls per service, the other thing is not just calls for service that we have to take into account. Because we also want to maintain a seven minute or less Priority I response time. So you can't make the district so large that you couldn't drive from one point to the other in that time frame. So, it's not just calls per service, it's also our response time to the crime, so that will limit to some degree, the size of the district that you could have.

Councilman Walford: Chief, go back to the false alarm ordinance if we could. The statistics that I was given say that through July, we've had 10, 294 false alarms.

Chief Campbell: That sounds about right.

Councilman Walford: If you take the time that y'all gave me, that equates to 49 calls a day. And with two officers on a Priority I call and 30 minutes each, we're wasting 49 officer man hours a day on false alarms.

Chief Campbell: Yes sir, there's quite a bit. Yes. And I'm not sure, Jeanne is that the correct figure?

Jeanne: Yes sir.

Chief Campbell: Yes sir, that is the correct figure.

Councilman Walford: What could we do with those 49 man hours?

Chief Campbell: Well, we could increase our uncommitted time. Which is the goal of the Bellmio Study.

Councilman Walford: Chief, at least two of my fellow Council Members, I don't think support this ordinance. First of all, I'd like to make it clear, it's SPD's ordinance.

Not my ordinance. I sponsored it for you. It seems to be a concern that this is not a good ordinance. One has gone public in the media and it's not a good ordinance and what I'm hearing is we should go with the Lafayette ordinance. Which creates a whole new bureaucracy. Are you in a position to address that.

Chief Campbell: Just basically, I will. If you go with and what we're doing keeping you with the mindset of trying to keep officers on the street, to adopt the Lafayette ordinance means that we then get another administrative duty of a police officer to track and run what, in my opinion, should be done by the private business.

Councilman Walford: Do you mind giving me your views on this ordinance?

Chief Campbell: I think it's something that obviously we need. I think it is a drain on our resources. I think the ordinance is written as far as I'm concerned it's not really tough enough. But it's a start in the right direction. It's something that we have to get a handle on.

Councilman Walford: And when you say tough enough, it goes to our discussions about do we finally quit responding when somebody's had so many false alarms. That's one good way.

Chief Campbell: Well, that and also the fact in regards to the number of calls that you get without any cost to you. Some of those things. And I think the call verification is a must. And I think it's been amended to address that.

Councilman Walford: I did amend it, that is in there where the alarm company merely has to - - - before they call you, they try to get their user.

Chief Campbell: Absolutely.

Councilman Walford: Your office gave me the key elements from a model by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Alarm Industry Research and Education Foundation. And they cite what some elements that are in this new ordinance will do. Cancellations, we haven't talked about that yet, but where you can cancel if the officer hasn't arrived on the scene. This says that based on their models, the average reduction was 12.7% of the false alarms. I assume that's pretty significant. It would reduce us by 2700 a year.

Chief Campbell: Absolutely.

Councilman Walford: You mentioned verification, address that. They say equates to 25-50% reduction in actual dispatches. What would that do to our manpower on the street?

Chief Campbell: That' puts more people on the street.

Councilman Walford: Okay Chief, I'm sold on your alarm, I'm going to certainly support the ordinance, and I hope that my fellow Council Members will.

Councilman Hogan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Chief, can you go back to this and visit it again, the issue of the false alarm ordinance and what I have heard is that what has worked in other cities, not only in Lafayette is that the answer to this is not necessarily increasing such a great increase in the fines. So, I guess can you help me understand where the logic is here. That's what I'm hearing is that the answer to decreasing the drain on your manpower is not increasing the fines.

Chief Campbell: No, I would definitely agree with that. And I think that, that was some of the points that Councilman Walford just talked to. Talking about the verification of the alarm.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, maybe I wasn't understanding, but and I was looking

through, I was reading through the time that you had been up here discussing it. The ordinance that you have, I thought increased the fines.

Chief Campbell: (Inaudible) increase, but that's not the only, that's not the most important things about what's in that ordinance. The most important thing is the call verification that's in there that keeps us from going out there. I would be very happy if we didn't have any false alarms. And there has to be some deterrent for that. I think our current policy, there really is not deterrent for that. But at some point, someday, we have to reduce the number of calls that we respond to simply because most of 'em are false alarms. And rather than taking a car or two cars, or two officers and tying them up for 30 minutes on an average call, that time could be better utilized doing something else. The whole design of the ordinance is to reduce the number of those calls that actually get dispatched. And actually, and I don't know how many people were here on alarm system or not, but I'll just give you an example from me when I talk about call verification. In other ways before that alarm company calls the police and dispatches them, they make an attempt to contact the homeowner to see if they didn't possibly set that off by mistake, which happens all the time. I've done it myself. The particular company that I work with does that verification. Many of them don't. Many alarms used today actually have a contract with a provider who may be (inaudible) New York that has no idea of what's going on. As soon as the light lights up, that we've got an alarm at this particular location, then they automatically dispatch the police without any attempt to verify anything. So, I think it's incumbent on the monitors of these alarms, especially when they're using public services to respond to take some accountability for their action.

Councilman Hogan: There's a company locally I met with, I'm not going to mention the name, but I met with the owner of the company, and they're in fact a local company. They do their own monitoring. So, have a large share of the market here as well. So, but they do their own - - - they already do this.

Chief Campbell: And if they do this, this really doesn't affect them.

Councilman Hogan: You know we had formed a committee not too long ago, or we voted to form a committee and I never got any notices that the committee met. Was there indeed a False Alarm Committee Meeting? Or can you tell me what happened on that. I know someone - - - Councilman Gibson, was that your idea?

Chief Campbell: Not to my knowledge.

Councilman Gibson: Yes it was

Councilman Hogan: Whatever - - - did we have any meetings?

Councilman Gibson: I think we had a councilman who was more committed to raising fees and taxes on the people versus looking long term resolutions, but that's another story for another day.

Councilman Hogan: I guess we're pass the point of having any of those meetings, but I just can't say with certainty that I'm prepared to vote on this ordinance today. I guess the basis of your ordinance, and who - - - did the City Attorney write it for you?

Chief Campbell: It was based on a year long study that we did in the police department, based on recommendations and Jeanne you want to come up and talk on the process?

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, I think this is on the agenda somewhere and maybe the more appropriate time to have that conversation is when we get to that ordinance on the agenda. Thank you sir.

Councilman Hogan: Councilman Walford who brought it up. That's kinda what started the conversation, so but we'll wait.

Councilman Green: Again Chief, thank you for coming. You did a great job, keep up the good work and we appreciate you.

### Property Standards Report

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Bowie, you don't need to come forward, but if I could ask that you provide me a written report on the address 6300 Fairfield, and if I could ask that you touch base with Andrew Barnes at 219-7570. We have a situation with - - - that is definitely a code violation out there. I've driven by there, but Mr. Barnes could expand on that a little bit for your, but if I could get a written report by the next City Council Meeting, I would appreciate it.

Councilman Lester: And Mr. Bowie also two issues I'd like for you to look at. I think they are possibly demolition issues. One is the 1500 block of Arlington right next to the Caddo Community Agency, the old place. And there is a house on the corner of Portland and Murphy Street that's just about to fall in, if it doesn't rain hard. Or if it rains hard between now and the next Council Meeting, we might not have to worry about the one on Portland and Murphy Street. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Carmody: I was hoping we could go back to the reports for the Convention Center and the Convention Center Hotel. I know that Mr. Carrier was here, and I'm not sure that he is still here, but I was going to ask, he had mentioned, he has gone? Mr. Antee, could I ask Mr. Carrier had said that he could provide the Council with the list of conventions that SMG had booked and those dates. Could we be provided with that information please?

Mr. Antee: Sure.

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

### **Public Hearing:**

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

#### **Confirmations and/or Appointments.**

#### **Adding Legislation to the Agenda**

Councilman Green: We have some legislation to be added Mr. Thompson, will you?

Mr. Thompson: We have four items, but if you only have three on your electronic agenda, would you hit refresh?

1. **Ordinance No. 151 of 2005:** An Ordinance amending the 2005 Budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto
2. **Resolution No. 168 of 2005:** A Resolution suspending the effects of section 106-130(1) of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 169 of 2005:** A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend

funds appropriated for the Convention Center Hotel Project for construction materials testing and inspection services; to execute all documents related thereto; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

4. **Resolution No. 170 of 2005:** A Resolution supporting the application of King Oaks III and King Oaks IV Subdivisions to the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Lester to add Ordinance No. 151 of 2005 and Resolution Nos. 168, 169 and 170 of 2005. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Carmody, Hogan, and Jackson. 4. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Walford and Gibson. 2. Absent: None. (Councilman Green – Mayor Pro Tem)**

**Public Comments** (*Agenda Items to be Adopted*)

*Ms. Robin Blanchard Latch: (308 Rossitter Street)* I'm here to talk to you about the Shreveport/Blanchard Highway being changed. As I said yesterday, my grandfather was Governor of Louisiana and the Town of Blanchard was in his honor when he was a senator. I believe you have the handout. And the question was asked of me yesterday on when the Town of Blanchard was named in his honor. I have books if anybody is interested. It's from the centennial celebration held in 1996. And obviously, during the centennial, he was 100 years.

Councilman Carmody: Can you hand those to - - -

Ms. Blanchard: Okay. Blanchard was dedicated as the new township for the title residence of Ward 3, on September 17, 1896. So, if you need those answers to Mr. Carmody's question. As far as it being a memorial, no. My grandfather was alive. To answer the other question from yesterday, it was in his honor. While I was waiting to speak to y'all, I noticed how y'all had all the history from everything from the Civil War on through WWII and all the artifacts out here. I mean I think that's very, very nice display and that means to me that y'all are interested in the history of Shreveport and the surrounding areas. And that you don't really want to change it. And that's what my basic argument is. The name of Blanchard was for my grandfather. Shreveport/Blanchard was named in his honor also. No matter if it was from one point to the next as Mr. Jackson mentioned yesterday. If there was no Blanchard in his honor, then it wouldn't have been a Shreveport/Blanchard Highway. And we found out - - - Mr. Carmody and I did some research and found out the original road from what I gather was Blanchard Highway. It was then made Shreveport/Blanchard Highway and then when it was annexed into the City of Shreveport, it was continued to be called Shreveport/Blanchard Highway. There is an old highway called the Old Blanchard Highway that was part of the original highway, that is still there. So it would be like, the analogy would be like the Mansfield Road and the Old Mansfield Road. So the Old Blanchard Road is still there and the Shreveport/Blanchard Road went more toward KCS, was the other. So, I'm requesting that y'all leave Shreveport/Blanchard Highway the way it is in honor of my grandfather, and that we find another new street to honor Mr. Huckaby.

Councilman Carmody: Thank you Mr. Jackson. Ms. Latch, thank you very much

for doing that research for me, cause again, that was my question and I appreciate you bringing this information forward for our consideration as well.

Councilman Jackson: Ms. Latch, I did not and I heard your presentation, but again, I'm not getting any clarity with regard to the fact that whenever the street was named, I guess it really wouldn't matter, I guess it's whenever the street was annexed into Shreveport, we simply kept the name as it was. And it was Shreveport/Blanchard Highway. Is that correct?

Ms. Latch: In the late '70s.

Councilman Jackson: Yeah, when we annexed it into the City. Is that correct?

Ms. Latch: Yes. It was already previously named by the State.

Councilman Jackson: When was it named Shreveport/Blanchard?

Ms. Latch: He has all my maps and everything up (inaudible).

Councilman Carmody: I had actually gotten a copy of that yesterday, and I'd be glad to pass this out to the other Council Members. The project in the Caddo Parish Engineers record show that Shreveport/Blanchard Road, the right of way was acquired by the Parish to build the road in 1924, is when it began. And then subsequent to the State coming into construct Highway 173, they indicated it as being State Project LA Highway 173 Shreveport/Blanchard Highway.

Councilman Jackson: So we would not be, technically based on that explanation I hear. We would not be in fact violating what our current law says. Cause our current law suggest an intimates that if the City Council or the City of Shreveport and the naming authority is the City Council has named it for anyone in memorial for anyone, a street, that in fact we ought not to change that. And I think that's the spirit of this Council. And I think it suggest to me that we did not ever name in memorial a street or highway, according to Mr. Carmody, the State adopted the name whenever they decided to build the particular highway. Is that correct?

Ms. Latch: Well, I'm sorry I hate to interrupt, but I'll take an exception to that because my grandfather died in 1922. This didn't start until 1924-25.

Councilman Jackson: I mean, I don't get the point.

Ms. Latch: The highway was named by the State in '24 and '25. My grandfather was already dead.

Councilman Jackson: That's not an issue. My question is are you suggesting to me that the State when they decided to take that name, said this Shreveport/Blanchard is in memorial to Mr. Blanchard. Or, did they simply say Governor Blanchard, or did they simply say, that's what they already called it.

Ms. Latch: I'm sorry, I don't have the answer to that question.

Councilman Jackson: Okay, that's what I was asking about yesterday.

Ms. Latch: I'm only 55. I don't know.

Councilman Jackson: And I'm certainly, I wouldn't know. But I'm interested is my point. That if it were done that way, it would be a clear violation I would think if someone had said particularly based on our ordinance that if the naming authority being the Council had named something for a particular person, I would suggest that Milam Street, I think was an example you used yesterday. We had Caddo, Ford and other places that the naming authorities of the City gave those names to those particular streets and they were not those streets already whenever. Either they were annexed into the City or anything like that. You understand where I'm coming from? That if the naming

authorities had done that with the purpose of - - - now people for example, people who are in Blanchard, if they named it whatever they named it, whoever named the street Blanchard Road or Highway, whatever the case may be, my question was, was it named that by the naming authority for the City of Shreveport, which would be the City Council? I guess that's my concern.

Councilman Carmody: And to elaborate, I think that if you go back to it, that the Caddo Parish Engineers records indicate that the Parish, which again, this was out in the Parish at the time when they began acquisition of right of way to facilitate the building the road designated it as the Shreveport/Blanchard Road. When the State came back in to create LA Hwy 173, their project identified it again as Shreveport/Blanchard Highway.

Councilman Jackson: We just kept the name?

Councilman Carmody: Correct.

Councilman Jackson: That was my point. I mean, it wasn't as if they said the significance of keeping - - - I'm sure the significance was to just for continuity. I think I'm sure that was probably was the significance. I can't say what the State did. But my point was I was asking explicitly yesterday just a basic yes or no question. Was there ever a ceremony, a time when some naming authority said 'we want to call this street Shreveport/Blanchard Highway in memoriam of Henry Miller Shreve and Gov. Blanchard.' And if so, that clearly makes it a scenario where any change would be a violation of what our current ordinances are. That's what I was trying to clarify. I think you could probably technically say that you can tie it into that.

Ms. Latch: Mr. Jackson are you suggesting that I should be the one that should find that out?

Councilman Jackson: No, no, no. I was asking. You were talking yesterday and I asked you if you knew. That's all.

Ms. Latch: Okay, then I will (inaudible)

Councilman Jackson: I would assume since you had talked to Gary Joiner, you had had some information about it. So that's why I was asking you yesterday. I don't know the Blanchards or the Shreves or anybody, so it's certainly nothing against - - - my question was if we make a plea to the Council to say 'here's why it is,' my responsibility is to say is that- - - do we have any information that will suggest so. Because if we do, then we don't have any - - - to me it's no issue. We gotta go right back and follow the spirit of that particular ordinance. Which says it was done in memoriam. Then I don't have any problem. So, it's not that I'm advocating against it or for it. I just need information that says 'here's clear cut, this is why it was done, you guys overlooked it, lets go back and change it.' I don't have any problem with that. So, I just needed someone to say that. If that's not the case, if what we're doing is saying we think or we're pretty sure, if we don't know for sure, then I'm saying it's hard to say that the Council was in violation and if we do know, then we can clearly say the Council is in violation. So that's all I was trying to clarify. Any other questions? Thank you Ms. Latch.

*Mr. Orlando Chapman: (Brother's Seafood)* I'm the owner of Brother's Seafood down in the Red River District, located here in Shreveport, LA. I come to you guys to ask you for a little help down in the Red River District down on Commerce Street dealing with parking issues. Me and other tenants down there as far as Nicky's, Santa Maria Bar-B-Que, and I talked about parking issues down there during the lunch hour, pertaining

that we have guest to come down as few some that I see here that come down and visit my establishment during the lunch basically weekly. And I know you have a limited hours of time to allow yourself to have lunch. And sometime you can be in there for a long period of time, and forget that you're on a parking meter. And when you come out you have a \$10 or possibly \$15 ticket on your car. Yikes, gotta go out and pay that ticket. So now where as though your lunch was \$6, it could then be \$16 and if you have a guest, you just multiply that twice. So I was asking that the Councilmen would kinda give us a little leave way between the hours of 11 and 2:30 for allowing free parking for the guest to come down and visit in the Red River District for lunch and have as a little instead of a \$6 lunch meal at my place, at Brother's instead of having a \$16 lunch meal when they finish.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman? And you know that soon, in the not too distance future, not cloudy out there that we are going to have considerably more parking right behind you place.

Mr. Chapman: I am aware of that.

Councilman Walford: But you want some relief right now and I understand that completely. Just know that we're supposed to get the other.

Mr. Chapman: Thank you. I really appreciate that, but that's down the road. As for the people that's now here, you know we can kinda relieve them until that's done.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I haven't spoken to Mr. Chapman, and visited down there with them, I just asked that we would support this Resolution No. 137 to give our folks some relief down there. We've got a significant investment in that area, and anything that we can do to help make those guys successful, I think is something that we should do. Certainly we're going to make the expense of doing a parking garage, but in the short term, at least during the lunch hour from 11-3:00, we're asking that we allow those people that come down to that area to visit those vendors that are in that particular facility to at least be on a competitive basis with other folks as it relates to the parking issue. And I think it's something that will help them be successful as they continue to be successful. Other people will come in to that particular area, and we can look forward to the day where maybe we can sell this thing and get our money out of it. But that notwithstanding, I think this was a good thing and Mr. Chapman is here asking for some relief, and I'm sure the folks and the other establishments in that area would appreciate some support on this as well. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

*Mr. Scott Harkey: (10000 Chase Island Drive)* Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, Council. I see the Mayor is not here to greet him. But I had two items that I wanted to address. I guess I get three minutes total, or three minutes per, I don't know how that works.

Councilman Jackson: Well three minutes total if it gets good enough, we'll - - -

Mr. Harkey: The first thing I wanted to address was the issue of the Shreveport/Blanchard Highway, LA 173. I had asked the Council several questions at our last meeting together, and Art Thompson was gracious enough to get me some answers to those questions when I addressed them to him in a letter. And some of those answers are as pertaining to those questions, was how much money was spent on the counsel in the case versus - - - the Bakers versus the City of Shreveport. So far, it's been almost \$9,000 spent on that case. And as far as the money spent on the survey of

landowners, there was approximately \$5,500 spent on that particular operation. And I believe it's in the records of the Council that there was also somewhere around \$4,500 spent on signage changes to the road that has already occurred. Now all of this money has been expended, save the money that was spent on the survey trying to skirt the law or the ordinances that were already in place by this Council, or by previous Councils. In fact one of those ordinances, Mr. Huckaby supported. And that was the not changing the name of the streets without a two-thirds majority of the landowners agreeing to that change. Now in the survey, that was conducted, and Mr. Thompson was gracious enough to look that up for me, after the survey was conducted, was there two-thirds of that landowner agreeing to change the name, and the answer was no. So even after finding that, the Council decided to go ahead with the name change, expend the money to change for the signs, and also expend the money to fight a legal battle, I just - - - it just boggles my mind that we would put out nearly \$13,000 on something that the point was moot. That it was already according to the ordinance has been done. And the other things is I asked him whether there was a - - - had a request been made to the legislature, and in his answer to that, he said he did not know. Evidently there was no record in the Council's record that there had been any inquiry to the legislature to see if the legislature would approve the name change of LA 173, My only other question was and it was a rhetorical question was if this ordinance is allowed to pass, what is going to keep four members of this Council from changing any road or any street or any highway within the confines of the City of Shreveport to any name that they wish. If this ordinance is allowed to pass today, which would remove the finding of the survey, that two-thirds of the landowners did not agree with the name change, then that ordinance could then be looked upon and said we can now apply that to this, and we can change it. And maybe not this Council, a Council in the future can look back upon this and change the name of some other street that may be near and dear to some other district, or some other Council. And I hope that y'all take these comments into consideration when y'all make the vote on this 130 that's coming up. If I could just have one more comment time or got something else that I'd like to say, but go ahead.

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to allow Mr. Harkey an additional three minutes. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

Councilman Carmody: I just want to make sure gentlemen, I think he's about to change topics, and I wanted to ask my question before we get off the first one. Mr. Harkey, I appreciate you being here today and giving us your thoughts, but you had kinda given us the breakdown of what the City of Shreveport has expended on this particular issue, what I was curious about was what has the Bakers spent as far as their out of pocket to try to - - -

Mr. Harkey: Oh, you would have to ask the Bakers that question, I wouldn't know.

Councilman Carmody: Oh, okay. I was just curious. I did not know that answer.

Mr. Harkey: I have no idea what their expenses what they've incurred on this legal matter.

Councilman Carmody: Substantial I think is what I'm hearing. Yeah, okay I'm sorry. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Jackson: Any other comments from those comments? Mr. Harkey, I guess for people who are observing both here and otherwise, I wanted to clarify, because as we have responsibilities for obviously the taxpayers dollars, I don't want people to skew it and think that we have chosen to spend X amount of dollars and those kinds of things. When you are sued, you have to defend yourself. And so the City was sued. And we spent that amount, expended that amount of money defending ourselves. And so want to be clear that we didn't say that we're going to sue 'em, and we're going to spend this money to go and sue 'em, so- - -

Mr. Harkey: Oh, I understand Council Chairman, but when a suit is filed, the plaintiff always has the opportunity to settle before the court case even - - -

Councilman Jackson: Assuming they think that they don't have a case right?

Mr. Harkey: Right.

Councilman Jackson: So, I just wanted the public to be clear that it's not somebody, the Administration or this Council going out and saying 'oh we got some cash, lets just spend this.' If we hadn't been sued, it wouldn't cost us a dime. So, just wanted to clarify that. You can get the additional three minutes.

Mr. Harkey: Thank you. The other item I'd like to address is the Convention Center Hotel. And I wish the Mayor was here to hear these comments. There's been several of my peers, several of people that I know that have been nay sayers of this construction. Members of this Council have fought it tooth and nail. And in looking at long sidedly at what's going to occur in the future and it's not an 'if it's going to occur', it's "when it's going to occur," and that is the demise of gambling in Shreveport. Whenever it's adopted in Texas, I think that there's things that we need to prepare for. And I believe that although Mayor Hightower's way of funding may not please very many people and his risky nature of adopting this hotel by the City may not fit in everybody's way they'll want things done. I think 10 years from now, the citizens of this City will look back and say "thank God, we had a Keith Hightower." To put something in place that we have to fall back on. It may not right now be the best thing for our City, but I think it's prudent planning and it's something that needed to be done, and I commend the Mayor for doing that.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 137 of 2005:** Authorizing Michael John Slaughter & Mary Laura Ferracci Slaughter located at 10210 Stonehedge Drive to connect to the water system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (D/Gibson)(Postponed Aug 9, 2005)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford.**

Councilman Jackson: I have a motion by Councilman Gibson to do what?  
Councilman Gibson: To take this off of postponement.  
Councilman Jackson: I mean we have to make a motion to either approve or disapprove.  
Councilman Walford: Or to postpone.  
Councilman Jackson: Or to further postpone it.  
Councilman Gibson: And also to have discussion.  
Councilman Jackson: No, I'm saying the discussion will follow the appropriate motion. You just said I just make a motion.  
Councilman Gibson: To bring it off the table.  
Councilman Jackson: It's not on the table.  
Councilman Carmody: To approve or deny.  
Councilman Jackson: You have to approve or deny.  
Councilman Gibson: I'm making a motion to deny it.  
Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, Our normal policy is to make a motion to adopt and then he would ask the Council to vote no.  
Councilman Gibson: Okay, so moved.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Hogan to adopt.**

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Chair, Mr. Pro Tem. Gentlemen, we have a huge water pressure problem out in Southeast Shreveport. We have second story facilities or houses out in Southeast Shreveport that at times when there's spouses are running dishwashers and washing machines, they can't get water pressure up to the second floor. Now, I've met with DOS and I'm confident that over time, DOS is working to solve the problem, but over time, that doesn't mean now. The two items 137 and 138 are proposals to tie on to an existing systems that is badly faltering in a lot of different areas. Again, the high growth that is going on along this corridor especially along the Ellerbe Road and Norris Ferry area is creating the issues out there. The Administration I commend for coming up with some short term and long term solutions, but while that's taking place, I cannot in good conscience approve a utility servitude, and I'm sorry that these two individuals on 137 and 138. Their water wells have dried up, but at the same time, they could make some other arrangements. I don't believe that a couple of people should be allowed to endanger or further endanger the taxpayers of Southeast Shreveport. And as a result, I am asking for your vote on a no vote on 137 and 138.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, so is the motion for both of 'em?  
Councilman Gibson: Well on 137, I was going to take it one at a time, but just it would be on record.  
Councilman Walford: Okay.  
Councilman Jackson: Any other questions? Just for clarification, the motion is to

approve. His request is to vote Nay on the approval. Is that correct?

Councilman Gibson: That's correct.

**Motion denied by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Ayes: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 138 of 2005:** Authorizing Michael Paul Harrington & Arlyne Harrington Cantrell located at 10623 Norris Ferry Road to connect to the water system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (D/Gibson) (Postponed Aug. 9, 2005) (Postponed August 23, 2005)

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

Councilman Gibson: My same comments Mr. Chair would apply as 137. I'd ask for a "no" vote on 138.

Councilman Hogan: Mr. Chairman? Councilman Gibson, I'm looking at the next item No. 160. Do you plan to do the same? Is there a different scenario on 160?

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Hogan, I appreciate you bringing that up. I'm not aware of 160, I'd ask for a postponement on that until I have a chance to review that, again because of the stress that is on the system out in Southeast Shreveport, especially south of Flournoy Lucas along the Ellerbe Road/Flournoy Lucas area. And again, I want to clarify and make it clear for the record that this Administration is working toward some short term and long term solutions of which I think we have some monies in both an existing bond issue or revenue bond issue and some future recommendations that there will be some relief coming. But on 160 I'm not familiar with exactly all the details I'll be asking for a postponement on that.

**Motion denied by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Ayes: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 160 of 2005:** Authorizing Huey Len Brown, Kevin Meredith Smith Brown, Huey Pierce Brown & Lauren Marie Gordon Brown located at 1051 Kay Lane to connect to the water system of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (D/Gibson)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 5. Nays: Councilman Lester. 1. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 161 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION FOR SHEPHERD DRIVE IN SHEPHERD PLACE, 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 Shepherd Drive in Section 17 (T18N-R14W), 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 Shepherd Drive be 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 Lester, seconded by Councilman Gibson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 162 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION FOR ISLAND PARK BOULEVARD, 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 Island Park Boulevard in Section 15 (T17N-R13W), 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 Island Park Boulevard be 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 Carmody, seconded by Councilman Gibson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION**

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

*The Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 149 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFE STREETS AND GANG TASK FORCE, A REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Justice has authorized the City of Shreveport Police Department to participate in the Safe Streets and Gang Task Force, an overtime reimbursement program and

WHEREAS, these funds, an estimated total of \$30,000 will be utilized by the Shreveport Police Department to compensate officers working in an overtime capacity in accordance with the FBI's program to reduce overall street crime.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport shall receive reimbursement of overtime costs from the U.S. Department of Justice in conjunction with the Safe Streets and Gangs Task Force Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Shreveport Police Department's Grant Unit be authorized to submit documents necessary to participate and obtain funding to be utilized as stated in and by the FBI Safe Streets and Gang Task Force reimbursement 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 affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Hogan to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 150 2005**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS RELATIVE TO HOLDING A SPECIAL STATEWIDE MATH AND SCIENCE CONFERENCE IN SHREVEPORT, AND**

**TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: Councilman Theron Jackson

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics (LSTA and LATM) proposes to hold a special statewide math and science conference in Shreveport on October 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 in consideration of the City providing the use of L. Calhoun Allen Exposition Hall for the Conference at no cost; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 2,500 persons will attend the conference, with 2000 out-of-town overnight visitors staying for one to three nights; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Bureau the 2,500 persons in attendance will generate approximately \$5,895 in sales and hotel-motel taxes for the City of Shreveport, and provide an economic impact of approximately \$623,200 for the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the conference will provide an economic benefit to Shreveport and said activity constitutes a public purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the economic interest of the City of Shreveport to contract with LSTA and LATM to hold it=s conference in Shreveport and, to provide the use of the L. Calhoun Allen Exposition Hall at no cost in consideration of the economic benefit the event will provide the City of Shreveport and the merchants and citizens of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics, substantially in accordance with the draft agreement filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council on August 23, 2005.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 151 OF 2005:** A resolution authorizing the signature of the Mayor on a permanent right of way and easement document, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt.**

Councilman Carmody: Thank you sir. Just a clarification. Again yesterday at our Work Session, I had pointed out that actually that this is the easement through the C.

Bickham Park for SWEPCO to bring in some additional infrastructure to provide electrical service down to the port. And in meeting with SWEPCO's representative, they've assured that they were going to use minimal invasive procedures to avoid disturbing the existing vegetation there at the park and I would ask my fellow Council Members for support.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, because of advertising requirements, 151 should be postponed.

Councilman Carmody: Substitute motion to postpone.

Councilman Gibson: Second.

**Substitute motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Gibson to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green. 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 157 OF 2005**

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

BY:

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Mayor that the current pay schedule for the Municipal Police Civil Service personnel be adjusted to reflect a change in the civil service pay schedule, effective, October 1, 2005, provided funding is made available and appropriated for such a purpose.

WHEREAS, the proposed pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective October 1, 2005.

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 October 1, 2005.

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 FUTHER RESOLVED that all Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Hogan to adopt.**

Councilman Lester: Question. Is someone available to - - - I guess my question is first, as I appreciate it, the lawsuit that we had to - - - we were not successful in, it was my appreciation that had to do with Shreveport Fire Department. Is that correct Mr. Antee?

Mr. Antee: That's correct. But there was a prior lawsuit that was filed I think by the PCOs on the difference in pay. So what this ordinance and the 158 does is it brings the PCO and the FCO Is the same and the PCOs II and FCO II would be the amendment

on the next one, the same. So all your PCOs and FCOs would be paid the same I and II.

Councilman Lester: So, on Numbers 157 and 158, if we pass that, the PCOs for the Police Department and the Fire Department will make the same thing?

Mr. Antee: The PCO and FCO Is will be paid the same thing and then the next level the supervisor level with the amendment will make the FCO IIs and the PCO IIs the same.

Councilman Lester: Okay, and just for alphabet sake, PCO was?

Mr. Antee: Police Communication Officer and Fire Communication Officer.

Councilman Lester: And those will be the people that are dispatchers and things of that nature?

Mr. Antee: Right. At the 911 building.

Councilman Lester: Okay, and basically this is something that we are having to do because of a lawsuit. Correct?

Mr. Antee: Yes. What happened is the law says that FCOs are to make 25% above a firefighter.

Councilman Lester: Right.

Mr. Antee: There was a dispute, once the ¼ cent sales tax went into effect, and there is a Firefighter and a Firefighter I now. And there was a dispute as to which one it applied to. This brings it all into compliance with all of the existing judgments and prior lawsuits that we are aware of.

Councilman Lester: Okay, but now, let me ask a question. On the Shreveport Police Department Communications Officers, there was a prior lawsuit also?

Mr. Antee: That was a lawsuit years ago, I think in prior Administrations where there was a difference in pay between the Fire Communications Officer and the Police Communications Officer. What we are doing or what we will be doing and will be bringing a budget amendment to you is to come back and pay the Police Communications Officers back pay. So they'll be equal to the Fire Communications Officers as a result of the judgment, so that we don't have another lawsuit, where they come in and say 'wait, you gotta pay us back for that,' we're going to go ahead and do that this year.

Councilman Lester: So, cause I want to make - - - get it straight in my mind. We are required under the findings of the lawsuit to pay the Fire Department Communications Officers a certain salary because of and the dispute came when we dealt with the sales tax increase?

Mr. Antee: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: Okay, and are you saying that there is a previous judgment out there that says that the communication officers in the police department have to make the same as a communication officers in the fire department?

Mr. Antee: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: Okay, and because there are these two judgments, by increasing the pay for the fire department communications officers, we have to because there is a judgment out there that requires us to raise the pay of the police department officers.

Mr. Antee: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: And so that we don't get a further lawsuit by not raising the salary of the Police Communications Officers, we're doing this all now?

Mr. Antee: Right.

Councilman Lester: Okay, alright. That answers my question.

Councilman Jackson: Are there any more questions? Mr. Antee, maybe you can answer this as well, and I just want to give the plain and simple bottom line - - - the calls I receive from people who work in the City who knew this was on the agenda is very simple, they said 'are the police and fire people getting another raise?' And certainly they're not the only people who need or I might add they say 'deserve' a raise. And so, this has being interpreted as some people getting a raise. Can you respond to that?

Mr. Antee: Well, there's no question that it does result in Fire Communication Officers and Police Communication Officers getting a raise. But that was handed down by the Court and approved by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals based on the laws that come out of Baton Rouge. Our interpretation was that the Fire Communication Officers when they got their raise a few years ago, prior to the passage of the quarter cent sales tax, that that took care of their raise and that the quarter cent sales tax went to Fire and Police on the line and their equipment. We weren't successful in that. The Court of Appeals affirmed that. Their interpretation was it was based on one position of a firefighter rather than our interpretation where it was, so as a result we have the courts telling us that we have to pay them what's in these pay schedules.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green. 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 158 OF 2005**

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

BY:

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Mayor that the current pay schedule for the Municipal Fire Civil Service personnel be amended to provide Fire Communications Officers I will receive pay equal to a Fire Captain

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.

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 Lester, seconded by Councilman Gibson to adopt. *The Clerk read the following.***

**AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NUMBER 158 OF 2005**

Amend Appendix "A" to Resolution 158 of 2005 to add the following classification to the Pay Schedule for Municipal Fire Civil Service Personnel

**Monthly Fire  
Incentive Pay**

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**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Gibson adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 158 of 2005. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson.**

**6. Nays: None. Absent: Absent: Councilman Green. 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Hogan adopt Ordinance No. 158 as amended.**

Councilman Lester: I noticed in some of the commentary and this might not be the proper forum or venue, but it's before us, so I wanted to ask this question now. There is some commentary in the actual agenda item itself that speaks to training pay or pay for training. I'm sorry, in the amended pay chart that speaks to the issue of payment for educational pay? Airport Firefighters, HAZMAT, and things of that nature? I guess this question would be to the Administration. I know at one point we had some conversations when we had some budgetary issues regarding payment of supplemental pay for educational benefits. Where are we in offering supplemental pay for educational benefits for our rank and file employees? I mean the people other than the Fire Department. Is that something that is offered to our regular employees?

Mr. Antee: As far as I'm aware there is nothing in terms of additional pay based on acquiring a certain degree as with the police and the fire. We do have the educational fund where the City pays a portion of any tuition and expenses that we have. But as far as providing an incentive pay for - - - based on whatever degree, there is none other than the police and the fire.

Councilman Lester: Is there a reason why we don't do that? I mean I can understand the idea that if we had better educated employees, particularly as it relates to fire and police we get a better product. But I would think if we would educate our rank and file employees, then we would get better employees as well. And that employee would be more productive if we made an investment and things of that nature.

Mr. Antee: I can't answer why, because I wasn't here when the educational incentive pay was adopted for the police or the fire, or when the pay scales were enacted for the regular employees. I don't know why there is not one.

Councilman Jackson: One the same note Mr. Antee, I would ask if this Administration would take a note because we want to look at this even as we move toward the next couple of months. It would seem to me that this ought to be available to everybody or to nobody, in the sense that I think as Councilman Lester said, I think acquiring additional education on behalf of both the police and fire department, obviously is a plus. But so would it be for the entire workforce. And so I think when we think of education for both police and fire, it's not necessary degree programs as much as it is

skill based programs and skilled bases certifications and those kinds of things which I think prepare more specifically for those skills. Cause most people don't offer master degree in firefighter and those kinds of things. So, I guess my issue is it seems - - - I would not want to remove that opportunity from either police or fire, I just think it ought to be available to all of the City employees. Because it's equal and it'll be an equal incentive for every position in the City as it would. So, I don't know if the Administration can look to it. If the fact that it causes some possible budget issues or whatever the case may be, but I think it's hard to continue to staff forward and in the eyes of employee who consistently are left out sales tax issues, sales tax referendums, not included for pay raises there, not having educational benefits, that doesn't say much about how we value or maybe it does say much about how we value all the employees. And I think anytime we put ourselves in a position of seemingly having one group over here and saying it's more important that this group be educated at these levels, and I think again, I'm not arguing against that, I'd like the fire department and police department educational incentives to remain just as they are, but I also believe that I haven't heard a single person make a case as to why it's more important in that area than it is when it comes to Bachelors Degrees and Master Degrees, and basic academic preparation. Why it's less important for the rest of the City employees. So, I'd ask the Administration to take a look at it and be prepared at sometime in the near future to talk to the Council about the implications of being able to make this available across the board to all of the City's employees.

Mr. Antee: And we can look at that, that's obviously a budget issue for the Council that would be part of the budgeting process.

Councilman Jackson: Well if we get the information, I think we can make decisions based upon the fiscal portion of it.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I want to take that a step further. I'd like to ask Mr. Dark to prepare something specifically that would show us the impact of offering the educational benefit to all of our City employees.

Mr. Antee: We can do that. We're obviously going to have to make an assumption as to how many of our City employees have degrees and that sort of thing, but we can work something up for you.

Councilman Lester: Right, I'd just like to have that because I know that we're in the process of dealing with budgets and that's something that we're going to be dealing with now, so why we are preparing to have that conversation, I'd like to have all the information to see what we can do on that issue.

Mr. Dark: Mr. Chairman, I believe I can do that. I also can give you a little background on perhaps why it's fire and police and not everyone else. In fire and police -  
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Councilman Jackson: Okay, not today. Hold on, hold on Mr. Dark. With all due respect, we'd like to have that but not today.

Mr. Dark: Good deal. Roll on.

Councilman Jackson: The reason is that technically it's not the issue that we're voting on.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, if you would allow, I'd like that explanation in writing, but if Mr. Dark can enlighten us at this particular time.

Mr. Dark: I'll save it.

Councilman Lester: I mean, he was on a roll.

Councilman Gibson: I have to trust the Pro Tem's judgment today.

Councilman Jackson: Mr. Lester, if you will indulge me. I'll make sure you get that.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 163 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED ON IFB #05-075, STONER AVENUE SKATE PLAZA FOR THE SPAR/PLANNING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY:

WHEREAS, one bid was received as a result of solicitations for Stoner Skate Plaza for the SPAR/Planning, IFB #05-075; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected this bid because it was over budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB #05-075 be rejected.

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

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

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

Councilman Gibson: Thank you Mr. Pro Tem. You know there might be an opportunity here, I think we had Mr. Wills here before expressing his concerns about some things regarding pools and other things. I guess for the Administration, where are the funds coming from for this particular project. Seeing that we've - - - obviously the bids came in too high and we're rejecting them. But where are the funds coming from Mr. Antee?

Mr. Antee: Prior bond funds.

Councilman Gibson: Prior bond funds?

Mr. Antee: Right, those are bonds that were voted on by the public for various parks, not Cross Bayou Park in prior elections. Is that correct Shelly? And the interest from - - -

Councilman Gibson: Which year were those bonds sold? Beg pardon?

Mr. Antee: And the interest from those proceeds.

Councilman Gibson: So, it was from a bond approval by the citizens of Shreveport?

Mr. Dark: Hang on, I'll look it up for you.

Councilman Carmody: In '96 I'm sure.

Ms. Ragle: The interest I think from 1996 bonds and y'all voted to re-appropriate that interest to this project two years ago or three years ago.

Councilman Gibson: Well, the reason why I mean you got bids coming over budget and then you've got Hilary Huckaby, not Hilary Huckaby but Jerry Tim Brooks Golf Course and things of that nature that look like they're emerging to be a productive part of what's going on with the City. Just maybe a recommendation that maybe SPAR might look at diverting this money seeing that the bids came in over budget and look at another alternative. But that's just one Councilman's observation. But interest from the '96 Bond Issue then?

Ms. Ragle: I think it was '96.

Mr. Dark: I'm trying to look it up.

Ms. Ragle: Either '96 or '98 when y'all approved it under a Capital Budget about two years ago I believe.

Councilman Gibson: I'll get with Mr. Dark afterwards. Thank you Mr. Chair.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Hogan, and Jackson. 5. Nays: Councilman Gibson. 1. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 164 OF 2005**

#### **A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED ON IFB #05-098, 2005 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM PHASE B-2 FOR DOS/ENGINEERING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, Two bids were received as a result of solicitations for 2005 Sidewalk Repair Program Phase B-2, IFB #05-098; and

**WHEREAS**, The City has rejected the bids because they were over budget; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, By the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the bids received on IFB #05-098 be rejected; and 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; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby replaced.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Hogan to adopt.**

Councilman Gibson: Mr. Antee, I would have to assume that because of the increasing cost of cement and (inaudible) and everything, we experienced some high bids coming in, is that why we're rejecting these bids?

Mr. Antee: I'm not sure of the specific reason as to why these came in too high. But could be any number of reasons.

Councilman Gibson: Could you - - - Mr. Norwood? I mean the reason why is this particular rejection affects all of our districts and obviously sidewalks are badly needed out there, and - - -

Mr. Norwood: There were only two bids on this, and came over, it was like \$130-140,000 over so we decided that we would re-bid early next year. I think part of the problem is that and it's a good problem to have is that a lot of the contractors are real busy right now.

Councilman Gibson: Well, you do have material cost too, but - - -

Mr. Norwood: There were material increases but they weren't to that extent where you would have something that much different.

Councilman Gibson: So, the Councilmen could expect something around the first quarter of next year then?

Mr. Norwood: Yes sir.

Councilman Gibson: Okay, thank you Mr. Chair and Mr. Norwood, and thank you Mr. Antee.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green. 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 165 OF 2005**

#### **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:

Northwest 30 ft of Lots 8 & 23, Block  
Geographic Number 181437-010-003100  
3 of the Subdivision of TAL 3, Shreveport  
Municipal Address: 301 Douglas St  
Council District "B"

Northwesterly 34.5 ft of Southeasterly 269 ft of Lots 8  
Geographic Number 181437-010-003600

And 23, Block 3, TAL 3, Shreveport  
Municipal Address: 311 Douglas St  
Council District "B"

Lot 24, Brimer and Moore Subdivision  
Geographic Number 181434-053-002400  
Municipal Address: 2436 Looney Street  
Council District "G"

Lot 4, J. W. White Subdivision  
Geographic Number 181435-094-000400  
Municipal Address: 1612 Logan Street  
Council District "A"

**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 Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green. 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 168 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECTS OF SECTION 106-130(1) OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY:

WHEREAS, Section 106-30 (1) of the Code of Ordinances provides that "[n]o land shall be used or occupied, no structure shall be erected, altered used, or occupied, and no use shall be operated unless in conformity with the regulations herein prescribed for the district in which such structure or land is located"; and

WHEREAS, several commercial and industrial businesses have expressed an interest in temporarily re-locating their operations to the City of Shreveport until such time as they can recover from the effects of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with the provisions of Section 130(1) of the zoning ordinance will hinder these businesses from commencing operation in the City without excessive delay and/or approval from the MPC and/or ZBA;

WHEREAS, this resolution would suspend the effects of Section 106-130(1) of the zoning ordinance to permit businesses displaced by Hurricane Katrina to temporarily re-locate their operations to the City of Shreveport and commence operations immediately without regard to the provisions of Section 106-130(1) subject to certain conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 106-130(1) of the City

of Shreveport Code of Ordinances, the zoning ordinance, is hereby suspended for certain businesses displaced by the effects of Hurricane Katrina in order to permit those businesses to temporarily relocate their operations to the City of Shreveport subject to the following conditions:

- 1) All applicants for temporary zoning approval shall file an application for such approval with the MPC.
- 2) All applications shall be reviewed by a committee consisting of the Executive Director of the MPC, the Zoning Administration and the Chairman of the MPC or a designee of either party.
- 3) All approvals shall be for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of approval.
- 4) All applicants for temporary zoning approval shall apply for (permanent) zoning approval within 180 days of the approval of the application for temporary zoning approval if the business intends to operate at the address provided on the application in excess of 180 days from the date of approval.
- 5) No use that requests the sale, consumption, dispensing, etc., of any form of alcoholic beverage for on-premises consumption or package sales shall be considered for approval.
- 6) Only existing commercial or industrially zoned property shall be considered for approval.
- 7) No use that requests or requires special exception approval shall be considered.
- 8) Property that requires the construction of new building facilities or major modifications to existing facilities shall not be considered.
- 9) The MPC shall utilize its current procedure for issuance of a certificate of occupancy to any business approved for operation under this resolution. The certificate of occupancy shall specifically state that any use or approval granted pursuant to this resolution shall expire 180 days from the date of approval of the application for temporary zoning approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall not permit the operation of any commercial or industrial use in any residential district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall expire at 12:00 midnight, April 1, 2006.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 169 OF 2005**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXPEND FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES; TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY:

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 39 of 2005 amended the 2005 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance to increase the appropriation for the Convention Center Hotel Project ("the Project") (03A004) by \$43,687,300; and

WHEREAS, the funding sources for the increased appropriation were State Grant \$9,500,000 and 2005 Hotel Bonds \$34,187,300; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 39 of 2005 also included an amendment that modified paragraph 3 of Ordinance No. 153 of 2004, the Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance, and authorized the Mayor to execute all contracts, deeds, grant documents and other legal instruments necessary to expend and receive the funds authorized upon receipt of approval by the City Council by resolution; and

WHEREAS, construction materials testing and inspection services are necessary to continue the progress of the Project; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for these services was issued on December 10, 2003 to local independent testing laboratories;

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2004, two proposals were received, each of which listed the firm's qualifications and unit prices for the services requested by the RFP; and

WHEREAS, Construction Testing Labs, Inc. ("CTL") has been selected to provide construction material testing and inspection services for the Project in accordance with the pricing proposal attached hereto as Appendix "A"; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that CTL's cost to provide these services will be approximately .8% of the total construction cost and will not exceed \$280,000.

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 hereby authorized to expend funds appropriated for the Project to CTL for construction materials testing and inspection services for the Project and to execute all documents related thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that total payments to CTL for the Project shall not exceed \$280,000.00 and shall be paid in accordance with the unit pricing proposal from CTL dated January 8, 2005, attached hereto as "Appendix A".

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 Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt.**

Councilman Hogan: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Antee, could you give me a brief overview of this?

Mr. Antee: Sure, this is a budgeted item for the testing of materials of the construction. When the Convention Center and the Hotel, it was broken up into two projects. PSI is doing the construction testing, testing the re-bar, the concrete, the welds, you know where they welded all of that, CTL who is a local company was selected to do the parking garage and the hotel for that type testing. It's part of the hotel budget. But because of the amendment that was put on us expending the funds from the Bond Issue, we gotta bring these too to Council for approval so that we can expend it. But it - - -

Councilman Hogan: It was a budgeted item?

Mr. Antee: It was a budgeted for the amount in the budget.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Hogan, and Jackson. 4. Nays: Councilman Carmody. 1. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Gibson. 1. Absent: Councilman Green. 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 170 OF 2005**

#### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF KING OAKS III AND KING OAKS IV SUBDIVISIONS TO THE LOUISIANA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: COUNCILMAN LESTER

WHEREAS, the Kings Oaks III and Kings Oaks IV Subdivisions are each a 24 unit single-family rental subdivision for a total of 48 homes to be located at the Northwest corner of Audrey Lane and Thomas E. Howard, being contiguous and adjacent to King Oaks I and King Oaks II Subdivisions, with access to be provided to Audrey Lane right of way; and

WHEREAS, said development lies in the incorporated area of the City of Shreveport, and therefore within the jurisdiction of the Shreveport City Council; and

WHEREAS, although this City does not encourage or direct its citizens to select one residence over another, it does support as a general proposition the building of new housing that is safe, sanitary and affordable; and

WHEREAS, King Oaks III and King Oaks IV Subdivisions, along with its non-profit partner(s) will partially fund this project upon successful application with Internal Revenue Service Code Section 42 tax credits as awarded by the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency; and

WHEREAS, a resolution of support from this governmental body will be a significant factor, but not the only factor, in determining whether or not said application is successful.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Shreveport in due legal and regular session convened, that it supports the application of King Oaks III and King Oaks IV Subdivisions to the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency for tax credits pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of support is provided to satisfy requirements of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency and shall not be construed nor is it intended to grant any approval, variance, or waiver of any requirement, regulation or process required by federal, state or local law for the construction, development or

occupancy of the proposed 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 application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:** (Not be adopted prior to Sep 27, 2005)

1. **Resolution No. 166 of 2005**: A resolution authorizing the renewal of an agreement between the City of Shreveport and KPMG, LLP for an external audit of the City of Shreveport for fiscal year January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, authorizing the Mayor to execute an engagement letter evidence said renewal.
2. **Resolution No. 167 of 2005**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to request the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of the State Mineral Board, to lease certain mineral interest owned by the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Gibson, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Resolution No(s). 166 and 167 of 2005 to lay over until September 27, 2005 meeting. . Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES** (Not be adopted prior to Sep 27, 2005)

1. **Ordinance No. 137 of 2005**: An ordinance changing and correcting Ordinance No. 119 of 2005 which closed and abandoned a portion of the 80 foot-wide Millicent way right of way and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Gibson)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we have a request by the Administration to withdraw 137.

**Motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Jackson to withdraw Ordinance No. 137 of 2005.**

Councilman Gibson: Question on this Mr. Chair. Mr. Antee, can I get an

explanation on the withdrawal?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, when we passed this, the Council passed this earlier, one of the things that they did not do was to retain the servitudes for water and sewer and that sort of thing specifically in the ordinance, but they did so in the plat that was attached. And now they're doing research to determine whether or not they have to do this or whether it's sufficient the way that it was done.

Councilman Gibson: So, it's a housekeeping issue?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green . 1. (Mayor Pro Tem)**

1. **Ordinance No. 138 of 2005**: An ordinance declaring the City's interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus and other wise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester/G/Jackson)
2. **Ordinance No. 139 of 2005**: An ordinance declaring a certain adjudicated property to be surplus and authorize the Mayor of the City of Shreveport to donate the City of Shreveport's tax interest in a certain surplus adjudicated property, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester/C/Carmody/F/Green)
3. **Ordinance No. 140 of 2005**: ANNEXATION – Tag No. 05-08: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – A tract of land located east of Woolworth Road and south of Buncombe Road in Section 10 (T16N-R15W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Jackson)
4. **Ordinance No. 141 of 2005**: An ordinance amending the 2005 Capital Improvements Budget.
5. **Ordinance No. 142 of 2005**: An ordinance amending the 2005 General Fund Budget.
6. **Ordinance No. 143 of 2005**: An ordinance amending the 2005 Budget for the Fleet Services Internal Service Fund.
7. **Ordinance No. 144 of 2005**: An ordinance amending the 2005 Budget for the MPC Special Revenue Fund.
8. **Ordinance No. 145 of 2005**: An ordinance amending the 2005 Golf Fund Budget.
9. **Ordinance No. 146 of 2005**: An ordinance amending the 2005 Airports Fund Budget.
10. **Ordinance No. 147 of 2005**: An ordinance amending the 2005 Budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund.
11. **Ordinance No. 148 of 2005**: An ordinance amending the 2005 Budget for the SPORTRAN Enterprise Fund.
12. **Ordinance No. 149 of 2005**: An ordinance amending and reenacting portions of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances relative to alcoholic beverages and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
13. **Ordinance No. 151 of 2005**: An Ordinance amending the 2005 Budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund and otherwise providing with

respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Walford to introduce Ordinance No(s) 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, and 151 of 2005. to lay over until September 27, 2005 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:** (Not to be adopted prior to Oct 11, 2005)

1. **Ordinance No. 150 of 2005:** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an addendum to the Lease Purchase Agreement with U.S. Support Company and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Hogan)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Carmody to introduce Ordinance No. to lay over until October 11, 2005 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem)**

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE** (Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers)

1. **Ordinance No. 28 of 2005:** An ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances, styled Animals, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Green) (Postponed – August 23, 2005)

**Having passed first reading on March 8, 2005 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 to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem)**

2. **Ordinance No. 101 of 2005:** ANNEXATION B Tag No. 04-03. An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport B A tract of land located along the Woolworth and Buncombe Roads in portions of Sections 3, 4, 9, and 10 (T16N-R15W) Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Jackson) (Postponed – August 23, 2005)

Mr. Thompson: We have a request by the Administration to postpone.

**Having passed first reading on June 28, 2005 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 to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem)**

3. **Ordinance No. 116 of 2005:** An ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances relative to alarms and otherwise provide with respect thereto. (Postponed – August 23, 2005)

**Having passed first reading on June 28, 2005 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 Lester to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem)**

4. **Ordinance No. 124 of 2005:** An ordinance closing and abandoning the dedicated 60 foot-wide Shepherd Drive running south from Freddie Street located in the Legardy Village Subdivision in the SE ¼ of Section 17 (T18N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 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 Carmody to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem)**

5. **Ordinance No. 125 of 2005:** An ordinance closing and abandoning the 20 foot-wide Hulcee Street right of way bounded on the west by Everett Street and Creswell Street on the east, and also abutting a portion of Lot 119 on L. E. Carter Subdivision in the SW ¼ of Section 31 (T18N-R-13W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 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 to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem)**

6. **Ordinance No. 126 of 2005:** An ordinance closing and abandoning all of the remaining Fetzer Drive located west of Cross Lake Blvd. in the Lakeshore Heights Subdivisions in the N/2 of Section 4 (T17N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Jackson)

Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 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 Lester.

**AMENDMENT No. 1 TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 126 OF 2005**

Amend Ordinance 126 of 2005 by substituting the attached Ordinance page for the original Ordinance page.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, the amendment does for this one what wasn't done on the other one. It does actually retain the servitudes.

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 126 of 2005. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Gibson to adopt Ordinance No. 126 of 2005 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

7. **Ordinance No. 127 of 2005:** An ordinance amending Chapter 102-83 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Taxicab Fares.

Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).

8. **Ordinance No. 128 of 2005:** An ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to Housing and Property Standards and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).

9. **Ordinance No. 129 of 2005:** A Supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Resolution No. 131 of 1984 (the "General Bond Resolution") adopted on June 12, 1984, as amended; acknowledging and approving the issuance of not to exceed \$75,000,000 principal amount of Louisiana Local

Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005, on behalf of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, approving and confirming the sale of such bonds; pledging revenues of the System to secure such bonds; authorizing the Mayor to enter into swap agreements with respect to the bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Carmody, seconded by Councilman Jackson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

10. **Ordinance No. 130 of 2005:** An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 40 of 2003 relative to changing the name of the Shreveport Blanchard Road from the Roy Road to North Hearne Avenue to Hilry Huckaby III Avenue and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 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 to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Gibson, and Jackson. 4. Nays: Councilmen Carmody and Hogan. 2. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

11. **Ordinance No. 136 of 2005:** An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 90-327 of the Code of Ordinances relative to parking and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, Ordinance 135 should really be 136 and Ordinance 136 should be 135. If there are no objections we, will change those and ask you to vote on 136 now, which is amending and reenacting Section 90-327 of the Code of Ordinances relative to parking.

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 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 to adopt.**

Councilman Hogan: Mr. Chairman, the numbers were mixed up on my hard copy of the agenda, we're voting on - - -

Councilman Jackson: 136.

Mr. Thompson: We're voting on what's on your agenda as 135, but we've just changed it to 136.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, I was looking at something else. On the parking?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Councilman Hogan: Can I get an explanation on that of why we're taking out these streets?

Councilman Lester: I can answer that. Real briefly, those are the streets that are closest to the Entertainment District. And they are parking meters. The people that park in and along the Entertainment District park and go into the Entertainment District. So that's what - - - those where the meters are.

Councilman Hogan: Okay.

Councilman Lester: It's very specific, only to those areas.

Councilman Hogan: Okay, thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

12. **Ordinance No. 135 of 2005:** An ordinance amending the 2005 Budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 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 Hogan to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

13. **Ordinance No. 131 of 2005:** ZONING – C-66-05: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning property located on the southwest corner of College and Lakeshore Drive Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to B-2-E, Neighborhood Business/Extended Use District, limited to “an auto sales facility with a maintenance/repair shop for this automobile sales Business”, only and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Jackson)

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

14. **Ordinance No. 132 of 2005:** ZONING – C-61-05: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning property located on south side of Tulsa Street, 322 feet east of David Raines Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1H, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to R1H-E, Urban, One-Family Residence/Extended

Use District, Limited to “A Leasing/Management Office, Community Center and Laundry Room” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

15. **Ordinance No. 133 of 2005**: ZONING – C-64-05: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning property located on the east side of Mansfield Road, 930 feet south of Coronado, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-1, Buffer Business District to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Hogan)

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Hogan, seconded by Councilman Carmody to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

16. **Ordinance No. 134 of 2005**: ZONING – C-65-05: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning property located on south side of James Street, 120 feet west of Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-2, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence District, to B-1, Buffer Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Jackson)

**Having passed first reading on August 23, 2005 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Hogan to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Carmody, Gibson, Hogan, and Jackson. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Green (Mayor Pro Tem).**

Councilman Jackson: Were any added in that area Mr. Thompson?  
Mr. Thompson: No sir.

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

**ORDINANCE NO. 124 OF 2005  
AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE DEDICATED 60 FOOT-**

**WIDE SHEPHERD DRIVE RUNNING SOUTH FROM FREDDIE STREET  
LOCATED IN THE LEGARDY VILLAGE SUBDIVISION IN THE SE 1/4 OF  
SECTION 17 (T18N-R14W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND TO  
OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, today the Property Management Section of the Department of Operational Services has received a request to close and abandon a portion of the above identified public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Water and Sewerage Engineering has reviewed this request and has no objections to this portion of the alleyway being closed and abandoned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the alleyway as described above and acquired by the City of Shreveport and recorded in Book 1300, Page 83, January 7, 1971 of the Records and as shown and as indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby closed and abandoned.

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 125 OF 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING OF THE 20 FOOT-WIDE  
HULCEE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY EVERETT  
STREET AND CRESWELL STREET ON THE EAST, AND ALSO ABUTTING A  
PORTION OF LOT 119 OF L.E. CARTER SUBDIVISION IN THE SW 1/4 OF  
SECTION 31 (T18N-R13W), SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA  
AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, today the Property Management Section of the Department of Operational Services has received a request to close and abandon a portion of the above identified public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Water and Sewerage Engineering has reviewed this request and has no objections to this portion of the alleyway being closed and abandoned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the alleyway as described above and acquired by the City of Shreveport and recorded in Book 2, Page 798 May 4, 1885 of the Records and as shown and as indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby closed and abandoned.

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

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 126 OF 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING ALL OF THE REMAINING FETZER DRIVE LOCATED WEST OF CROSS LAKE BLVD., IN THE LAKE SHORE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION IN THE N/2 OF SECTION 4 (T17N-R14W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

BY:

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

WHEREAS, Water and Sewerage Engineering has reviewed the request and has no objections to this portion of Fetzer Drive being closed and abandoned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the public right-of-way described above and acquired by the City of Shreveport and recorded in Book 250, Page 432 on April 17, 1930 of the Records and as shown and as indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby closed and abandoned subject to the City of Shreveport's retention of the utility servitude identified therein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance be filed and recorded in the Caddo Parish conveyance records.

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 application, 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.

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 126 OF 2005**

Amend Ordinance 126 of 2005 by substituting the attached Ordinance page for the original Ordinance page.

**ORDINANCE NO. 128 OF 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that the definition of the term "owner" in Section 38-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

*Owner* (a) Except as provided in subparagraph (b) of this definition *Owner* shall mean the

person specified in the last deed of record in the conveyance records of the clerk and recorder for the parish in which the property is situated.

(b) For the purposes of Division 8 of Article III of this chapter, *Owner* shall mean the person specified in the last deed of record in the conveyance records of the clerk and recorder for the parish in which the property is situated, or the person shown as owner in the records of the tax assessor of the parish in which the property is situated.

(c) With regard to any violation of Divisions 5 – 8 of Article III of this chapter, *Owner* shall also mean any person with the charge, care or control of any dwelling or dwelling unit as executor, executrix, trustee, administrator, tutor of the estate of the owner, mortgagee or vendee in possession, assignee of rents, lessee, tenant, or other person in control of or occupying a building.

(d) The term "owner" shall be construed as if followed by the words "or his/her designee".

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 129 OF 2005**

**Offered by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by Councilman \_\_\_\_\_:**

#### **TWENTY FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE**

**A Supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Resolution No. 131 of 1984 (the "General Bond Resolution") adopted on June 12, 1984, as amended; acknowledging and approving the issuance of not to exceed \$75,000,000 principal amount of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005, on behalf of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, approving and confirming the sale of such bonds; pledging revenues of the System to secure such bonds; authorizing the Mayor to enter into swap agreements with respect to the bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.**

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

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

WHEREAS, the City has requested the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") issue its Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005 (the "Bonds") on behalf of the City to provide financing for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued in accordance with Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City is a participating political subdivision and member of the

Authority; and

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

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued pursuant to a Trust Indenture dated as of October 1, 2005 (the "Indenture") by and between the Authority and J. P. Morgan Trust Company, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as Trustee (the "Trustee"); and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the Authority to the City pursuant to a Loan Agreement dated as of October 1, 2005 (the "Loan Agreement") by and between the Authority and the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate the Bonds as "Prior Lien Bonds" under the General Bond Resolution and grant a pledge and security interest on the net Revenues of the System, on a parity with its other outstanding water and sewer bonds (the "Outstanding Parity Bonds"), to secure its obligations under the Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Bonds, as issued by the Authority, shall constitute Prior Lien Bonds provided certain conditions are met as provided in the General Bond Resolution; and

WHEREAS, said terms and conditions shall be satisfied prior to the issuance of the Bonds and, accordingly, the Bonds shall constitute Prior Lien Bonds; and

WHEREAS, upon direction of the City, the Bonds will initially be issued as variable rate obligations and the City may enter or may direct the Authority to enter into one or more swap agreements (the "Swap Agreement") with respect to fixing the interest rate on the Bonds (the "Swap"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver the Swap Agreement and any other documents or certificates in connection therewith.

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

#### ARTICLE I

##### Definitions; Findings and Interpretation

Section 101. Definitions. Unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, all words and terms used in this Supplemental Ordinance which are defined in Resolution No. 131 of 1984 adopted by this Council on June 12, 1984, entitled: "A resolution authorizing the issuance from time to time of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such bonds and for the rights of the holders thereof, as amended and supplemented to date shall, for all purposes of this Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance, have the respective meanings given to them in the General Bond Resolution, as amended. In addition, unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, the following terms shall, for all purposes of the General Bond Resolution or of any resolution or other instrument amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto have the following meanings:

"Outstanding Prior Lien Bonds" shall mean the City's Water and Sewer Bonds, Series 1993B, Series 2002A, 1987A, 2000A, 2003A, 2003B, 2003C, 2004B, 2001A, 2001B, 2001C, 2002A, 2002B, 2003A (DEQ), 2003B (DEQ), AND 2004A (DEQ).

"Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance" shall mean this Twenty Fourth Supplemental

Ordinance as the same may be supplemented or amended hereafter.

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

Section 102. Findings and Determinations. The Governing Authority hereby finds and determines:

(a) Upon direction of the City, the Authority is directed under the Act to issue its revenue bonds in such amounts as may be necessary and to loan the proceeds to the City to finance the Project.

(b) The Bonds, when issued, shall constitute Prior Lien Bonds as provided in the General Bond Resolution, as amended.

(c) The Bonds shall be secured by the Loan Agreement and the Loan Agreement shall be secured by a pledge of the net Revenues derived from the System on a parity with the outstanding Prior Lien Bonds.

(d) The conditions of Section 205 of the General Bond Resolution are contained and satisfied in the Indenture.

Section 103. Interpretation. In this Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, (a) words importing persons include firms, associations and corporations, (b) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and (c) words of the masculine gender shall be deemed and considered to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders.

## ARTICLE II

### Authorization and Details of the Bonds

Section 201. Authorization and Designation; Purpose. The City hereby acknowledges and approves the Bonds to be issued by the Authority. The City hereby approves the form of Indenture and Loan Agreement. The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the City and used to finance the Project. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and any other documents, certificates, opinions, etc. deemed necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds

The Bonds, together with other outstanding Prior Lien Bonds, are payable as to both principal and interest solely from the Revenues to be derived from the operation of the System, subject to the prior payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operation and maintenance of the System and other funds of the City as set forth in the Indenture and Loan Agreement.

Section 202. Principal Amount and Type; Interest Rate; Maturity. The Bonds shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Seventy Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000). The Bonds shall bear interest at a variable rate not to exceed 12% per annum or a fixed rate not to exceed 7% per annum and mature no later than thirty (30) years from the date of delivery.

### ARTICLE III

#### Sale of the Bonds

Section 301. Sale of Bonds. The sale of the Bonds by the Authority to the Underwriter is hereby in all respects approved, ratified and confirmed and the City hereby requests, the Bonds be delivered to the Underwriter or its agents or assigns, upon receipt by the Trustee of the agreed purchase price. The execution and delivery on behalf of the City of the Bond Purchase Agreement, is hereby approved and ratified in all respects. The Mayor and Director of Finance of the City 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 City or deemed by them necessary or advisable to implement this Supplemental Ordinance or facilitate the sale of the Bonds.

Section 302. Official Statement. This 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 a final Official Statement and hereby authorizes and directs the execution by the Mayor or Director of Finance of the City and delivery of such final Official Statement to the Underwriter for use in connection with the public offering of the Bonds.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Swap Provisions

Section 401. Swap Agreement. The form of Swap Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Swap Agreement and deliver it to the counterparty. The Mayor is further authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any other documents, certificates or agreements in connection with the Swap.

Section 402. Special Counsel. Casten & Pearce, A.P.L.C., Shreveport, Louisiana is hereby employed as special swap counsel to the Issuer in connection with this transaction any compensation to be approved by the Issuer and contingent upon closing of this transaction.

Section 403. Financial Advisor/Swap Agent. Government Consultants of Louisiana, Inc. is hereby employed as financial advisor/swap agent to the City in connection with this transaction any compensation to be approved by the City and contingent upon the closing of this transaction.

### ARTICLE V

#### Miscellaneous

Section 501. Publication of Ordinance. A copy of this Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance shall be published in the Official Journal of the City of Shreveport.

Section 502. Supplemental Ordinance to Constitute Contract. In consideration of the purchase and the acceptance of the Bonds by those who shall hold the same from time to time, the provisions of this Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance shall be a part of the contract of the City with the holders of the Bonds and shall be deemed to be and shall

constitute a contract between the City, the Trustee, the Bond Insurer and the holders from time to time of the Bonds. The provisions, covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed by and on behalf of the City shall be for the benefit, protection and security of the holders of any and all of the Bonds and the Bond Insurer.

Section 503. Filing of Ordinance. A certified copy of this Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance shall be filed and recorded as soon as possible in the Mortgage Records of the Parishes of Caddo and Bossier, Louisiana.

Section 504. Paying Agent. The City hereby acknowledges and approves the appointment of J. P. Morgan Trust Company, in the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as Trustee and Paying Agent under the Indenture, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1110 of the General Bond Resolution.

Section 505. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance and the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein or therein.

Section 506. Governing Law. This Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance is a contract made under, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Louisiana applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within such State.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 131 OF 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF COLLEGE AND LAKESHORE DRIVE SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO B-2-E, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT, LIMITED TO “AN AUTO SALES FACILITY WITH A MAINTENANCE/REPAIR SHOP FOR THIS AUTOMOBILE SALES BUSINESS”, ONLY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of Lots 10, 11, 12, Lakeshore Heights, Block 18, Unit 3, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, located on the southwest corner of College and Lakeshore Drive, **be and the same is hereby changed from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to B-2-E, Neighborhood Business/Extended Use District, limited to “an auto sales facility with a maintenance/repair shop for this automobile sales business”, only.**

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

- 1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Planning Commission.**
- 2. The maximum number of cars for sale on the site at any one time shall be limited**

to ten (10).

**3. Approval is granted for a period of three years, after which time the applicant can reapply with a waiver of the application fee.**

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. 132 OF 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF TULSA STREET, 322 FEET EAST OF DAVID RAINES ROAD, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1H, URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO R-1H-E, URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT, LIMITED TO "A LEASING/MANAGEMENT OFFICE, COMMUNITY CENTER AND LAUNDRY ROOM" ONLY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of Lot 1002, Rosenwald Subdivision, Unit No. 2, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, located on the south side of Tulsa Street, 322 feet east of David Raines Road, **be and the same is hereby changed from R-1H, Urban, One-Family Residence District to R-1H-E, Urban, One-Family Residence/Extended Use District, limited to "a leasing/management office, community center and laundry room", only.**

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

**1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan to be submitted to and approved by the Zoning Administrator, showing a six foot solid wood screening fence on the west property line. (Waiver of solid wood screening fence on the west property line is granted until such time as the adjacent property is developed residentially.) Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission.**

**2. Laundry room approval shall be for residents only, and is limited to two washers and two dryers. Hours of operation shall be limited to the hours of operation of the leasing/management office. No permits shall be issued until the revised site plan and/or replatting of lots has been approved by the Planning Director or the Planning Commission.**

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 133 OF 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF MANSFIELD ROAD, 930 FEET SOUTH OF CORONADO, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of Lot 18, Summer Grove Estates, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, located on east side of Mansfield Road, 930 feet south of Coronado, **be and the same is hereby changed from B-1, Buffer Business District, to B-3, Community Business District.**

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

**1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan of the entire lot drawn to scale, and showing a 50-ft. buffer on the east property line. No permits shall be issued until the revised site plan and/or replatting of lots has been approved by the Planning Director or the Planning Commission. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission.**

**2. Required fencing on the east property line is waived.**

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. 134 OF 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE OF JAMES STREET, 120 FEET WEST OF HEARNE AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-2, SUBURBAN, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of Lot 53, & ½ abandoned alley, Bellaire Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, located on the south side of James Street, 120 feet west of Hearne

Avenue, **be and the same is hereby changed from R-2, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence District, to B-1, Buffer Business District.**

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

**1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing required parking. This plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission.**

**2. Lots shall be re-platted into one lot. No permits shall be issued until the revised site plan and replatting of lots has been approved by the MPC Director or the Planning Commission.**

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 135 OF 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2005 BUDGET FOR THE POLICE GRANTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it desirable to amend the 2005 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, to appropriate corrected carryover funds amounts 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. 162 of 2004, the 2005 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

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

**2004 and Prior-Year Receipts:**

Appropriate Prior-Year Integrated Criminal Apprehension at \$600.

**Fiscal Year 2005 Revenues:**

Appropriate Safe Streets Grant at \$30,000.

**In Section 2 (Appropriations):**

**From 2004 and Prior-Years Revenues:**

From Prior-Year Integrated Criminal Apprehension, appropriate \$600 to Materials and Supplies.

**From Fiscal Year 2005 Revenues:**

From Safe Streets Grant, appropriate \$30,000 to Personal Services.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 162 of 2004 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. 136 OF 2005**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 90-327 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO PARKING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 90-327 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 90-327. Hours of operation.**

Parking meters shall be operated in parking meter zones every day, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, provided, however, that within the meaning of this section, the term "holiday" shall include only days designated as holidays by the city council  
Parking meters shall be operated in parking meter zones between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as follows: on Commerce Street; on Travis Street between Commerce and Spring Street, and on Milam Street between Commerce and Spring Street parking meters shall be operated between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. only.

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance No. 93 of 2005**: To amend and reenact Section 3.01 of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 relative to exemptions and exclusions from sales and use taxes and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (Introduced- June 14, 2005/ Tabled on July 12, 2005)

Councilman Lester: No.

Councilman Jackson: Move that one off the table?

Councilman Lester: No.

2. Executive Session to discuss:

a) James R. Baker, Jr., et al v. City of Shreveport No. 4840507 - First Judicial District Court Caddo Parish, Louisiana. (Continued until the next regular meeting)

Mr. Thompson: We took care of No. 2 yesterday Mr. Chairman.  
Councilman Jackson: We took care of Number 2 yesterday, we did hold the Executive Session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ABO Appeal: Ms. Tracy Turner, H&H Lounge, 717 Hope Street, Shreveport, LA 71101. (B/Walford)(Decision rendered – Monday, September 12, 2005)

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:** None.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

1. Alcohol Permit Appeal: Mr. Darren Giddens, Legends Bar and Grill, 3044 Youree Drive, Shreveport, La 71104 (To be considered September 26, 2005)

Councilman Jackson: As it is before us Mr. Clerk, nothing to add?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:09 p.m.

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*//s// Theron Jackson, Vice-Chairman*

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