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**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**  
*January 9, 2007*

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Monty Walford at 3:02 p.m., Tuesday, January 9, 2007, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Lester.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Wooley.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Shyne, and Webb. 6. Absent: Councilwoman Bowman. 1.

**Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Lester to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Thursday, December 21, 2006 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 26, 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1.**

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

Councilman Walford: Mayor Glover, do you have distinguished guests?

Mayor Glover: I have I think a room full distinguished guests, but I'm going to let somebody else introduce them since I'm sure that I don't have the information here in front of me, but I'm looking forward to finding exactly who they are and where they're from. But in terms of other distinguished guests, we see our illustrious friend over here, Dominic Codaro, I'm honored to have him here. I look forward to joining you and the rest of the Council at a point later on today, and of course I'm also very pleased to announce that we have designated Mr. Tom Dark as our Chief Administrative Office for the Glover Administration, and we look forward to working with the Council in the coming weeks to get that confirmed.

Councilman Walford: Does any Council Member have a distinguished guest?

Councilman Lester: Yes, I have several.

Councilman Walford: Well, I've seen one, but - - -

Councilman Lester: Well, that's not a guest, so that doesn't count. Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have several folks with us. We'll start at the top. We have Ms. Shirley Pearson here, would you come forward Ms. Pearson, and I guess after Ms. Pearson, if they choose to speak we have also Mr. Celestine, and Mr. Paige. Ms. Pearson is the very able Principal of the West Shreveport Elementary School, and with her these fine young men and women, these fine boys and girls from the Allendale Community as I appreciate it are a part of their famous and acclaimed choir. But I will defer to Ms. Pearson at this

time for her to make any statements.

Ms. Pearson: Good Afternoon. Mayor Glover, President Walford, and other City Council Members. My name is Shirley Pearson, and I reside at 2106 Wyoming Circle, Shreveport, 71101. We want to thank you for allowing us this opportunity today. I am indeed the Principal as Mrs. Eddie Jones West Shreveport Elementary, located at 2226 Murphy Street, and we're here just to let you know and the City of Shreveport know that there are good schools in the Allendale/Lakeside area. And if you don't mind, I'd like for all of the West Shreveport learning community, those people who are with us today, would you please stand. We are a Title I School, a neighborhood school with a current enrollment of 451 students. Our mission is to provide opportunities and experiences for all students to maximize their learning potential that will help them to become productive citizens. Our highly qualified faculty and staff, who is on their way by the way, they provide a safe, child-centered environment conducive to learning. They value the child's level of readiness, and they build on it. They are hardworking, they are dedicated, and they are a very caring group of people that teach and nurture students daily. We believe in educating the whole child. Our students are excited about school, and their attendance record reflects that. 96% of our students attend school everyday. Every child at our school belongs to a club. On the brochure, I think you have one, it lists the names of clubs, and the extra curricular activities we have. We enrich our students with piano lessons, strings, drumming, they take Spanish, we have a computer lab, a science lab, and we have a national award winning choir here present today, and we also have received national recognition in the Arts Department as well. Our school is among only 12 across the nation that are currently involved in a special Reading is Fundamental Program. The support of the community is so very, very important, and their contributions have a tremendous impact on our success. We have partners like the Black Lawyers Association, BASF Chemical Co. AKA Academy, the 100 Businessmen and Women. The Lane Chapel C.M.E. Church, Little Union B. C., Goodwill B.C., the Krewe of Sobek, and Barksdale Air Force Base, where our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders have been participating in the last four years in the Science and Math Programs. Finally, I want to let you know that we are not below the state minimum. We've never been below the state minimum. Last year our school performance score was 83.1. The state minimum is below 60. We've always made adequate yearly progress, and we've been recognized for exemplary growth as well. Schools like mine do not have the privilege of selecting their student body based on their GPA and conduct grade. We do not have the privilege of knowing that on LEAP Day, all the students who will be tested have been there the entire year long. Because if they enroll in our school that morning, and they're tested at any given day, and their scores are included with out. Yet we are compared to schools that have those special privileges. When a student sets foot on West Shreveport Elementary Campus, they are loved, they are told that they are loved. They are engaged in quality teaching and learning and they do excel. We will continue to strive for excellence, and meet the challenges of educating our children. Even though labels are sometimes placed on schools based on one week out of the entire year. It doesn't mean that great things are not happening everyday. We want to dispel any myths or thoughts that our schools located in certain areas are not up to par. And as public officials, we would hope that

your comments would support us in our efforts, rather than judge or condemn us. Thank you very much.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Ms. Pearson.

Councilman Shyne: Just a minute Ms. Pearson. Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Walford: Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Pearson, I appreciate you all coming down and I think maybe - - - they say when somebody hit you, holler. So, I'm hollering cause I figured you probably was kinda hitting at me a little bit. Because I think you probably got the wrong information. I think one day we were talking about certain areas where you have schools that are not performing up to par. And we do have some schools in the Black areas that are not performing up to par. You say you have a good school. And I believe you do. But we also want you to have an excellent school. When those kids leave Lakeside and Allendale, those kids have to compete with everybody. Life is like that nowadays. I appreciate the hard work that you all are doing at West Shreveport Elementary, I appreciate the hard work that other teachers are doing at the other schools. Education is the underlying fiber of our Society. Anytime we leave Shreveport, and we go to recruit any industry to come into this city, its three things that they want to know about. How safe is the city? We have a good police department, but it could be better. They want to know what kind of healthcare system do we have in Shreveport. The next thing they want to know is what kind of educational system that you have in Shreveport, and they don't ask whether they kids showed up one day, and they had to be tested the next day. They want to know what kind of educational system that we have here in the City of Shreveport. I would hope and I've mentioned this to the Mayor, and I've mentioned this to other Council Members that whatever we can do as City Government, because we have not been involved in the educational process as much as we should have in past years. People make judgements all the time. Whether you agree with it or whether I agree with it. We live in a society where we are judged all the time. That's why we take tests. That's why you have some parents say, lets do away with all the testing. You can't do that. You can't do away with judgements. People make those kinds of judgment. And I think all of this grew out of - - -we were talking about building houses back in Lakeside and Allendale, and my point was this. People have a tendency to move into areas where you have real good schools. Most parents, when they look at where I'm going to move, its two things that come into their minds. Is it safe? I think I've told the Mayor, and I think I've told other Council Members, in those areas. I live in an area where we have some good schools, but we want those good schools to become what? Excellent schools. We want to make sure that it's safe out there. The same thing in Lakeside and Allendale. I get calls all the time from people all over the city to make sure that we have safe areas. So, when we start looking at building houses back in these areas, because we're losing students. I remember when Booker T. had 2900 students. What do we have now? Maybe 700 at the most. So, we have to look at improving these areas Ms. Pierson. Not only for them to be good, but we want them to be excellent. Whatever I can do to facilitate the ongoing educational process at West Shreveport Elementary, call on me, and I will be more than happy to help you or to help any of the parents in that area. But we have to make sure that our good schools get to be what?

Excellent schools. I love you, I appreciate it, call on me at anytime, thank you very much.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to tell Ms. Pierson, and her entire staff and her children at West Shreveport, we appreciate them for they hard work that they do in educating children. And I don't think certainly it's an issue of whether or not, any school can always be better. But I think the think that's important to us, and the people that live in the Allendale Community is more often than not, our people, our students, our children suffer with being labeled negatively. And when our children don't do the things they are supposed to do, we're quick to jump on them, give them a label, hang a label on them and that's something that rides with them unfortunately for the better period of their lives. And we label children, we label schools, we label neighborhoods. And I think what Ms. Pierson is here today to dispel the myth that there's no education going on in Allendale. That West Shreveport is not a low performing school because it's not, and they're working very hard, and I think where they're coming from is with everything that they do to educate our children, we should be supporting that, and not tearing that down. And certainly from where I sit, as an elected official, I understand what they deal with. Obviously knows my wife works at West Shreveport, but even more than that, I'm a child of an educator. My mother taught in the classroom for 34 years, retired and then went back. And they don't do it for the money, they do it for the love. And I think that we need to be supportive of our educators and supportive of our children when they're doing the right thing, and not be so quick to label our kids. Because labels are things that are hurtful. If you're going to label somebody, give them a positive label, but don't be so fast to tear people down. And I think that's why Ms. Pierson is here because she wants to let the community know that West Shreveport is not a low performing school. Its not below the state standard. They have extra curricular activities, some of the same extra curricular activities that go on in West Shreveport, go on at South Highland and any other place. And certainly with the election of Mayor Glover, that should tell our young people, that regardless of whether you live in Mooretown, or Allendale, or Cedar Grove or Cooper Road, if you want to achieve and you work hard and are diligent, you can be anything that you want to be. And I think that's the message that we're trying to get across. So, I just wanted to tell Ms. Pierson and entire staff, and particularly the young people that are here today we appreciate everything that you've done, and we're definitely here to support.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Pierson, I don't think anyone up here is trying to label your kids in a negative manner. I think I spent about 32 years in the school system. My dad spent 50. I've got sisters and brothers who are teachers, my wife is a teacher. And I think you can talk to any student that I've taught and they can tell you the compassion that I have for students. And I commend them for doing good. But I've just always been the kind of person that if you do good, I think you can do excellent. If you do excellent, I think you can do a little bit better. We all appreciate the jobs that teachers are doing everywhere. I know how it is. I spent 31 years in the school system. So, I know how it is. Again, you all have my support. I will continue to compliment you, but I have to be truthful with you. I'd like to see all the schools in Caddo Parish go from good to excellent. And I believe we can do it. If we work at it, if we pray at it and if we just keep

pushing. It's not about trying to label any kids or label any section of the community with a negative label. I'm not about doing that. I've spent too many years, and I think people know what my reputation is. And I think people know that no matter how good you are, I think you can always be a little bit better. So, that's what I'm all about. Making sure that we all develop to our maximum potential. I don't want to tell you, son you're doing good. Just keep on doing what you're doing. I want to say son, you're doing good, but lets see if we can't do a little bit better. That's what I'm all about. If I can help you again. I appreciate it. But I don't think - - - you didn't get a myth from down here. Now if you got a myth, it was from somebody who made one up. And you know we can do that. Appreciate it, love you and God bless you.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Lester, you still have the floor, however before Ms. Pierson leaves, Mr. Wooley would like to make a comment.

Councilman Lester: Sure.

Councilman Wooley: Hey, I would just like all the students to stand up for me please? All the young people. And I just wanted to tell you guys, I appreciate you, and I encourage you to keep doing well in your school, and your home life. You know a lot of people looked at me going into this campaign, and said I didn't have a shot, because nobody knew who I was. But I worked very hard. I was very positive minded, and I didn't let people talk bad about me, or if they did talk bad about me, I didn't listen to that. I didn't let negativity or anything bad come into my mind or even to my heart. And because of that I'm here today, and I'm very thankful to God and to all those who were very supportive of me to be here. So, I just wanted to encourage you. You are very special, you are great, and anything you want to do in life, you can accomplish it. My dad always taught me that. Other people around me, even my teachers. I had wonderful teachers. The teachers at the school, they always said Bryan, whatever you want to be, you can be. And this is one thing I wanted to be in life, and that's why I'm sitting here today, because I believe that with all my heart. And I just want to encourage you guys. I think you guys are wonderful, and you're special. So thank you.

Councilman Walford: Back to you Mr. Lester: Thank you very much Ms. Pierson. Mr. Celestine, and I don't know if they want to make any comments, Mr. Celestine. Mr. Celestine is the Principal at Central Elementary School.

Mr. Steven Celestine: First of all good evening everyone. Chairman Walford, and the other members of the City Council. Thank you for this opportunity to address you. My name is Steven Celestine, and I reside at 5601 N. Heatherstone Drive, Shreveport, LA. I am employed with the Caddo Parish School Board and am Principal of Central Elementary School located in the Allendale Community at 1627 Weinstock Street. At one of you previous meetings, it was stated a member, (and I'm paraphrasing) that families are not moving into the Allendale Community because of the low performing schools there. I must be honest, I took this as an offense because it was not based on factual or accurate information. And because it was mentioned in this publicly televised forum, I felt compelled to present a rebuttal on behalf of the stake holders of Central Elementary Learning Community in this same forum. The statement was actually a slap in the faces of the students, parents, teachers, administrators, and school supporters because we know the hard work that we put forth daily to ensure that the

students are receiving a quality education. Each school in this area has made wonderful progress over the years. However, I am here to speak on Central's behalf. Central is a school with a rich tradition in education. Before Booker T. Washington, there was Central Colored High, the first Black high school in the parish. Built in 1917, is one of the oldest school buildings in the area. Through the hard work of the alumni, concerned community members, and probably elected politicians such as yourself during that time, the school was placed on the National Historic Register, and rightfully so because of its history. Central Alumni are embedded throughout this great city and abroad. For over 89 years, the educational torch has and continues to be passed from educator to educator. Many of you have seen first hand the transformation of Central from high school to a middle school, and finally to what it is today, an elementary school. Every faculty member currently employed at the school understands the awesome task they have in continuing to educate our future leaders. The test scores at Central have consistently increased over the last three years. And we are proud of the fact that we are a one star school. Central Elementary in my opinion, is the best kept secret in Caddo Parish, and I invite each member of this Council to visit the school and see why we are so proud of our accomplishments. Therefore instead of making statements that are baseless and untrue, lets find ways to help each other because we have a vested interest in educating competent future leaders, building strong productive communities, and developing a workforce which will ultimately contribute to our new mayor's vision of making Shreveport the next great city in the south. Thank you for your time.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and next we have Mr. Paige. Mr. Paige is the Principal of Ingersoll School.

Mr. Paige: Chairman Walford, Mayor Glover, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for this opportunity to come to speak with you. I'm Terry Paige, Ingersoll Elementary School. And I really don't know if should give you my home address or school address, because I spend equal time at both. But my home address is 6154 Pebble Beach Drive. And first of all, let me commend you for the job that you do here. But I did want to come and share with you some information about Ingersoll Elementary School. Of course, over the years, the enrollment has decreased. Our test score is above the state minimum, and I do encourage each of you to do so. Many of our supporters do not live there in the community, but we do have quite a few supporters. (Inaudible) International, Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. Kiwanis, First United Methodist Church, North Shreveport Lions Club, Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Beta Alpha Chapter, a national Sorority, Homebound Social Club, Volunteers of America. And Volunteers of America has an after school program there, an off shoot of the Lighthouse. And they do a very good job with our children. We have approximately 100 children enrolled in this program. It provides parents an opportunity to work a little bit later in the evening, and also their children have a safe environment, and get a meal before they go home in the afternoon. So, we're providing the assistance that the children need there at the school. And I submit to you today that one test score does not indicate the growth a child may go through during a school year. I know that's what we're judged by, and I don't think that we should be, and that's what we have to deal with. I think Mr. Celestine and Ms. Pierson said most of what each of us would like to say. We're there, we're providing the

assistance that the children needed, and we do ask you for your support, and encourage you to come by and to visit with us, anytime that you would like to do so. I would like to leave these brochures for you to look at, at your leisure. And my door is always opened to you, and feel free to come by anytime you choose to do so. And thank you for your time.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and that's it for that group. I will say I appreciate the work that all three of these educational leaders are doing on behalf of the children in Allendale community, and I want to pay a particular comment to both Mr. Celestine and Mr. Paige. Some months ago, as we were working through the Total Commitment Program, we had a study group, a steering committee that met to go over how we want Allendale to come back, and how we want that area to be revitalized. And one of the integral parts of that program, or that plan had to do with the educational system. And in the middle of the day, in the middle of a busy school day, both of these principals, Mr. Celestine, and Mr. Paige, came and sat and talked with our consultants for over an hour and a half about not only how we can try to bring Allendale back from an economic development standpoint. They talked about how they want in their vision for how they can better deliver educational services to the whole child in the Allendale community, and I really commend them for again just being for lack of a better term, totally committed to seeing positive things happen for the children in the Allendale community, and I really want to commend them for that. Alright, Mr. Chairman, I have two more special guests if I could. Could Mr. (inaudible) Manning and Mr. Hiawatha Williams please come forward. And members of Mr. Williams' staff, if you are here as well. Mr. Chairman, and members and Mr. Mayor, I'd like to thank you on behalf of Mr. Manning and Mr. Williams. Mr. Cardell Manning, and I have to admit to obviously Mr. Thompson, he was like Manning, I hadn't seen him since high school. So, anytime that we can get a positive reaction out of Arthur Thompson, you've really done something. So we're excited about that, because we really don't get much emotion from that end of the dais. But Mr. Cardell is the proprietor of the Williams Chicken Franchise here in Shreveport. It's more than just a chicken franchise, what Mr. Manning has is I believe Store No. 64 of the Williams Chicken franchise. And Williams Chicken is the largest African-American owned franchise of any kind in this nation. Routinely listed as one of the hottest franchises, and up and coming franchises in the annals of Black Enterprise Magazine, and Mr. Manning has decided that Shreveport and North Shreveport and District A is a good place to do business. And today he had his grand opening. And we're very fortunate for what he's going to do. But even more than that, Mr. Mayor and Members, the proprietor and the demand that started Williams Chicken franchise in East Texas and Dallas, came over to Shreveport for this very occasion. And the Mayor gave him a proclamation. And he was not able to make it because of a prior commitment. But I just wanted to ask Mr. Manning and Mr. Williams to come down just to tell you we are very thankful for your investment in the Shreveport community. We're very excited about the prospects of our young people having jobs and seeing another venue for growth in not only Shreveport, but particularly North Shreveport area. An area that I believe is ripe for commerce, and positive things are happening. So, I would just like to give the opportunity to Mr. Manning if he'd like to make a statement, and then obviously to Mr.

Williams if he would like to make a statement. Mr. Manning.

Mr. Manning: Thank you. To Mayor Glover, and to the City Council, thank you for inviting me. I've heard the speech from the different principals. I'm a retired one from California, so I understand exactly what you guys are going through. I've been before the School Board as well as City Council, there in California. I was educated here, and I see my classmate here, all the way through college. I haven't seen him in a long time.

Councilman Shyne: You're not as old as Arthur, are you?

Mr. Manning: No, I think I'm a little younger. We parted ways, but meanwhile, I went to California, and retired as a school administrator. And I thought hey, I have it made, I can relax. But then again, I met Councilman Lester. He said Manning, we have an opportunity here in Shreveport. My wife is from here and all here relatives, and so mine are from the Homer, LA area. I'm honored to be here in Shreveport, you citizens have been tremendous. They have supported our franchise like I never dreamed of. And when I came, I said I wonder what type of student would I be able to get - - - what kind of employees. I want to commend, let's start off with the Police Department, they've been very cooperative. And they always patrol the area and they always welcome and they're always very friendly. They're to be commended for that Mr. Mayor. And the Caddo Sheriffs have been the same thing. And they patronize with us. And than you very much. And to the educators, I spent at least 35 years doing the same thing. When I hire employees from the City of Shreveport, Bossier City and the surrounding area, they have been terrific employees. And I know somebody in the educational field is doing a good job. Because they are good employees. They are cooperative, and we can trust them. I'm just asking all of you when you get an opportunity, drive by 1324 N. Market Street, and give our chicken a test. And if you give us a test, I guarantee you, you will be back. And thank you very much Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Mayor, thank you kindly, Council, thank you kindly. More importantly our students here, our children here. Williams exist because of them. The whole concept of what we were doing was based on giving people in the community an opportunity to have employment, to grow in their skills, and to learn how to manipulate in the system that they'll have to deal with like you're saying. They're going to compete. So, no matter what you're doing, the only thing I'm asking of our kids, whatever your level that the Lord has blessed you with, I want all of you, if it's 80 for one person, and 100 for another, I want all of them whatever it is. So, that's my challenge to you, I ask that all of us continue to support the children. This is all we have. And that's enough for me. I can get it done with them. So, I want you to continue to pray for us, and we thank you for this great opportunity. Now if I could live anywhere in the world, I would choose Shreveport. This is quite a town.

Councilman Shyne: Alright. And Mr. Chairman? Mr. Manning, just before you go, I'm glad to hear you say that you're from - - - that you had some relatives in Claiborne Parish, and not only in Webster Parish. I was always taught that people from Claiborne Parish was just a little bit better. Now Art, don't get mad with me for saying that.

Mr. Manning: We've had our times.

Councilman Shyne: Right. But I do want to stress again, and you know it. You're living in a society where good is alright, but they want the best. Because you're going to be competing with the best. And when I come by and buy some of that chicken, and I am, I want to say this is the best chicken I've had.

Mr. Manning: I guarantee you, you will say that.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I want to hear.

Mr. Manning: I give you that promise. But we also have to stress that we have to educate the total child. Not just academically. No child left behind has always been a problem.

Councilman Shyne: There you go, but we want them to develop to their maximum. Now, I've got one of my former students, I'm going to have him stand in just a few minutes, and he'll tell you how he used to make Bs on the test, and I'd say, uh uh, Larry, I'm not going to accept this. I want an A. And you know what? He wound up going to Tulane, and he's a super attorney.

Mr. Manning: My daughter is an (inaudible) of that, but I want you to please emphasize, everybody can't be the CEO of a company. Everybody can't be a City Councilman or a Mayor. But some of them can be good brick layers, they can be good farmers, they can be good dishwashers, but we want the child to develop to the best of his ability. That's what we've been emphasizing. And I hope you always emphasize that.

Councilman Shyne: Instead of being good, I'd like to use the word best.

Mr. Manning: (Inaudible), but we've had some students who graduate at the high school realm, and worked for years. They didn't score too high on their test, but they went out and made a terrific living. They became actresses sometimes, and they became ministers, and they made good living.

Councilman Shyne: But if you asked somebody to push them just a little bit more, they might have would have been able to score just a little bit higher.

Mr. Manning: We know that principals and teachers are pushers, but they need cooperation. They don't need to be put down, they need cooperation. But in the school system, we accept what you send us. If opportunities are there, we get great students, if opportunities are not there for their parent, we get so-so students. But we take what we have and we do the best we can, and we develop into good citizens. And I want to commend your educational system for that help. Because I have about 24 employees, from this area, and they've been terrific. And I wished I could pay them more money, but that's how it goes.

Councilman Walford: Any more Mr. Lester?

Councilman Lester: No, no. I just want to recognize Commissioner Carl Pierson standing back there in the back, we appreciate him coming down. Thank you.

Councilman Walford: And I did see Commissioner Rose McCulloch, she was here. Any more Mr. Lester?

Councilman Lester: I'm done.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Shyne, you have a guest?

Councilman Shyne: I have a guest, Mr. Larry English. Mr. English would you come forward? Mr. English also grew up on the Cooper Road, and Mr. English was a good student. But I used to always tell Mr. English, I'd say, Mr. English, you can be

better. And he would tell me sometime, Coach, I'm doing my best. I'm doing my best. I say, no Mr. English you can do better, you can do better. And you gotta continue to have somebody who will continue to say that you can do just a little bit better. And Mr. English, where did you graduate from?

Mr. English: Green Oaks High School, Class of 1973 Mr. Shyne. LSU-Shreveport and Tulane Law School.

Councilman Shyne: But you needed that what? That pushing.

Mr. English: And the whipping you gave me.

Councilman Walford: I do have a distinguished guest, but before I call mine up, I would like the Council's indulgence to make a motion to suspend the rules at this time.

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to consider Resolution No. 1 of 2007 at this time. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1**

Councilman Walford: At this time, I would like to have my distinguished guest, my good friend, Mr. Dominic Cordaro please come forward, or maybe I should just say 'Cuz'.

Councilman Shyne: He probably would recognize that.

Councilman Walford: He would recognize either. Welcome sir. Before we go on, I'm going to ask the Clerk if she would read Resolution No. 1 for us.

*The Deputy Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2007**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE DOMINIC CORDARO FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS AN OUTSTANDING RESTAURATEUR, HOST OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS AND AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

BY: Councilman Monty Walford

WHEREAS, Dominic Cordaro, restaurateur extraordinaire, closed the landmark Dominic's Italian Restaurant on 70<sup>th</sup> Street in Shreveport, in December 2006; and WHEREAS, in 1965 while a student of Louisiana Tech University, Dominic Cordaro and a cousin opened Cushino's Pizza Parlor in Ruston, Louisiana; and WHEREAS, in 1974 Dominic Cordaro took a job working at Ernest's Supper Club in Shreveport, Louisiana under the guidance of the late Ernest Palmisano, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, shortly after working at Ernest's Supper Club, Dominic Cordaro opened his first Dominic's Restaurant in Shreve Square, then in Shreve City and on Mansfield Road which closed in 1983, and the restaurant was reincarnated in 1991 as Dominic's Italian Restaurant on 70<sup>th</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated by family members that Dominic Cordaro has worked 150,000 hours as a chef, and served or catered more than 5 million meals; and

WHEREAS, Dominic Cordaro during his distinguished career has served and been host to President Bill Clinton, and many Hollywood celebrities and many sports personalities including, Terry Bradshaw, Hal Sutton, Gerry Dinardo, Tom Landry, Tommy LaSorda and Joe Dean; and

WHEREAS, because of his dedication to his craft, his electric personality, and his love for Shreveport, Dominic Cordaro and his restaurant created goodwill for Shreveport and created a positive image of this community throughout the United States of America.

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 Dominic Cordaro for his distinguished career as an outstanding restaurateur, host of the rich and famous and an outstanding citizen of the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shreveport City Council thanks Dominic Cordaro for being a goodwill ambassador for Shreveport by creating a positive image and impression of this city as he personally served, with warmth and flare, creative and delicious dishes to the rich and famous, visitors from all over this country, and to the citizens of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to Dominic Cordaro 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 Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1.**

Councilman Shyne: He didn't only have good food, he had the best.

Mr. Cordaro: Thank you very much Mr. Shyne.

Mayor Glover: On behalf of the City Council and all the wonderful citizens of Shreveport Dominic, it is our honor to present you with this resolution. You know that you have been the host of kings and queens, and presidents, and politicians, and movie stars. But what you did for the average ordinary people of this city, the way you loved them matters the most to them. God bless you.

Mr. Cordaro: May I just take a moment please? I'm really overwhelmed by this. And I would like to thank you Mr. Mayor, Mr. Dark, distinguished Council President, Mr. Monty Walford, and staff. But I just want to briefly tell you how this happened. In my sabbatical before 1991, there was a man who worked for a lady who is deceased now by the name of Ms. Jackson. And this man had the faith, the love, the understanding, the

confidence to put up the money to allow me the last 16 years to do what I've been able to accomplish. And he's with me today, and I'd like for you to recognize him, and I accept this on his behalf, Mr. Nick Rippolo. Mr. Nick? And a lot of you are not going to believe this. But he and I both were raised in Allendale, along with my other brothers, cousins. So we're very familiar with that area. But this particular document after closing after so many years, it means a great deal because I hope I have been an ambassador to Shreveport, the city that I love, the city that I care about, and when I moved back from Ruston, LA (Tech) in 1974, I wanted to live here. I wanted this to be my home. And I can truly say that all the hours, and all the time, and all the problems that sometimes exist when you're in business have made it worthwhile. I don't know what the future brings, I just want to rest for a few months, decide what I need to do and what I ought to do. And my wife has put up with me for a number of years, and been able to raise my kids because I worked 24/7. But all the customers, and I think the Mayor said it so special. It was the customers on a daily basis that made all that I did possible. My uncle called me one day and asked me if anybody famous had been in. And I said Uncle D.J., I don't know if they were famous when they got here, I only hope they were famous when they left. Because I felt like it was not a job that I was doing, that it was a vocation. It was a calling. I could serve politicians, or athletes or business people, or people who worked on a daily basis, and that my job was whatever problem they had to magically lift it off their shoulders, and embrace them with quality food, quality service, and give them the love and the attention and dedication that nobody else would do. And for that moment, whether they had somebody sick in the hospital, for that moment, give them the time to reflect and relax and enjoy some atmosphere, and some pleasantries as they go out into the world to fight whatever problems they had. Mr. Walford, distinguished Council Members, staff, Mr. Mayor, there are not adequate words to tell you, and to express you, and I left out Mr. Dark, but I didn't mean to. I only did that to give you more coverage. But there's not adequate words to really express my appreciation, and on behalf of my family, I accept this. And on behalf of my manager and deceased parents, I accept this. They raised 11 children, and did it without a whole lot. And of the 11 children, all graduated from college but one, and only one of the boys out of the 11, in 35 grandkids never got in any trouble. And to my knowledge, none of my brothers and sisters are on drugs or are alcoholics. But after you meet a few of them, you'd think they maybe need to be on drugs. I said that in a humorous way, but really and truly seeing these young kids here, and seeing these principals doing what they're doing, it is the foundation of our society. Thank you and God bless you, and thank you very much.

Councilman Walford: Dominic, it's not that easy. You're not going to walk away yet. I'm going to open it up to the Council first. Mr. Webb.

Councilman Webb: Thank you. You know I remember when you first got out of college as a little young whipper snapper, I guess you could say.

Mr. Cordaro: That's fair. I've been called worse believe me.

Councilman Webb: Okay, at the Trailway Bus Station back in the late '70s, mid '70s and you always impressed me with your enthusiasm, and your positive attitude about being a success and how many stores you were going to open up, and everything. And I watched those things come to reality. And although I didn't frequent your restaurant as

much as I would like to, or as much as you would have liked me to, I did come to lunch, and to evening super, also you were always more than - - - always went over and beyond the call of duty, and every time we ever called on you and we asked you for some help in preparing things for a special function, you've always just blown us away with your generosity, and I really hate to see you go. And maybe things will be bigger and better for you in the days to come. I just wish you all well, (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: I appreciate that, and I have not known you as long as some of these gentlemen have, because I'm not quite that old. But I will say that I always enjoy the excellent food and the excellent service that I received anytime I went into your restaurant. My daddy used to always say good people come a dime a dozen, but what you want to be son is the best at whatever you do. And whenever I went to your restaurant, I always knew that I was going to get the best. And that's why I always came back. Appreciate you, and I hope you'll be successful in whatever you undertake to do.

Mr. Cordaro: I appreciate you and thank you Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Wooley: I just wanted to say only this past year, I've had the great opportunity to meet you and to get to know you personally, and you know your food was excellent, your service was excellent, the ambiance was excellent, but you're the one that made the place. There's no doubt about that. When I came in I knew I'd get great food, I knew I'd get great service, but I wanted to see you. Because you brought something to that place that nobody could ever touch. And I've been to many places and many restaurants, all over the country, and other parts of the world, and I've never seen anyone have such passion about what they do. And when it comes to the restaurant business or any business for that matter, and you're quite a man, and there are very few men like you.

Mr. Cordaro: It's always nice to be nice to nice people.

Councilman Wooley: Well, I appreciate you, I love you, and (inaudible) just let us know.

Mr. Cordaro: Well, I do thank you, and you're very gracious, and I accept those comments.

Councilman Long: Dominic, I can't echo everything that's been said here, and I'm just here to say I'm going to miss you, miss your food, miss your personality, and miss your being a gracious host. And can I buy a copy of your sweet tea recipe please?

Mr. Cordaro: You know Mr. Long, I have a daughter that's a nurse in New Orleans, and that's always been our passion to manufacture and put that product on the shelf and maybe, if God willing, we may continue that - - -

Councilman Long: Well, maybe I'll come by your house and we can share a glass with me sometime.

Mr. Cordaro: Well, thank you very much Mr. Long. Appreciate you.

Councilman Walford: Cuz, I just want to thank you for everything you've done for me, and for being my friend. You stand out on Inauguration Day, four years ago. I don't know if you realize that. But you made us feel very special. We had lunch at Dominic's on Inauguration Day, and he really did a job. But since then, every time I've been in, he's made me feel special. He's helped me, I've had your advise and counsel, and I appreciate it, and I thank you for being my friend, and I wish you every success in whatever's next. Because I know you're not going to sit home and watch television.

Mr. Cordaro: Thank you for mentioning the luncheon that we had. With your permission, I would like to thank former Mayor Keith Hightower for his friendship, and his guidance, and his support over the years. And likewise to Council that was past, the past Council. And thank you very much Mr. President.

Mr. Cordaro: And thank you Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Dominic. Thank you Mr. Chairman, I just would like to suggest to all of you, you may need to check Mr. Cordaro's residency. I know he has an interest in politics, and you might see him aiming for the Council in four years, if one of us down here isn't smart enough to hire him.

Councilman Walford: Well, after listening to that comment about Mr. Dark, (inaudible).

Councilman Webb: Or he might run for Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Or he might run for Mayor, you're right. But Dominic, I just want to join the Council in expressing to you how much we appreciate you being the Shreveport institution that you are. We know that the restaurant is closed for now, but we know that you'll still be here, and like Councilman Walford, and I know so many others we await your next adventure, whether it be in the kitchen, or in the Council Chambers, or wherever it may be. Because we know that you've got something very fun and exciting in store. I look forward to working with you and talking about it.

Mr. Cordaro: I want to be around so truly I can participate in the next great city with the vision that you have.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, before we go back into the regular session, Mr. English wanted to come up and say a few words, and he has to get back to court. And I would like to indulge on you all to hear one of my former students about two minutes to come up here. He called me, and he has something that's been kind of heavy on his heart.

Mr. Larry English: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Y'all grew up on the Cooper Road didn't you?

Mr. English: Yes we did Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: And I taught out there.

Mr. English: And we're very proud of the Cooper Road, and our new Mayor. Mr. Chairman, I wanted to just take a few minutes to come down and address the new Council and the new Mayor. And I'm going to - - - I think traditionally, when I always came down, you always gave me three minutes Mr. Chairman, and I hope I can get those three minutes. And I will be brief. I want to thank you for certainly doing this. This is a new Council, and this is a new Administration. And we've just come out of an election, and everybody is feeling good in their being victorious. But I think the Mayor made his big appointment yesterday, which with me signals that you are now back down to doing business. And I want to talk with you just these few minutes, and to ask you to put on your agenda, an issue that I have constantly come down here and talk to previous councils and previous administrations. That is the lack of economic development opportunities for African-American professionals in this city. I will go forth to tell you that right now, this city has failed to take good care of one thing coming out of the '60s and the '70s, that's economic apartheid being practiced in this city against companies.

You don't have to believe me. Look at the list of lawyers that are doing business with the City of Shreveport. You don't have to believe me. Walk across the streets to the banks that city funds are in, and ask them to please produce for you a Black Vice-President. Ask them to produce for you African-American lawyers that are doing business with them. Real Estate people that are doing business with them. We can set here and run a farce on these kids who come in here and tell them how great they are, and how good they are, but here's is a dirty little secret that we don't like to talk about. The best and brightest of those children, they're going to leave. They're going to leave, because they don't perceive that the opportunities are here. Now, this is the first time Mr. Mayor, that I have addressed this body, but hold it. And it's because of you. It's because you ran down Jackie Robinson, you played in the red dirt on the Cooper Road, your father fought so that you and I would have a better way. They were industrious. When we didn't have a fire department, they organized it. It is incumbent upon this Mayor, and this Council, and I think the City is hopeful that you will be going to address this issue not with great words, we don't need to hear anymore great words. Not with meaning, but with substance. The voters in this past election did not vote to make history. They voted to change the status quo. And I ask you as you move into this new Council, and this new Administration, because I see on your thing, (it's the last thing I'm going to say), I see on your list of items to deal with the Convention Center, and the Hotel. That's not numbers, ask hard numbers. It's immoral in a city with a majority African-American project, that a project built with taxpayer's money, that African-American businesses received so little of that. We must address these issues. These issues are eating away at this city, because it's driving the best and brightest talents that we have out. So, as you begin your new administration, and you begin your new seats as Council People, I would ask that you would put this agenda at the forefront and begin to address it in a meaningful way, so that those children that you heaped so much praise on, that when they graduate and hopefully have the opportunities that I've had to graduate, that they will come back to Shreveport. Because they have some opportunities here. Those opportunities simply don't exist right now. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Councilman Shyne: Just before you take your seat, Mr. Sibley? Is Mr. Sibley over there? Can you hear me? Mr. Sibley and to the Mayor, like I have mentioned this earlier, I truly believe that we have a moral obligation to make sure that opportunities are available to Black professionals in this town. They're not only good, they're excellent. I had a Black attorney who went with me to the State Supreme Court, and there were some people who said Joe, you sure you don't want to get a White attorney? You sure you don't? And Mr. English is right. I mean, we have to face facts. We have some of the best brick layers, pipe fitters, construction people that are Black. We have some of the best lawyers. And I had one person to tell me, well you know we want to get more Blacks, but are they qualified? You know I was looking at two Black quarterbacks last night that played in the championship. And there used to be a time, Mr. English and I, and Mr. Mayor I know you remember, because you're a big football fan, they say well you know we're not qualified to be quarterbacks on that level. So, I'm asking my colleagues. Mr. Sibley, I'm asking you as Executive Assistant to the Mayor, and Mr. Mayor I'm asking you to please, to please open up more economic opportunities to

minorities in this town. I was looking at the list of lawyers. I believe I saw maybe 35 on there. Guess what? 29 or 30 of them were what? White firms. You could put all the Black attorneys together and they did not make what one White firm made. It's something wrong with that. There was a time Mr. Mayor when they said well you know we can't elect a Black to be mayor of Shreveport. And you heard that, because it's just only been a few years ago. And I know when you look in the mirror, you say Golly Gee! So we have a moral obligation to make sure that we open up economic opportunities. I'm tired of just seeing the same group come down here and eat at the public trough. They're just getting fatter and fatter, and fatter. We've got to open this thing up. Like you say, we tell these kids well, baby you're doing good. And you're going to be alright. Biggest lie you ever heard. You've got to be the best at what you do. You've got to be the best. We have some of the best (inaudible) with you all. Please, lets make sure that, that happens. Lets make sure that economic opportunities are opened up. And I'm not going to use the word minorities, because I don't mean any harm when I say this, but we've got a lot of Mexicans in Shreveport now. So somebody might think I'm talking about Mexicans. I'm talking about Black people. I'm talking about lets open up economic opportunities in this town, in this city for Black people. Mr. English, thank you again for coming down. I kinda hated that you told the people that I did put the board on you from time to time, but now, and I have to be truthful with you, and you understand when you made those Bs in school, I always said Larry, you can do better.

Mr. English: Well, Mr. Shyne let me tell you the whole truth and I'm going to sit down. I actually showed up when I turned 18 cause you had whipped my but so much after you paid for my tuition for college.

Councilman Walford: Returning to our regular agenda at this time, and I thank the Council for their indulgence on suspension of the rules, today we have a presentation by Representatives of the Y.W.C.A.

Councilman Shyne: A beautiful looking group too!

Councilman Walford: And could I ask you for your indulgence, I assume this is your Board. Could you introduce your Board to us?

Ms. Parker: Let me have them do that also. This is just part of our Board by the way. In the booklet you're going to get, you'll have a complete list of all our Board Members. So these are just some of the ladies who could get away today. We have Loretta Hudson, Nita Jones, Jean Nichols, you know Roxanne Johnson, Christine Hillman, Tim (inaudible) who is a staff member of one. We have Glenda who is our staff person at the Y, and we then we have Edwin (inaudible) whose another Board Member. And I am Sandy Parker, and I am also a Board Member. Mayor Glover, Chairman Walford, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Y, and the Board Members present and not, I want to thank you for this time here today. We're going to show a very brief presentation, and we're going to close with three very brief remarks.

### ***Video Presentation – Save Our Sisters***

Ms. Parker: Ladies and gentlemen, the SOS Presentation you just saw represents Save our Sisters, is a presentation – a campaign that was embarked upon last March of 2006. My first request to the Council is to come visit us, come to our house. Come to the Travis Street facility, and visit our domestic abuse shelter. The images you saw on the screen today and the numbers you saw are gut wrenching, but not anywhere close to reality of seeing it first hand. Our second request is that you review and reflect on the seven page written presentation that is being handed out to you now. It tells you who we are, it tells you what we do. It tells you the partnerships that we are developing, and more importantly, it's talking about our objectives for 2007. My third and last request is for your continued support and assistance. We lost a partnership with SPAR and the City of Shreveport last Spring, and it's on its way to being very successful in the redevelopment of Allendale. Help us improve our partnership with your thoughts, your prayers, your questions, and your ideas. Inside the packets, there's a list of Board of Directors. I'm sure you know somebody on the list. We have a very extensive list. Call on them. My email address is in the packet. Send me your ideas, your questions, your thoughts, call me. Let us become better partners, so that we can better serve abused women and children of our community. Thank you for your time.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, this is not a question. I just want to say that I guess since Ms. Johnson has been running the program, I've kinda of followed the Y a little bit closer, maybe it's because I'm older Ms. Johnson, and I can appreciate it. But I do want to let you all know that you've had an excellent program, not just good. Not just average, but you've had an excellent program. And that's my vision for Shreveport, that we be excellent in every category, so whatever I can do, and I know the other Council Members feel the same, whatever we can do to help you, because you are reaching out, helping those people that fall through the crack a lot of times, who don't have anybody pushing them. Who people would just say well, that's alright for you. You're doing well enough, you're doing good enough, and they fall through the crack. And you all's program reach and bring them back and let them know that you can be the best that you can be. I'm not going to let you fall through the crack. I'm not going to tell you that you're doing real good when you're not. I want to make sure that you reach your potential, and I applaud you all for that, and I will have to say that you really have some distinguished members on the Board with impeccable credentials and character. Some of them I know from the school system, and some of them I know from working in the community. So, you do have a good support system around you. And that's extremely important. Thank you very much.

*Reports:*

*Convention Center and Convention Center Hotel* (To include detailed personnel report from SMG)

Mr. Dark: Mr. Chair, I'd like to call on Mr. Carrier. He would like to announce an award that our Convention Center has already won.

*Mr. Carrier: (400 Caddo St)* I just want to take a real quick minute and share with you the Convention Center has in its very first year of operation, been awarded a

Readers Choice Award by Convention South Magazine. Convention South is one of the premier publications in the Convention and Trade Show industry. By comparison to a Time or a Newsweek or anything of that nature, obviously it's a pretty small readership, but the 18,500 readers of this publication are professionals in the Meetings Industry. And through voting, they have awarded us a Readers Choice Award for this year. And I just wanted to share that with you and present the Mayor a plaque to put up here somewhere. We have a very nice plaque similar to this to put in the Convention Center, so the folks who come in can also see that we have received this. But we're very proud of what the City has done, and proud to be able to operate the facility on your behalf, and look forward to many more years of very successful and very productive operation of the center. And thanks for your support in this first year, and ongoing years. Thank you sir.

Councilman Walford: Let me if I may, suggest to the Council Members, as Councilman Lester knows these reports initially came about because of the construction phase. But I would ask you to consider what format you might want for these reports as we move forward with the completion of those buildings. So, think about that, and we will try to come up with whatever format you would like for the Administration and Mr. Carrier to report to you, and we did get several reports from Mr. Carrier as far as utilization of the building, bookings, and again as the buildings are both finished, consider what the Council might want in the way of reports.

#### Property Standards Report

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just really quickly, I just wanted to echo the sentiments for the public that I made on yesterday. A lot of times, we criticize our folks over at Community Development and Property Standards when they don't do good things. I wanted to tell Mr. Bowie, and come on up Mr. Bowie, on behalf of many of the residents in Allendale, we really appreciate what you've done. Particularly the demolition of the building at Milam and Pierre, that old Texaco. It has been an eyesore in that community for far too long, and obviously there were some hurdles that we had to deal with, because when you're talking about demolishing a gas station, you have the state statutes that you have to deal with environmental issues, because you have the tanks. But that was done, and everyone drives by, kinda looks at Ms. Bernice shop as if to say, wait something is missing. Well, it was that eyesore that was there, and we really do appreciate that. And also the fabrication plant that was in front of Galilee Baptist Church is gone. And we're very appreciative of that. And I just want to give you and Ms. Moore and your whole department, and your whole team just some kudos. We appreciate y'all's diligence in getting those things down. And again, it goes to show a lot of times we talk about what total commitment is, and that we are very serious about cleaning up and revamping and remodeling, and revitalizing the Allendale Community, but when you actually see some of these old dilapidated structures come down, that kinda gives meat to people to say we are really serious about making that happen. So, I just wanted to tell you publicly so that the public can see that we definitely appreciate that.

Councilman Walford: Let me make the same comment about the Property

Standards Report. The report you get now came out of the last Council. If you would like something different, if you'll let Mr. Lester or me know, we will work with Code Enforcement and Data Processing to come up with whatever else you might want as far as reports about your district. Thank you Mr. Bowie, I think you got off light today. You got compliments, and you can go back smiling. Go back and hide behind that thing where I can't see you. I didn't know you were there. I saw Ms. Moore.

Councilman Shyne: Now, don't let that give you the big head. Hear? Alright.

**Public Hearing:** None.

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

**Confirmations and/or Appointments:**

**Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board:**

Cpl Joseph Lewis

Cpl Jason Brook

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we have the two Cp. Joseph Lewis, and Cpl Jason Brood for the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board. As you recall, I informed the Council yesterday, that there had been some contest to the election and there are several people here today, I think who want to address the Council as it relates to that issue. One, Mr. Ed Dixon came by my office before the meeting, and I think he represents one of the people so, I'm just letting the Council know that there are people on both sides who would like to address the issue.

Councilman Shyne: So moved to let Mr. Dixon come up if he wants to - - -

Councilman Wooley: Second.

Councilman Walford: Okay, but before we go forward on this, and perhaps in the interest of time, Cpl Joseph Lewis cannot be confirmed today. Under the Council Ordinance that was passed by the previous Council requires that the acknowledgement be completed stating that they understand that they cannot do business with the city, etc., that has not been returned by Mr. Lewis. We have received Mr. Brook's. So, Mr. Lewis according to the ordinance cannot be confirmed today. Ms. Glass you might help me with that. But that's the way that I understand it.

Ms. Glass: That's correct. I just looked at the ordinance, and it does say that any person appointed by the Mayor to a Board or Commission shall acknowledge that disclosure required in writing before the confirmation of the appointment is considered by the Council.

Councilman Walford: So, we can consider Cpl Brook, because that has been received by the Internal Auditor.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Lester, and I'm not doing any mind reading, but I think he's going to move to postpone.

Councilman Lester: That's correct Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: And I'd like to second that.

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone the confirmation of Cpl Lewis and Cpl Brook until January 23, 2007.**

Councilman Lester: And not that it makes a difference Mr. Chairman, but my reason is as I appreciate it, there has been a challenge to some of the issues as I appreciate it with the election, and the whole nine yards. Obviously I was unaware with what the Chairman just gave us, but I just would like for us to postpone this matter until there is some resolution with the issue with the election as I appreciate it, or whatever that issue is. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I learned how to do a little mind reading on the Cooper Road.

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

Councilman Walford: There is on my agenda, an addition. Did the Administration wish to add Barbara Featherston?

Mr. Dark: Yes sir Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Now, Mr. Thompson, guide us.

Mr. Thompson: You would need to suspend the rules to add her confirmation.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Mayor, how about your friend and mine sitting next to you. Do you want to add him today too?

Mr. Dark: Two weeks.

Mayor Glover: Two weeks.

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to suspend the rules to consider Ms. Featherston, as Assistant City Engineer. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1.**

**Assistant City Engineer** – Barbara Featherston

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to confirm Ms. Featherston, to the Assistant City Engineer position. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1.**

**Adding Legislation to the Agenda:**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 7 of 2007**: An ordinance repealing Section 2-1 of the Code of Ordinances and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

2. **Ordinance No. 8 of 2007**: An ordinance to amend and reenact Section of 1.17 of Ordinance No. 96 of 2980 to provide a sales and use tax exemption for charges for the furnishing of repairs to tangible personal property under certain circumstances, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: Neither one of these can be adopted today, they must lay over.

**Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to add Ordinance No. 7 and 8 of 2007.**

Councilman Lester: And Mr. Chairman, I wanted to let the Council know I've started the process of talking to several of the members. I also asked for a resolution relative to recognition of City Workers, but between my office and the Council office, we didn't communicate, that's why it's not on the agenda. Because I know I'd spoken to several Council Members to alert them that it was going to be on the agenda, but that's why it's not there. But we will be introducing that at the next meeting. So, just to let you know that I am still moving forward, but that's why you don't see it.

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION**

**TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

*The Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2007**

**A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED ON IFB #06-123, CEDAR GROVE LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY:**

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received as a result of solicitations for Cedar Grove Lift Station Improvements, IFB #06-123; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected this bid in accordance with La R.S. 38:2214 B, as the City has determined that the only bid received 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 bid received on IFB #06-123 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 Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1**

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION**

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

*The Clerk read the following:*

2. **Resolution No. 184 of 2006:** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into, or request the Authority to enter into, one or more Swap Agreements, all in connection with certain outstanding bonds of the City or the Authority and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (*Postponed December 26, 2006*)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 197 OF 2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND W. R. PROPERTIES, INC., HEREIN REPRESENTED BY WEYMAN ODEN, PRESIDENT, FOR THE WATER MAINS, SEWER MAINS AND ALL RELATED APPURTENANCES SERVING WILLOW RIDGE AT STONE LAKES, UNIT 7 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY:**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with W. R. Properties, inc., herein represented by Weyman Oden, President substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on December 26, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 202 OF 200\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF SURPLUS SHREVEPORT POLICE VEHICLES TO THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY;**

WHEREAS, the City desires to donate two Ford Crown Victoria cars to the City of Ringgold, Louisiana which serves a public purpose and renders a public service; and, WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 315 of 1979, requires City Council approval of an agreement made and entered into by the City of Shreveport and any person or entity, whereunder such person or entity receives a donation in return for service which serves a public purpose; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana Constitution Article VII, Section 14 provides for the donation of surplus properties between political subdivisions engaged in public safety activities as are the parties hereto; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ringgold, Louisiana has agreed to accept all responsibility, financial obligations and liability associated with the acceptance of this donation; and,

WHEREAS the vehicles described herein are no longer capable of use by the Shreveport Police Department, and are hereby deemed surplus of the City of Shreveport; and,

WHEREAS, this donation, under these circumstances, provides for the most cost effective way to dispose of the vehicles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Shreveport and the City of Ringgold, Louisiana donating two Ford Crown Victoria cars.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman**

**Wooley to adopt.**

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I did that because my wife is from Bienville Parish.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 203 OF 2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND LAWSUITS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport ("City") is involved in a number of claims and/or lawsuits either as plaintiff or defendant; and

WHEREAS, City desires to retain the services of Scott J. Chafin, Jr., Attorney at Law, to represent the City of Shreveport ("City") in these matters at an hourly rate of \$115.00, plus expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Attorney recommends the employment of such special legal counsel to represent the City in these matters pursuant to Section 8.03 of the City Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, a retainer agreement with Scott J. Chafin, Jr., Attorney at Law, to represent the City of Shreveport in connection with general liability claims and/or lawsuits, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection, together with the original copy of this resolution in the office of the Clerk of Council on December 26, 2006.

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

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 204 OF 2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SMG MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport entered into a Management Agreement (the "Agreement") with SMG to staff, manage, operate and maintain the Convention Center on December 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.5 of the Agreement requires among other things, that SMG's annual audit report be prepared by a "firm of national reputation selected by SMG"; and WHEREAS, in most cases, this requirement serves to reduce or eliminate the pool of local accounting firms or individual certified public accounts who can perform this service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, an amendment to Section 2.5 of the SMG Management Agreement to delete the requirement that SMG's annual audit report be prepared by a firm of national reputation, the said amendment to be substantially in accordance with the terms of the draft hereof which was filed for public inspection, together with the original copy of this resolution, in the office of the Clerk of Council on December 26, 2006.

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

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

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

Councilman Long: This is so that they can hire a local accounting firm to conduct their audit?

Mr. Dark: Yes sir.

Councilman Long: To amend the agreement?

Mr. Dark: Yes.

Councilman Lester: My question to the Administration is, is this something that will put us in a negative situation if we don't pass this today? In other words, is this something that would not be fatal if it were postponed for two weeks?

Mr. Dark: I don't think it makes that much difference when it is, they just need to get started on their audit as soon as they can.

Councilman Lester: Okay, thank you Mr. Dark. Mr. Chairman, I asked that question because there are some questions that I have had from the previous Council relative to our SMG Management Agreement. And I just believe if we're going to start

the process of amending their management agreement, I would hate to start dealing with a piece meal. And I'd like to see a copy of that management agreement before we move forward on this. If the Council's disposition is to move forward, then that's fine, but I have a couple of issues related to the SMG Management Agreement, that again like I said, if we're going to revisit that, I would like to revisit them at that time. Thank you Mr. Chairman, so I would offer a substitute motion to postpone for two weeks, and ask for a copy of the management agreement.

**Substitute motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Webb to postpone until the next meeting.**

Councilman Long: I just had kind of a question. On the Commission, we could not (inaudible) a substitute motion with discussion first. Is that a rule or practice for the exercise here?

Councilman Walford: Actually, I got the substitute motion and a second before we went to discussion.

Councilman Long: No, he had other discussion then he went to substitute motion. He should have made his motion - - - the motion should have been made first.

Councilman Walford: Ms. Glass, I think we followed Robert's there. He was discussing a motion on the table.

Councilman Long: Well either way, it doesn't matter. I just want to understand.

Ms. Glass: I think the discussion should be on the motion that's already on the floor. I'm not sure if the content of that was on - - - I don't remember exactly what he said. I guess it'd be a call of the Chairman, whether it was relevant to the proceeding motion or the next motion.

Councilman Walford: Okay, your point is well taken. But the discussion should be on the motion that's on the floor. Getting kinda technical here Mr. Lester, I would take it that your comments were actually - - - just like negative comments to the motion that was on the floor. And I don't have a problem with, but I think that would be appropriate.

Councilman Lester: I think they were germane Mr. Chairman, I spoke to the merits of moving forward with the vote, and at the end of my comments, I asked that we, instead of voting, that - - - I offered a substitute motion to postpone. And at the same time, I gave him some of my reasons why.

Councilman Walford: But your point is well taken Mr. Long.

**Motion to postpone until the next meeting approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 5. Nays: Councilman Long. 1 Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1.**

Councilman Walford: Did I understand that part of your motion was asking for a copy of the management agreement? Could we task the staff with - - -?

Mr. Thompson: We will try to find it. I'm not sure that we have it. We're not the custodians of it, but we'll try to get it.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Dark?

Councilman Lester: You need to send a request to Mr. Carrier.

Mr. Dark: Mr. Carrier is in the audience I think, he heard you.

Mr. Carrier: Mr. Lester, if you remember I gave you all a big binder.

Councilman Walford: Mike, I think you're correct. Mr. Lester and I have a copy of it, but I think the other Council Members might be well-served to - - -

Mr. Carrier: You should have a copy in that binder, and I'm preparing binders, and have met with the Mayor. And we'll be getting those out to the new Council Members. But you should have a copy in that. If for some reason you don't, please let me know, and I'll be glad to provide that or the Administration can. They have the master copy there.

Councilman Lester: Great. I appreciate that.

Councilman Walford: And Mike if you would, try to get those to the other Council Members prior to a vote on this, so they'll have it. Thank you very much.

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 OF 2007**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lot 33, College Park Subdivision Geographic Number 171416-013-003300

Municipal Address: 5604 Norton Street

Council District "F"

**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 including but not limited to Resolution Number 122 of 2006 are hereby repealed.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman**

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

7. **Resolution No. 4 of 2007**: Amending Resolution No. 193 of 2006 which appropriated funds to specific Not-For-Profit Organizations from funds budgeted in 2007 Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)

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

Councilman Walford: I will discuss very briefly. I think this would provide what would be a waste of City funds. We are providing that service now in-house under the reorganization, an organization done by the Mayor, so I think that this would not be a prudent expenditure of City funds. I'm going to vote no.

**Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, and Webb. 5. None. Ayes: Councilman Shyne. 1. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2007**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO BRINGING WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS TO THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

By: Councilman Lester

WHEREAS, it is of great importance for citizens and businesses of the City of Shreveport to have fast, reliable and affordable Internet access; and

WHEREAS, such access will assist in the economic and community development of the city and provide economic, recreational, cultural, and other broad benefits to the citizens of the city; and

WHEREAS, some areas of the city already have access to high speed broadband Internet services, while others, particularly lower income neighborhoods, have more limited access or do not have affordable access.

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

- 1) A task force is hereby created to explore the issues involved in bringing high speed wireless Internet services to the City of Shreveport generally, and in particular with regard to access to underserved communities and neighborhoods.
- 2) The task force shall consist of the following: Two City Council members appointed by the Chairman of the Council, the Chief Administrative Officer or his designee, the Director of Finance or her designee, the Director of Data Processing or his designee, and the City Attorney or her designee.

- 3) The task force is authorized to seek out and invite the attendance of such others persons in the telecommunications and information technology industry as may be necessary or beneficial to accomplish its tasks.
- 4) The task force shall work to determine what the best options are to bringing high speed wireless Internet services to the City of Shreveport generally, and in particular with regard to access to underserved communities and neighborhood. It should consider:
- a) whether the City of Shreveport can or should provide the infrastructure and/or services itself or should contract with another public or private entity to provide the infrastructure and/or services,
  - b) how the construction, operation and maintenance of the infrastructure can be funded,
  - c) any other policy, technical and legal issues impacting on the proposed services.
- 5) The task force shall provide a report of its progress or conclusions to the City Council when requested by the Council or when the task force deems it appropriate.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or 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 Wooley to adopt.**

Councilman Lester: Brief discussion. Mr. Strong please?

Councilman Shyne: Is that the Mike Strong, the one and only?

Councilman Lester: From Longview, TX by way of the (inaudible) Road.

Councilman Shyne: That's my friend.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Strong, I got a call from one of my constituents, relative to our discussion yesterday regarding the contractors and the whole permitting issue. I'd like for you to take a look at this issue. Because my constituent was told and you probably know who my constituent is, that there is no mechanism to cite illegal contractors to court by the inspectors. And the question arose because there was some issue with someone doing some unauthorized work. He gave that information to one of the inspectors. The inspectors went out and found out that the person didn't pull the permit. They weren't licensed. But they told my constituent who is a legitimate contractor that there was no way for them to cite him to court. There was no way for them to punish them. So he thought that was unusual. And I thought so too, because as I appreciate it, there is an ordinance on the books that says if you are not a licensed contractor and you don't pull a permit, there is a fine of \$500 and so, this idea that we could not punish folks and we could not cite them, didn't sound right. So, if you could check into that for me please I really would appreciate it.

Mr. Strong: I'll get the Council something in writing on that to explain in detail all of our aspects, and I'll have that for you by the next Council Meeting.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS** *(Not to be adopted prior to January 23, 2007)*

1. **Resolution No. 6 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement and/or cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Shreveport and the Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 7 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the Department of Operational Services to implement a plan for managing aquatic weed growth in Cross Lake and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester/G/Bowman)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Resolution No(s). 6 and 7 2007 to lay over until January 23, 2007 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES** *(Not to be adopted prior to January 23, 2007)*

1. **Ordinance No. 1 of 2007**: An ordinance closing and abandoning a 15 foot-wide utility easement and drainage easement including the south adjacent drainage pipe, and easement located in Lot 8 of Southland Park Center Subdivision bounded by Truly Lane, and Summer Grove Drive in the SE ¼ Section 4 (T16N-R14W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb)
2. **Ordinance No. 2 of 2007**: An ordinance amending and replacing Sections 94-115, 207 & 208 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport by clarifying provisions concerning individual sewage treatment systems and compulsory connection to community sewer service, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 3 of 2007**: An ordinance enacting Section 22-1 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport, schedule of Permit and Inspection Fees, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 4 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 Budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
5. **Ordinance No. 5 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 Budget for the

Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

6. **Ordinance No. 6 of 2007**: An ordinance closing and abandoning the 50 foot-wide Chase Cove public right of way located between Lots 49 and 50 in the Chase Wood Subdivision and extending thru the drainage easement to Lots 83 and 84 of Pine Hill Park Unit No. 3, located in the SW ¼ of Section 10 (T16N-R14W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb)
7. **Ordinance No. 7 of 2007**: An ordinance repealing Section 2-1 of the Code of Ordinances and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
8. **Ordinance No. 8 of 2007**: An ordinance to amend and reenact Section of 1.17 of Ordinance No. 96 of 2980 to provide a sales and use tax exemption for charges for the furnishing of repairs to tangible personal property under certain circumstances, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Webb to introduce Ordinance No(s). 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of 2007 to lay over until January 23, 2007 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1**

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

1. **Ordinance No. 184 of 2006**: An ordinance creating Stop intersections within the City limits of the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley) (*Postponed December 26, 2006*)

**Having passed first reading on November 28, 2006 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1**

2. **Ordinance No. 210 of 2006**: An ordinance declaring a certain adjudicated property to be surplus and to 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) (*Postponed December 26, 2006*)

**Having passed first reading on December 12, 2006 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 Webb to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilwoman. Bowman. 1.

3. **Ordinance No. 214 of 2006**: An ordinance repealing Chapter 42, Article XI, Oil and Gas Wells Division 2, Cross Lake and vicinity of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, and to amend and replace Section 78-344, General Prohibitions and Land Altering Activities, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on December 26, 2006 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 Long to adopt.

Councilman Lester: I just wanted to say, I'm moving forward with this, although I spoke with our colleague, Ms. Bowman who is obviously in the hospital with her husband recuperating, and she asked that if there were any items that were associated with District G, to postpone them. But to the extent that the lake is A and G, and this is something that's a lawsuit, I'm moving forward and not postponing so that she would know that.

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

4. **Ordinance No. 215 of 2006**: ZONING – C94-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport, zoning ordinance by rezoning property located on the west side of Hutchinson, 190 feet north of Greenwood Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to B-1, Buffer Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, is there someone here from MPC?

Mr. Dark: Mr. Jambor is here.

Councilman Lester: Okay, I have a motion to adopt, if I can get a second for discussion purposes.

Having passed first reading on December 26, 2006 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 Long to adopt.

Councilman Lester: Yes, Mr. Jambor, how are you doing today? I know that this is was subject to some conversation at one of your recent MPC meetings, as I appreciate it, there was some conversation - - - I think I spoke to Commissioner Lynch

relative to some parking issues?

Mr. Jambor: Yes sir, this is just rezoning this portion. The other did not need rezoning. There is another case involving the placement of the basketball courts, and the mobile classrooms, etc., that'll be in front of you in a subsequent case. For whatever reason, it was handled as two separate cases.

Councilman Lester: Okay, let me ask this? What was the disposition of the MPC on the other case?

Mr. Jambor: There was a request to revise it. So that the basketball courts were moved nearer to Greenwood Road, so that if in fact there were to be anybody using it late at night, that it would not present the possibility of a disturbance. We also brought to the attention, specifically Mr. Washington, who was representing the applicant, that there was a high degree of questionability as to the suitability of those travel trailers to be used for the intended purpose, and that we asked them to (inaudible) Permits and Inspection to verify it for a Code review. And that will be coming to you in about a month.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, based upon that, I would offer a substitute motion to postpone.

**Substitute motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone.**

Councilman Webb: Well how long are we going to postpone?

Councilman Lester: Well, I'd at least like to postpone it for two weeks Mr. Webb, and I know that there was a lot of conversation at their last meeting. And I want to make sure because I was out of town, and I didn't get an opportunity to speak with some of those folks, the citizens out there. I originally supported the idea of the re-zoning, and I think we re-zoned a portion of this - - -

Mr. Jambor: This is the portion that's just to be utilized for parking. And for whatever reason, they pressed ahead on that prior to having a fully developed plan for the remainder.

Councilman Lester: And I kinda want to make sure before we approve the piece meal, I want to make sure of what the whole shebang is going to be.

Councilman Walford: Okay, and to clarify Mr. Lester, that is to postpone for January 23, 2007?

Councilman Lester: That's correct.

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

5. **Ordinance No. 216 of 2006**: ZONING – C-96-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport, zoning ordinance by rezoning property located on the northwest corner of Line Avenue and Dalzell Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from **SP-1-E, Special Public Interest/Extended Use (Highland Urban Conservation) District, Limited to “General Practice Medical Office, or Restaurant with a maximum of 1200 sq**

**ft, or Light Retail and Office Uses” only**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

**Having passed first reading on December 26, 2006 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 Shyne to adopt.**

Councilman Walford: In the way of a very brief discussion, in this area, we also have a 24 hour veterinary emergency clinic across the street, I don't think it would be any problem to the residents, and I've had no opposition.

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

6. **Ordinance No. 217 of 2006**: ZONING – C-99-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport, zoning ordinance by rezoning property located on the west side of Norris Ferry Road, 300 feet north of the entrance to Southern Trace Parkway, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from R-2-E, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence Extended Use District to **R-2-E, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence Extended Use District, “Limited to sales office use”**, only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

**Having passed first reading on December 26, 2006 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt.**

Councilman Wooley: Could the gentleman from MPC please come back up?

Councilman Walford: Mr. Jambor, could you join us again please?

Councilman Wooley: Thank you sir. I know this applicant is wanting a B-2 zoning correct?

Mr. Jambor: This is on the Norris Ferry?

Councilman Wooley: Yes sir.

Mr. Jambor: Yes sir, he originally requested B-3. His intent is to market this for a grocery store. His request for B-3 was based on what he perceived to be a desirability for later hours, for B-3 hours. We suggested that, that probably wouldn't be necessary and may be a little aggressive. And he agreed to move his request down to B-2, which would have more limited hours. And also preclude large (inaudible) from being utilized on the property. We found it to be very appropriate for that location.

Councilman Wooley: Right, so, the MPC's decision or recommendation was to be a B-2?

Mr. Jambor: Right. The B-3 that he originally applied for.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, on the agenda it says R-2-E, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence Extended Use District.

Mr. Jambor: Okay, I'm talking about a different case then. This is the existing

sales office. Okay at Southern Trace itself now. He had two applications on the same - -

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Councilman Wooley: Oh, okay. So we're just - - -

Mr. Wooley: You're at the entry to Southern Trace on this case. Okay, it simply is existing sales office, which he's intending to introduce the idea of outside sales at that location (inaudible) the realtors residing in there who don't have anything to do inside (inaudible) Southern Trace. That's basically the change.

Councilman Wooley: And what was the input from the residents in Southern Trace? Was there any opposition?

Mr. Jambor: Not on this particular case, no. There was another case that caused a certain amount of controversy, where he was going to speculatively request to rezone the mirror image lot on the other side of the entry, and they weren't terribly pleased with the idea of rezoning it speculatively, when he had no particular use there. So, we withdrew that case.

Mr. Jambor: Basically the use would just be outside realtors residing in that office.

Councilman Wooley: So the other issue on here is coming up later?

Mr. Jambor: I'm sorry?

Councilman Wooley: The other information that's mentioned here about the - - -

Mr. Jambor: The other location on Norris Ferry about the grocery store?

Councilman Wooley: Yes.

Mr. Jambor: Yeah, I haven't exactly - - -

Councilman Wooley: I just read the entire document is why I asked that question.

Mr. Jambor: Not a problem.

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

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 184 OF 2006**

#### **AN ORDINANCE CREATING YIELD AND STOP INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in regular and legal session convened that the following are hereby made and created yield intersections:

1. Pomeroy Drive and White Avenue Stop at Pomeroy Drive
2. Village Green Drive and Sophia Lane Stop at Village Green Drive
3. Brunswick Drive and Millicent Way Stop at Millicent Way
4. Brunswick Drive and Turtle Creek Drive Stop at Brunswick Drive
5. Rock Hollow Drive and Brunswick Drive Stop at Brunswick Drive
6. Melissa Way and Rock Hollow Drive Stop at Rock Hollow Drive
7. Sophia Lane and Wiscassett Drive Stop at Sophia Lane

8. Rock Hollow Drive and Wiscassett Drive Stop at Wiscassett Drive
9. Wiscassett Drive and Turtle Creek Drive Stop at Turtle Creek Drive
10. Dollarway Drive and Penny Street Stop at Dollarway Drive
11. Standard Oil Road and Wisteria Street Stop at Wisteria Street

SECTION II: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in regular and legal session convened that the following intersection is hereby made and created a 4-way stop intersection requiring that all traffic and vehicles approaching this intersection shall come to a full stop before entering the intersection:

1. Brunswick Drive and Sophia Lane

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this resolution or application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the 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 ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith, including Ordinance No. 63 of 1976, are hereby repealed.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 210 OF 2006**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND TO 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.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the herein below described property is not needed for public purposes and should be declared a surplus property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has received a request to donate its tax interest in the herein below described property as indicated below.

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

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the donation of its tax interest in the herein below described property.

**Property No. 1:** Legal Description - 40 ft. on Poland Street by 131.25 ft. deep, Flanagan Subdivision, TAL 8, Allendale, a subdivision in the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Book R, Page 607 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

(GEO#181436-029-0035-00) Municipal Address - 1516 Poland Street

**AMOUNT OFFERED: NONE APPRAISED VALUE: \$2,100.00 DISTRICT A**

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including an Act of

Donation, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 214 OF 2006**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE XI, OIL AND GAS WELLS, DIVISION 2, CROSS LAKE AND VICINITY, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND TO AMEND AND REPLACE SECTION 78-344, GENERAL PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, AND SECTION 34-123 PERTAINING TO LAND ALTERING ACTIVITIES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

By:

WHEREAS, the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has recently ruled, in Energy Management Corp. v. City of Shreveport, that Ordinance 221 of 1990, which established regulations and procedures for the drilling and production of oil and gas within 5000 feet of Cross Lake (currently codified as Chapter 42, Article XI, Division 2 of the City’s Code of Ordinances), is preempted by state law; and

WHEREAS, in light of such ruling, said provisions need to be removed from the City’s Code of Ordinances, and various other provisions of the Code in Section 78-344 and Section 34-123 which refer thereto need to be modified as a result of the removal of said provisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Chapter 42, Article XI, Oil and Gas Wells, Division 2, Cross Lake and Vicinity, shall be repealed in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 78-344 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport pertaining to general prohibitions and restrictions on the streets, sidewalks and other public places is hereby amended and replaced to read as follows:

**Sec. 78-344. General prohibitions and restrictions.**

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(f) Sewage. All individual and community-type sewage treatment systems shall comply with the requirements of Sections 94-191 through 94-231 of this Code. The permit required by subsection (g) below shall not be applicable to individual and community-type sewage treatment systems.

(g) Land altering activities:

(1) Except to the extent expressly provided to the contrary in subsection (f) above and in paragraphs (2) and (3) below, all land altering activities, as defined in section 34-121 of this Code, within the watershed shall comply with the provisions of sections 34-121

through 34-149 of this Code, including the requirement to apply for and obtain a permit prior to the activity. A fee, as provided in a schedule established by the Department of Operational Services, shall accompany all such permit applications.

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(h) *Stormwater.* The provisions of sections 34-150 through 34-243 shall be applicable within the watershed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 34-123 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport pertaining to land altering activities, permit required, application and contents is hereby amended and replaced to read as follows:

**Sec. 34-123. Land altering activities, permit required; application, contents.**

(a) *Permit required; exceptions.* An owner is required to obtain a permit from the Department of Operational Services prior to any land altering activities within the city limits or the Cross Lake watershed as such is defined in section 78-341 (the “watershed”), except for the following:

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(4) Certain activities outside the city limits, but within the watershed, which are specified as exempt from such requirement in subsections 78-344(g)(2) and (3).

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(b) *Application; contents.* All permit applications shall be submitted to the City Engineer for examination. The application shall contain two copies of the following information, unless the City Engineer determines that, due to the scope and nature of the proposed development, some of the information is unnecessary:

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(9) For land-altering activities within the watershed which are commercial, industrial or business in nature, the information described in subsection 78-344(g)(4).

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 216 OF 2006**

**BY:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LINE AVENUE AND DALZELL STREET, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM, SPI-1-E, SPECIAL PUBLIC INTEREST/EXTENDED USE (HIGHLAND URBAN CONSERVATON) DISTRICT, TO SPI-1-E, SPECIAL PUBLIC INTEREST/EXTENDED USE (HIGHLAND URBAN CONSERVATON)**

**DISTRICT, LIMITED TO “GENERAL PRACTICE MEDICAL OFFICE, OR RESTAURANT WITH A MAXIMUM OF 1200 SQ. FT. OR LIGHT RETAIL AND OFFICE USES” 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 property located on the S 96.67 feet of Lots 10-12, Block I, Thornhill Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, located on the NW corner of Line Avenue and Dalzell Street, **be and the same is hereby changed from SPI-1-E, Special Public Interest/Extended Use (Highland Urban Conservation) District, to SPI-1-E, Special Public Interest/Extended Use (Highland Urban Conservation) District, limited to “General Practice Medical Office, or restaurant with a maximum of 1200 sq. ft. or light retail and office uses” 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. General Practice Medical Office or restaurant with a maximum of 1200 sq. ft. or light retail and office uses only shall be permitted at this location.
3. Hours of operation shall be limited from 7:00 a.m. to 12 midnight for the Doctor’s General Practice Office and Medical Clinic only. Any future uses in these lease spaces, as well as the remaining lease space at the south end of the property, shall operate from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
4. Drive through pick-up window is approved for tobacco shop only. Any other drive through use shall require review and approval by the Planning Commission.
5. Waiver of screening fence along the west and south property lines until such time as written complaints are received by the Zoning Administrator.

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. 217 OF 2006**

**BY:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORRIS FERRY ROAD, 300 FEET NORTH OF THE ENTRANCE TO SOUTHERN TRACE PARKWAY, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-2-E, SUBURBAN, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE EXTENDED USE DISTRICT TO R-**

**2-E, SUBURBAN, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT, “LIMITED TO SALES OFFICE USE”, 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 property located on west side of Norris Ferry Road, 300 feet north of the entrance to Southern Trace Parkway, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, **be and the same is hereby changed from, R-2-E, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence/Extended Use District, to R-2-E, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence/Extended Use District, “limited to sales office use”, only.**

A portion of Lot 1001 of Southern Trace Phase II-Section VI, located in Section 32, T16N-R13W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Said portion of Lot 1001 more fully described as follows: Beginning at the NE corner of Lot 1001, run S00°18'15"E a distance of 192.50 feet, thence run S89°41'07"W a distance of 77.50 feet, thence run N00°20'22"W a distance of 11.57 feet, thence run NW'yly and counterclockwise along a curve to the left a distance of 201.14 feet, (said curve having a radius of 255.29 feet and a long chord bearing of N22°54'39"W—195.98 feet), thence run N89°41'07"E a distance of 152.85 feet returning to the P-O-B. Said portion of lot 1001 containing 19,160.95 square feet.

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

**1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted at the December 6, 2006 Public Hearing. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission.**

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution No. 100 of 2006:** Authorizing the release of mortgages and cancellation of promissory notes executed by Shreveport Publishing Corporation (now Snap Property, LLC) in favor of the City of Shreveport in connection with the neighborhood improvement leveraging project and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced June 13, 2006 – Postponed November 28, 2006*)
2. **Ordinance No. 122 of 2006:** An Ordinance to amend portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to traffic and vehicles and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced August 22, 2006 – Postponed November 28, 2006*)

3. **Ordinance No. 131 of 2006:** Amending certain sections of Chapter 38 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to housing and property standards and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced August 22, 2006 - (Postponed November 28, 2006)*)
4. **Ordinance No. 204 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Disparity Study) (A/Lester) (*Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006*)
5. **Ordinance No. 205 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006*)
6. **MPC APPROVAL - CASE NO. SC-102-06:** Property located on the north side of MLK Drive approximately 830 feet west of Hilry Huckaby III Avenue. (Subdivision Request – No Ordinance Required) (A/Lester) (*Remanded to MPC December 12, 2006*)
7. **PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEAL: HBO0600239** – 4133 San Jacinto Avenue (G/Bowman) *Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Swift, 3020 Regent Street, Shreveport, LA 71109* (B/Walford) (*Postponed December 21, 2006 until March 26, 2007*)
8. **PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEAL: HBO0600281** – 2524 W. College Street *Mr. Billy Draydon, 2536 W. College Street, Shreveport, LA* (G/Bowman) (*Postponed December 26, 2006 until March 26, 2007*)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS**

1. **HBO0600221** – 531 Prospect Street (B/Walford), *Mr. Michael Scarlato, 831 Prospect Street, Shreveport, LA 71104* (B/Walford) **Decision rendered January 8, 2007.**
2. **HBO0600290** – 4000 Pixley, (F/Shyne), *Mrs. Beatrice King, 3805 Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA 71109* (G/Bowman) **Decision rendered January 8, 2007.**
3. **HBO0600291** – 3430 Palm Rd, (F/Shyne) *Mr. Freddie Albrite, 3425 Palm Road, Shreveport, LA 71109* (F/Shyne) **Decision rendered January 8, 2007.**
4. **WAB0607479** – 1705 Kelsey St, (A/Lester) *Ms. Linda G. Daniels, 9030 Pradd Street, Shreveport, LA 71106* (D/Wooley) **Decision rendered January 8, 2007.**

**TAXI DRIVER LICENSE PERMIT APPEAL:**

Mr. Michael Weaver, 405 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Benton, LA *Action Taxi, S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA. Decision rendered January 8, 2007.*

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, as it relates to the Taxi Driver Appeal, Mr. Michael Weaver, as you will recall yesterday, you asked him to get certain people here for the next meeting, and to get a letter from one of the persons. In talking to him after the meeting, he told the staff that he was withdrawing his appeal, and the Police Department was going to give him his money back. He said that he did not want to appeal any longer, he was not going to appear. He has requested that he be allowed to sell alcohol. That appeal will be coming to you later, and an SOB Appeal. But for this one, he wants to abandon this appeal, and it might be proper for the Council to deny it and/or remove it from the agenda.

Councilman Walford: Do we have anything in writing from him or - - - should we deny as a matter of procedure since we don't have any - - -

Mr. Thompson: You do not have anything in writing. If you'd like to leave it on the agenda, and he does not do what you requested, then you could do it at the next meeting. It's up to the Council. I just wanted to make you aware of that.

Councilman Shyne: I don't believe in blind faith, but anything that Mr. Thompson say, I believe it's gospel. So

Councilman Walford: Oh, I don't doubt Mr. Thompson.

Councilman Long: Mike, you'll learn, you don't disagree with Mr. Thompson, that's gospel

Councilman Lester: But he says you owe him money Joe, except for fiscal matters.

Councilman Walford: Excuse me, I've got to score one for Councilman Lester.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, he got me there.

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

**CLERK'S REPORT:** None.

**THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)**

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:12 p.m.

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//s// *R.M. Walford, Chairman*

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

**Clerk Note(s):**

\*\*\* **The special meeting** to address an appeal for the revocation of permit to sell alcoholic beverages at **Phat Katz Lounge**, 4303 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, Louisiana, **has been rescheduled for January 8, 2007**. The meeting will be held in the Governmental Chambers, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, **at 4:00 p.m.** or immediately following the regular Shreveport City Council Administrative Conference, whichever occurs later. (G/Bowman)

\*\*\* Items postponed until a specific date may be considered prior to the postponed date.