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Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
February 27, 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 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2007 in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Webb.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Wooley.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Shyne, Webb and Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, February 12, 2007 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2007. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Shyne, Webb and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Walford: And if I could take just a second, I had an email complaining that we don't read the legislation, I think Mr. Thompson got one as well a while back. So, if you just allow me to - - - and I know in haste, we'd like to move on, but let me read the legislation for the benefit of those watching on television.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, we'll do that just for you.

Councilman Walford: And just punch the button lightly.

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

Councilman Walford: Mr. Mayor is not here, Mr. Mayor's representative, Mr. Dark.

Mr. Dark: Mr. Chairman, he's going to be down in a minute, and I know he has a proclamation that he wants do, so if you can move on, we'll be happy to do that then. We have a special gentleman that we wish to honor, and I think the Mayor wants to do that himself.

Councilman Walford: Okay, we can do that. Do any of the Council Members have a distinguished guest?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah Mr. Chairman, Mr. Ross.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Ross, you have to bear with me just a minute.

Councilman Long: Dr. Vince Marsalis is here, of course he's here for another reason, but we'd like to recognize him at this time, our Chancellor of LSUS.

Reports:

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

Property Standards Report

Councilwoman Bowman: I do have one area that I would certainly like for you to go by and that is in the 3400 block of Stonewall.

Mr. Bowie: Stonewall?

Councilwoman Bowman: Right. I have the exact address, I'll give it to you. I got a call today before I came here in reference to some problems that they're having, and I'll give you the exact address after the meeting is over.

Councilman Webb: He got off light this week.

Councilman Walford: Alright at this time, as we wait for the Mayor, I'm going to move to the Public hearing.

Public Hearings:

The Chairman read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 12 of 2007:** Stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of 229 Milam, LLC to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana restoration Tax Abatement Program, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Councilman Walford: At this time, the public hearing is now open. Is there a presentation from the Administration?

Mr. Dark: No sir.

Councilman Walford: Does anyone here that wants to speak in favor of Resolution No. 12 of 2007? Does anyone wish to speak in opposition to Resolution No. 12 of 2007? If not then this public hearing is now closed on Resolution No. 12 of 2007.

Councilman Walford: And I will call to order a public hearing on Ordinance No. 18 of 2007.

The Chairman read the following:

2. **Ordinance No. 18 of 2007:** Authorizing the purchasing agent to dispose of surplus real property, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Councilman Walford: At this time, the public hearing is now open. Is there a presentation from the Administration?

Mr. Dark: No sir.

Councilman Walford: Does anyone here that wants to speak in favor of Ordinance No. 18 of 2007? Does anyone wish to speak in opposition to Ordinance No. 18 of 2007? If not then this public hearing is now closed on Ordinance No. 18 of 2007.

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

Confirmations and/or Appointments:

Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board: *(Postponed February 13, 2007)*

Cpl Joseph Lewis

Cpl Jason Brook

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to add confirm the appointment of Cpl Joseph Lewis and Cpl Jason Brook to the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board.

Councilman Lester: Thank you, I would ask and not going into it that we have a letter from the Board, the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board. I would ask that it be made a part of the record. One of the reasons why I'd ask that this be postponed was to give some people who were making a challenge to some issues relative to the election, not to these individuals themselves, but to challenge the process, to give them a chance to be heard by the Board and as I appreciate it, the meeting was held on February 14th, and it was heard by the Board, and a decision was made, and therefore we can move forward. So, I just want to make that record clear, and I ask that this be made part of the record.

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

Councilman Walford: If you'll bear with me, I'm going to back up on the agenda, and welcome the Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Hello Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Mayor. First, do you have any communications for the Council or (inaudible)?

Mayor Glover: I have some distinguished guests I' like to have recognized.

Councilman Walford: I was going there next.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. I'd like to ask you all to join me today in paying some special recognition to three individuals who we have here, who are joining us, and of course as does the order of the day, we will go with Ladies first. It's my pleasure to present the first of it's kind, Mayor's Award of Excellence, we want to start with a young lady, if she's here, and I do see her, Ms. Tangi Bell. Would you please step forward to the mic? For those of you who may not be familiar, this is Mrs. Tangi Bell, one of our finest citizens here in Shreveport. She is a woman who has a great and wonderful story of self determination, of a never die spirit, a determination to do better for herself and for her family. She has recently been recognized by one of the premiere performers of this country Queen Latifah with an award I think of some \$3,000, a grant towards helping her to better publicize and gain distribution of her book that she has written, the story of her coming up and out of some rather dire conditions, and making a better life for herself, Tired of Being Po. And so, I want to ask the Council today to please, and also those who are in attendance to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Tangi Bell.

Ms. Bell: Over nine years ago, it seemed like I had to be fed, I had to be taught and I do not take this lightly. But I want you all to know that this is living proof that you can come out of poverty. And the Providence House helped me accomplish so many things within myself. But the greatest thing of all that I learned from them is I've become official now. And yes, I'm on my way to New York, but that award it means something to me as a person, but it means nothing more to me than Shreveport recognizing me and the things that I am doing to fight poverty within my own community. And what I am doing is standing up for legacy. Yes I was nothing back in the day, and yes I wasted time, but I'm trying to teach my children that sex, crime and violence is not our way out of poverty. And you can become and do anything that you want to do. And that's why I make so much noise about Tired of Being Po. It's not about the book,

please understand. You have to get tired of your circumstances, and get tired of being poor in order to come out. And y'all don't understand what this means to me, because the people said it couldn't happen and it wouldn't work. (inaudible), don't understand and even when people laugh. This means so much to me. This means more than even flying out to see the Queen, and I'm honored with that too, but in this (inaudible), and I want you to keep me in your prayers, and I thank y'all so, so very much for recognizing the fact that we have an issue in poverty, and some people including myself, we really want out, but we just don't know how to get out. There are a lot of us who are tired of being po. And I thank you all from the top of my heart. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: You're about to make a little bit of history here yet again. You're going to receive and we'll hold it here so the Council can see it, and folks at home can as well. You are about to receive Tangi Bell, the first Mayor's Award of Excellence from Shreveport.

Congratulations.

Ms. Bell: Thank you.

Mayor Glover: And keep up the great work, keep on keeping on and we know better things are yet to come.

Ms. Bell: Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Those of you are family members, would you please have them stand, I know you've got some folks who are here. There we go. Now our next honoree today members of the Council and Mr. Chairman, Mr. Kendrick Farris, who is a 20 year old Junior from LSU Shreveport. Would you join me here Kendrick? Kendrick is a graduate of C.E. Byrd High School, or the City of Byrd as it's referred to.

Councilman Lester: Yes it is, yes it is.

Mayor Glover: Originally from a part of my old Council District, back in the day when parts of Stoner Hill was still included in District A, grew up on Easy Street. He is the 2006 Collegiate Weight Lifting Champion, is the reigning National Champion in the 85 kilogram weight division, which set an American record with 155 kilogram snatch, and 198 kilogram clean and jerk. Now that's probably close to yours truly. That's outstanding young man. He won the best weight lifter award in the 2006 National Championships, named to the 2006 Junior World Champions Team. Kendrick has set records in U. S. (inaudible) and in the Dominican Republic. He has an outstanding shot at a gold medal in the Summer Olympics of 2008, and Kendrick is here with his coach, Dr. Kyle Pierce who has been mentoring and coaching Kendrick since he was 11 years old. Dr. Pierce would you stand up. I've know Kyle Pierce for quite a while as well. When I first met him, he was (inaudible) a pirate uniform, and I'll let him tell that story if he's inclined to do so. But we are, Kendrick, very proud of you, and all that you've accomplished. We look forward to you going on to achieve excellence. And if the Lord has it for you to be the next Olympic Champion, then please know that we will welcome you back here to Shreveport with warm and open arms. But whatever your future, we want you to know that we are proud of you, we appreciate what you have done, and you have already brought great glory to yourself, to your family, and all the City of Shreveport. So it is my honor to present you with this Mayor's Award of Excellence. Thank you so much.

Mr. Farris: I want to take this time to thank everybody for this award. I appreciate the recognition, and just like he said, I'm from Stoner Hill. I say Stoner Hill, LA. I don't know why, I just like to say that, but the reason why I say, it you know a lot of people in Stoner Hill, is like they really can't think outside of the neighborhood. And I was just like that until I started lifting weights with Kyle. And even when I first started, he told me, he was like you have the talent, you can see the world. And hearing that, and being from Stoner Hill, and knowing what I knew at that time, I didn't believe him. But I stuck with it, and I kept going, and I started off doing the local competitions, and then went to Nationals, and then it went to International

Competition, and now I'm taking that just from competing at a local competition and competing at the national level, and competing at the international level, and wanting to win. I looked at all those as stepping stones, and I felt like if I can do it, anybody can do it. Not just in weight lifting, that's just in life period. Just like anything you put your mind to, you can accomplish it. Just keep God first. And I really do want to take this time. I'm here with my mother. My mom, she supported me. Like she's been to all my competitions and I just want her to know I really love her, and I love Kyle too. Kyle's been like a father to me. And I don't want to leave anybody out, but my family and my friends, I can't - - - God's just blessed me with just - - - to surround myself with great people. And I really do appreciate this. Thank y'all.

Mayor Glover: We also have with us, Dr. Vince Marsalis who happens to be the Chancellor at LSU Shreveport where Kendrick is also a student. Now there 's a third individual that I want to recognize today, and he is a music legend. Someone that I know that if you don't recognize his name, then you certainly will recognize his music. And so, Mr. Claude King, would you please join us up here.

Councilman Shyne: I was quite young during those times Mr. Mayor, but I heard my parents talk about him.

Mayor Glover: How do you do? Good to see you. Now, today we are presenting a proclamation to Mr. King in recognition of the lifetime of contribution that he has made to Shreveport, Bossier and Northwest Louisiana and the music industry as a whole. And this proclamation reads thusly:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Claude King was born in Keithville and currently resides in Shreveport, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, he is best known for his recording of the song "Wolverton Mountain" which topped the music charts in 1962 and stayed there for nine weeks; and

WHEREAS, he appeared at venues such as the Louisiana Hayride, Grand Ole Opry and Dick Clark's American Bandstand; and

WHEREAS, he is renowned for his achievements in the county music industry and stayed true to his roots by remaining a life long resident of northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, his accomplishments have qualified him for induction into the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce Walk of Stars.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CEDRIC GLOVER, Mayor of the City of Shreveport, do hereby proclaim Sunday, February 11, 2007, as:

"CLAUDE KING DAY"

in the City of Shreveport, and urge all citizens to join me in extending their congratulations.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused
the Seal of the City of Shreveport to be affixed.*

Mayor Glover: Mr. King, members of the Council, Citizens of Shreveport. There's a legend amongst us. One of the greatest treasures that we have are individuals like Mr. King here. One of the greatest institutions that we have here to hold on to, maintain, and return to greatness is the Louisiana Hayride, also formerly known as the Cradle of Stars. And so it's wonderful to have Mr. King here to be able to give him his roses, and his flowers while he can still smell them. And to let him know how much we love him and appreciate him in Shreveport/Bossier, and Northwest Louisiana. And not only that, it was also told to me that this just happens to be the week of his 61st Wedding Anniversary. And so we want to extend that congratulations to him and his lovely wife. I have here a wonderful bouquet of flowers to present to you.

Ms. King: Thank you.

Mayor Glover: You are more than welcomed. Congratulations. Mr. King, the mic is yours and here is your proclamation sir.

Mr. King: And this is for you.

Mayor Glover: Wonderful, wonderful.

Councilman Shyne: Make me a copy of it Cedric.

Mr. King: Well, I don't know how to say thank you, but this means an awful lot to me, and I do appreciate it. I think back a lot of years when Jimmy Davis was Commissioner of Public Safety, and I was here in behind him. Shreveport's always been a wonderful place to me. I've been away from Shreveport some, but I always was anxious to get back. Four years in WWII, and after I got back, I said I didn't ever want to leave again. Thank you very much for letting me be here.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you members of the Council, and I turn the meeting back over to you except for one small thing. We're going to make sure we get an application for the Police Department for Brother Kendrick here. Any man that can lift that much weight is somebody that we need helping us out here patrol the streets of this city. Thank you so much and God bless.

Councilman Shyne: I would just like to make a couple of remarks to Ms. Bell, and Kendrick. We are extremely proud of you. Extremely proud of both of you all. You all have demonstrated that with hard work and prayer, you can make it out of anything. And you've demonstrated that no matter what your condition might be, if you just keep on keeping on, that you live in the kind of country where you can be anything that you want to be. If you take charge of your destination, if you become your captain, you can climb any mountain. You can do anything that you want to do. I would hope that with your success, that God has blessed you with, that you would take that blessing and share it with the boys and girls of Shreveport. Especially those boys and girls who come from the same kinds of situation that you all came from. Sometimes when your hair gets gray like mine and a couple of other people I see sitting in the audience, and Chancellor, I'm not going to call your name, because you look like a college senior. Young people have a tendency to think that we're old, and we don't know what we're talking about, but see they can relate with you all, because I don't see any gray hair. I see a brightness, a light on you all's face. So, do what God wants you to do. Take that and go back to the community and plant those same seeds of optimism, that you can do, you control your future, nobody else. You control your future. So would you all please make that kind of commitment and that kind of covenant for your city here. Because if we're going to become the next great city not only of the south, but of America, we need young people like you all to plant that seed that I can do whatever I want to do. I control my future. Nobody else, and you'd be surprised

you'll get more joy out of that, than any medals you might every receive, or any money that you might ever receive. So, we love you and we're proud of you and may God go with you.

Councilman Walford: Thank you very much, and I add my congratulations to all of you. With that we return to the agenda to adding legislation to the agenda.

Adding Legislation to the Agenda

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 26 of 2007**: A Resolution to support the efforts of the Shreveport/Bossier Local Organizing Committee to re-locate the SWAC offices and tournaments to Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
2. **Resolution No. 27 of 2007**: A Resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with James Burton International Guitar Festival, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 38 of 2007**: Amending the 2007 Budget for the community Development Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Bowman to add Resolution(s) No. 26, and 27 of 2007, and Ordinance No. 38 of 2007. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Public Comments (*Agenda Items to be Adopted*)

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before we move on to the rest of the agenda, I wanted to go back to Mayoral communications very quickly, if we can?

Councilman Walford: Absolutely sir.

Mayor Glover: We have a list of appointment I'd like to get to the Clerk of Council, and to you all as individuals Council Members for consideration at the next Council Meeting. So at this point, I'm going to ask Rick to please distribute those. I think we already had a copy delivered to the Council Staff, we just wanted you all to have those in your hands.

Councilman Walford: Do you want to read those into record or wait?

Mayor Glover: I'll take direction from the Council Clerk as to whether or not that's something that would be necessary to do at this time, or - - -

Mr. Thompson: It would not be necessary, we'll just add it at the next Council Meeting. We'll put it on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION

TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 25A of 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DANNY PAUL JONES & BETTY BELINDA MEACHAM JONES, LOCATED AT 3414 HICKORY RIDGE, TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Danny Paul Jones & Betty Belinda Meacham Jones be authorized to connect the building located at 3414 Hickory Ridge to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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

Councilman Shyne: I got a little carried away with Arthur's voice tone. It was so mellow Arthur.

Councilman Walford: I think we're all still awed by our distinguished guests.

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

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 184 of 2007:** 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 February 13, 2007)*

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Walford to postpone.

Councilman Long: I've heard that we might just want to table this until further action. I'd gotten word that there's been some change right before the meeting.

Mr. Dark: I believe one of the representatives is here, if you'd like to ask him.

Councilman Long: Yeah, Ken can you come up?

Mr. David Riggins: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman. I'm David Riggins, representative from Government Consultants, currently you all's financial advisor. Sometime back you all did a lot of swaps and so forth, and an item was presented to you all just recently about doing some more swaps, and after we'd looked at it, it's been on the agenda for quite some time, we feel it's necessary to delete it completely from the agenda, because it would be good at some later date, when you're really ready to look at your finances and make some decision at that time. So, I think it'd be appropriate for you just to delete it completely from the agenda, if that's the Mayor's wishes and the Administration's wishes at this time. That is our recommendation to you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, if that's so, I will change my motion, and make the motion to pull it from the agenda.

Councilman Lester: Second.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Lester to remove Resolution No. 184 of 2006 from the agenda.

Councilman Walford: My question sir, and I don't know if it'd be to you or Mr. Dark. I'm going to toss it out and whoever can answer it jump in. If we remove this, and we have a favorable interest rate situation where we would want to do a swap, to reintroduce this, we're looking at potentially a month. Is that correct?

Mr. Dark: Was this a two-reader? Julie, I honestly don't - - -

Ms. Glass: I believe so.

Councilman Walford: So, would we be better served to table it, so it could come off the table, and not have a lengthy delay if perhaps you advised us that interest rates as such that a swap would be beneficial. By the time we pass it, if it's a two reader, it's a month. Takes about seven days for it to be effective, do we have five weeks if we have a favorable interest rate?

Mr. Riggins: Yes. On your interest rate on your swap, it would be fashioned so that you would have time to take care of your necessary stuff here, so we don't see a problem with removing it all together, to keep the Mayor's office from having to postpone it every time until you're ready. On your last swap there was something like I believe six or eight weeks, that it was (inaudible) if I recall based on the information at the office. So, you would have plenty of time in my opinion to get that taken care of.

Councilman Walford: My question is would we benefit by just tabling it and putting it with Unfinished Business, where it could be pulled off at any time.

Mr. Riggins: Either way it would be appropriate. The timeframe would be appropriate either way. Either way you do it. I'd just hate to see it keep coming up on your agenda, you keep postponing, and postponing. Right. Uh huh.

Councilman Walford: I would offer a substitute motion just in the interest or a subsidiary motion Ms. Glass, to table so that it would be available to come off which as you're saying would have the same affect.

Councilman Long: I'll second that.

Substitute motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to table Resolution No. 184 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 of 2007

RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF 229 MILAM, LLC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA RESTORATION TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

WHEREAS, the Restoration Tax Abatement has been created by the Electors of the State of Louisiana as an Act 445 of 1983, and amended in Act 783 of 1984, Article VII, Part II, Section 21(H) of the Louisiana Constitution and Louisiana R.S. 47:4311-4319, to authorize the Board of Commerce and Industry, with the approval of the Governor and the local governing authority and in accordance with procedures and conditions provided by law, to enter into a contract granting property owners who propose the expansion, restoration, improvement or development of an existing structure or structures in a downtown development district, historic district, or economic development district, established in accordance with law, the right to pay ad valorem taxes based upon the assessed valuation of the property prior to the commencement of the expansion, restoration, improvement or development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to promote economic activity, create and retain job opportunities, and improve the tax base throughout the City for the benefit of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to foster the continued growth and development (and redevelopment) of the City to the continued prosperity and welfare of the City; and

WHEREAS, this project is located in a Downtown Development District; and

WHEREAS, this project is a commercial property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular, and legal session convened that the City Council hereby approves the 229 MILAM, LLC application 2001-0165-32 for participation in the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program.

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

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

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, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DONATE POLICE CANINE SMOKEY #2 TO JERRY CURTIS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT BY:

WHEREAS, the City desires to donate Shreveport Police Department K9 "Smokey #2" to Jerry Curtis 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, Jerry Curtis has agreed to accept all responsibility, financial obligations and liability associated with the acceptance of this donation; and,

WHEREAS, due to age, the canine described herein is unable to perform his duties as a patrol canine for the Shreveport Police Department and is hereby deemed surplus of the City of Shreveport; and,

WHEREAS, this donation under these circumstances provides for the most humane and dignified way to retire the animal.

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 Jerry Curtis donating Shreveport Police Department canine "Smokey #2" to Jerry Curtis

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 Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt.

Councilman Walford: And Ms. Bowman, in the way of discussion, that was to donate the dog to his handler, for the benefit of those who are watching.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION 125 OF 2003 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the Shreveport City Council adopted Resolution 125 of 2003 on August 12, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the resolution waived the prohibition against jury trials in lawsuits against the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, prior to 1996, Louisiana law provided that no suit against a political subdivision of the state shall be tried by jury; and

WHEREAS, the law was amended in 1996 to add a provision which permits political subdivisions to waive the prohibition; and

WHEREAS, blanket waiver of the prohibition has not proven to be in the City's best interest as it eliminates the City's ability to evaluate lawsuits on a case by case basis to determine when waiver of the prohibition is in its best interest.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Resolution 125 of 2003 is hereby repealed.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND/OR COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE VILLAGE OF IDA, AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE TOWN OF VIVIAN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(c) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “for a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual”; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code providing for the mandatory adoption by Parishes and Municipalities of certain building codes; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ida and the Town of Vivian each desires to cooperate with the City of Shreveport in the implementation of these certain building codes as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, the public purpose is described as the enforcement of certain building codes required to be in compliance with the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport agrees to provide the services necessary to be in compliance with the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code through inspections of all Town and Village buildings and issuance of building permits and the Village of Ida and the Town of Vivian each agrees to require all persons issued said permits to pay directly to the City of Shreveport its required fees for such inspections.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 Intergovernmental Agreements and/or Cooperative Endeavor Agreements between the City of Shreveport and the Village of Ida, and between the City of Shreveport and the Town of Vivian, substantially in accordance with the drafts thereof filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council on February 6, 2007 and attached hereto as Exhibits A and B respectively.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION 26 2007

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE SHREVEPORT/BOSSIER LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO RE-LOCATE THE SWAC OFFICES AND TOURNAMENTS TO SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

By: Councilman Lester

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) is actively considering a new municipality to house the SWAC conference office as well as the men's and women's basketball tournament and the football championship; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport-Bossier has been sent an RFP by and through the Shreveport Regional Sports Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Regional Sports Authority and the NW Louisiana Economic Development Foundation (NLEDF) have partnered to present a proposal in response to the RFP issued by the SWAC. In doing so, the Sports Authority & NLEDF have brought together leaders from both cities, Shreveport and Bossier City, in a local organizing committee (LOC) to bring the proposal to fruition; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that relocating the SWAC offices and games to Shreveport would be beneficial to Shreveport and North West Louisiana, and a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in that regard would serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Request For Proposal calls for a financial commitment of \$400,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the administration has committed to support the effort on the level of \$100,000 per year leaving a deficit of some \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the local legislative delegation, lead by Representative Earnest Baylor and Representative Jean Dorge have committed to petition the State of Louisiana to cover the financial shortfall of \$300,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City Council supports the efforts of the Local Organizing Committee to relocate the SWAC offices and games to Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council supports the efforts of the local legislative delegation to obtain the \$300,000 from the state of Louisiana to ensure that the City of Shreveport can make the financial commitment if it is successful in being awarded the SWAC Conference office and games.

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

Councilman Lester: We talked about it yesterday, Mr. Chairman. Basically what we're doing is just - - - we've gotten some commitments from our Legislative Delegation, and the personage Rep. Earnest Baylor and Rep. Jean Doerge that are going to help us with the shortfall with our proposal and we're very encouraged with where we are. The proposal is we're going to be making a presentation in Birmingham on Friday. So, we're very excited about the prospects of being able to go and present the City's proposal, and we're going to have a very representative group from the City of Shreveport and of Bossier. Hopefully, we'll have both mayors, and some State folks as well as folks from the Shreveport/Bossier Tourism Commission. We've got representatives from the Sport's Authority. We've got representatives from the Northwest Louisiana Greater Economic Development Foundation as well as the Bossier group so,

something in the spirit of cooperation from all municipalities from both sides of the river, and the Economic Development Organization on both sides of the river to bring what will be the first corporate headquarters to the City of Shreveport for quite some time. So, we've very excited about our prospects of success. We thank the Council for its support thus far. Hopefully, we can come back Friday with some good news. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (*Not to be adopted prior to March 13, 2007*)

1. **Resolution No. 27 of 2006**: A Resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with James Burton International Guitar Festival, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to introduce Resolution No. 27 2007 to lay over until March 13, 2007 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (*Not to be adopted prior to March 13, 2007*)

1. **Ordinance No. 32 of 2007**: An ordinance declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Mayor of the City of Shreveport to donate the City of Shreveport's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester/B/Walford)
2. **Ordinance No. 33 of 2007**: ANNEXATION – TAG NO. 06-02: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – A 10-acre tract of land located east of East Kings Highway and North of Bagley Road in Section 34 (T17N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
3. **Ordinance No. 34 of 2007**: ZONING - C-11-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Avocado Drive at Mayhaw Circle, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1H, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to R-1H-E, Urban, One-Family Residence/Extended Use District limited to a “Leasing/Management/Community Center Building” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
4. **Ordinance No. 35 of 2007**: ZONING – C-13-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the southwest corner of Alston Street, and Dale Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-3, Urban, Multi-Family Residence to R-3-E, Urban Multi-Family Residence/Extended Use District, Limited to “A Grocery Store” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

5. **Ordinance No. 36 of 2007**: ZONING – C-15-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on a certain tract of land 600 feet west of Norris Ferry Road, and also being 1400 feet north of the Southern Loop, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1, Residence-Agriculture District, to R-1D (PUD), Urban, One-Family Residence (Planned Unit Development) District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
6. **Ordinance No. 37 of 2007**: ZONING – C-19-07: 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 Anna Street and Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1H, Urban, One Family Residence District to B-1, Buffer Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)
7. **Ordinance No. 38 of 2007**: Amending the 2007 Budget for the community Development Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Ordinance No(s). 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 of 2007 to lay over until March 13, 2007 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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

1. **Ordinance No. 18 of 2007**: An ordinance authorizing the purchasing agent to dispose of surplus real property, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Having passed first reading on January 23, 2007 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 Bowman to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 20 of 2007**: An ordinance creating and establishing the intersection of Caldwell Street and Freddie Street as a stop intersection, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 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 Bowman to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

3. **Ordinance No. 21 of 2007**: An ordinance creating and establishing a No Parking Anytime Zone on either side of South Lakeshore Drive beginning at its intersection with Lakecrest Drive, and extending north for a distance of one thousand and one hundred (1100) feet, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 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 Bowman to adopt.

Councilman Lester: Quick question Mr. Strong.

Councilman Walford: I'm sorry Mr. Lester.

Councilman Lester: No, no, no, no. We want to vote. I just want to ask Mike assuming we pass this, how fast can we get the signs put up, if they aren't up already. The last time I asked him, he said the signs were already up. Lets see if he still has it (inaudible)

Mr. Strong: No, we're not going to do that this time. We can get the signs up probably within the week.

Councilman Lester: Great. Answers my question.

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

4. **Ordinance No. 22 of 2007**: An ordinance creating and establishing a No Through Truck Route on Forbing Road between Dalton Street and Flournoy Lucas Road, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 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, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

5. **Ordinance No. 23 of 2007**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 3.01(15)(a) of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 relative to exemptions and exclusions from sales and use taxes, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 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. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

6. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2007**: An ordinance amending Section 22-1 of the Code of Ordinances, Schedule of Permit Fees, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 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. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

7. **Ordinance No. 25 of 2007**: An ordinance amending Section 22-2 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport, Schedule of Registration Fees, and to otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

8. **Ordinance No. 26 of 2007**: An ordinance repealing Sections 26-27(4) and 26-28 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances, and to enact Section 2-191 of Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 6 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to reassign duties and functions relative to Automated Data Processing Equipment and Information Technology to the Office of the Mayor; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Dark, for the benefit of our TV audience, would you give us a very brief overview of what this is as you did yesterday.

Mr. Dark: Mr. Chairman, what was formerly called Data Processing has been under the Finance Department every since the Charter was passed in 1978. Probably at the time, it's because that's where the computer was. Now, that we are very dependent on information technology in all forms, it was felt that this was something that ought better to be out from under a specific department and brought under the Mayor's Office. And we will be providing you with a specific budget for that at the next Council Meeting for you to begin deliberating on.

Councilman Walford: Very good. Thank you.

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

9. **Ordinance No. 27 of 2007**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 26-52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport relative to custody and signing of titles to City-Owned vehicles, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

10. **Ordinance No. 28 of 2007**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Article V of Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances relative to smoking, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 28 of 2007

Amend Section 50-212(A)(4) to read as follows:

(4) Smoke within 25 feet of the entrance or exit to any building or facility occupied or operated by the city or any of its agencies, or on any city sidewalk or right of way within 25 feet of the entrance or exit to any building or facility occupied or operated by the parish.

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 28 of 2007.

Councilman Lester: Question Mr. Chairman, does - - - these two amendments as I appreciate it, correct me if I'm wrong, are necessary to bring our city ordinance in line with the state ordinance. Is that correct?

Ms. Glass: No the state statute, the ordinance in general is intended to bring us in line with the new state statute. But the state statute allows the city to have additional regulations that are not in the state statute. We have the 25 - - - our current rule is no smoking within 25 feet of the entrance to a city building. And so, this expands that. And that was retained in the proposed ordinance. And then this would add the Parish building.

Councilman Long: This amendment was based on discussions with Charles Grubb, the Parish Attorney, and this is what his recommendation was that we pass it this time, and then they will ducktail at the Parish level with this language.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Well, you still have the floor.

Councilman Lester: I mean I yielded to a question and I'm going to say like I said when we brought this up. I don't feel comfortable at the City Council level passing an ordinance that goes to deal with a building or a facility operated by the Parish. I think that is within their jurisdiction, and I don't want to get us to the point where we're crossing those lines. I understand as it relates to smoking within 25 feet of an entrance or exit, that's fine. I think it goes - - - it's above and beyond the scope of our authority for the City Council to pass a city ordinance to deal with a facility occupied or operated by the Parish. As I appreciate it, this has to do with the courthouse. I would think, and Ms. Glass tell me if I'm wrong, to the extent the courthouse is within the municipal confines of the City of Shreveport, and if it's not please explain. If it's in the city limits proper, then I think the ordinance itself would resolve those issues. If the courthouse is not in fact in the city proper, and it's Parish property, then I think the proper party to deal with this would be the Parish. Because I don't think our city ordinance would be effective.

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, I may not have completely explained that. We revised the amendment so that it only applies when a person is on a city sidewalk (inaudible) Parish building. So, it is only - - - it's the part where Mr. Grubb felt like the Parish could not adopt an ordinance saying people could not smoke on the city sidewalk, within 25 feet of the Parish building. It's intended - - - it's written so that they can pass their ordinance and that ours would ducktail.

Councilman Lester: I guess my question would be if by ordinance says you cannot smoke within 25 feet of an entrance to any building in the city, then I don't think this is necessary.

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, no that's not how the ordinance is written. The current ordinance before this one and the proposed original ordinance only applied to within 25 feet of city-owned buildings. That's how it's been all the long.

Councilman Lester: Okay, and so now we're passing an ordinance that says you can't smoke within 25 feet of a Parish building on city property.

Ms. Glass: When you're on the city sidewalk.

Councilman Lester: Alright.

Councilwoman Bowman: I'm going to have to vote no on this. And mainly because being a former Parish Commissioner, and I know the problems that we had with jurisdiction, as far as the city was concerned, and it mainly was with annexations or whatever. I mean, we didn't want the City telling us what to do, and likewise, the city telling the Parish what to do. And because of that, and because that courthouse is owned by the Parish of Caddo, and although the sidewalk does belong to the city, I don't see why we should be interfering.

Councilman Wooley: Ms. Julie, I think just for clarity sake, I think what we're just trying to do is implement an ordinance or law here that's only affecting the citizens on city property. Is that correct?

Ms. Glass: That's correct. It applies on city sidewalk, when they're within 25 feet within an entrance to a Parish building. But it is only on the city sidewalk.

Councilman Wooley: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Shyne: I mean, I was about to say the same thing. My interpretation is that it only applies to city property. Right?

Ms. Glass: That's correct, because the city sidewalk is city property.

Councilman Shyne: Doesn't have anything to do with the Parish property?

Ms. Glass: That's correct. The only is the reference to within 25 feet to the entrance to a Parish building. But it only applies - - -

Councilman Shyne: Right, but you have to be on city property.

Ms. Glass: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: Right.

Councilman Shyne: Alright. Well, that's what I - - - I was hoping I understood it right.

Councilman Lester: Well, if that's the case, then why do we even need it? I mean if we're saying that you cannot smoke within 25 feet of an entrance or exit to any building or facility occupied or operated by the city or any of its agencies or on any sidewalk or right of way within 25 feet of the entrance. So, just that part only deals with saying you can't smoke within 25 feet of the entrance of a city building. That part is correct. An additional part says you cannot smoke within 25 feet of an entrance to Parish buildings. Buildings that are not owned or governed by the city at all, with the exception of you just happen to be walking the city sidewalk. So, in effect, you are on city property, but the effect of the legislation is to affect what happens on Parish property. And I would not want the Parish to pass an ordinance that affects city property. Now maybe if in fact, the Parish Commission passes an ordinance first, and then - - - (hint, hint) we come back and deal with this, then that's another scenario. But for us to open Pandora's Box (hint, hint) by doing this without the Parish having said that we were asked that we don't have smoking in front of our buildings, I think that sets a bad precedent. I understand where you're trying to go, but I just think it sets a bad jurisdictional precedent. And I don't want us to go there. Because at this point, it's something simple like smoking in front of the Parish Courthouse, but tomorrow, it could be something much more complicated and certainly I would not want to open that scenario on something small and have it set the precedent for something much larger. Particularly when it's unnecessary. If the Parish wants to pass its ordinance to govern its building, let's please allow the Parish to do that. They've got excellent

representation. They've got a Parish Attorney. Allow them to do that. But I think for us to take that step first, it's going above and beyond. I think we're going above and beyond.

Councilman Long: You know I understand where Councilman Lester is coming from, and I agree in principle with that. I'm just - - - we were doing this at the behest of the Parish Attorney. Now the Parish Attorney is operating outside the scope of his or in an order that's not been necessarily been approved by the Commission, then we probably should. I would suggest that we defer at this time until such time all that gets taken care of. And if that's the case I withdraw my second right now. And lets just - - - I would move that we defer this until we get further clarification from the Parish Commission as to which way they want us to go on this issue.

Councilman Lester: If that's your motion, I second.

Councilman Webb: I withdraw my motion.

Substitute motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 28 of 2007.

Councilman Walford: Okay. You're dealing with Amendment No. 1. Ms. Glass help me out here. Would we be better to completely withdraw it move on Amendment No. 2, and the Ordinance as amended? And then at some later date if the Parish wants us to come back?

Ms. Glass: Yes, it was our recommendation that it would be good for us to get our local ordinance in compliance with the State statute.

Councilman Walford: Now, I don't want to defer on that.

Ms. Glass: But it would be good to pass the ordinance with whatever amendments can be adopted and then we can always come back and amend the ordinance later.

Councilman Shyne: Why can't we just - - - I mean defeat it?

Councilman Walford: We can defeat it or we can withdraw it.

Councilman Shyne: And if you got a problem with it, lets defeat it and then we can come back at a later date.

Councilman Walford: Give me a motion. There is no motion on the table at this point.

Councilman Lester: I think, well actually Mr. Long did a substitute motion to postpone.

Councilman Long: Well basically to postpone the Amendment No. 1.

Councilman Lester: But.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: Or you could - - -

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, you could just withdraw Amendment No. 1.

Councilman Walford: That's what I'm trying to get a motion for.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to withdraw Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 28 of 2007.

Councilman Lester: And Mr. Chairman, if he's moving to withdraw it as the person who authored the amendment, I think he can do it without us doing a vote. And as opposed to just voting against it, and being a person whose offered a tremendous amount of legislation, you would ask that a colleague deal with their own legislation subject to your ideas and your concerns as opposed to just voting against it. I think that's just crass and impolite. Particularly if we're trying to work together. That's why it may seem a little convoluted to the public, but to the extent that we can't go in the back room and caucus, that's the purpose of my commentary. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well, I would just like to see the Parish Commission do a resolution and send it to the City of Shreveport and to the City Council that they are - - that they want this, and that they're in agreement with it. But never will I sit on this Council, and do anything that's contrary to another governing body. I just don't believe in doing that. Especially after I sat there, and I know what it's like.

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

Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 28 of 2007

Amend Section 50-212(A) by adding subsection (6) to read as follows:

(6) Smoke in any taxicab or other vehicle for hire required to be licensed by the city under Chapter 102 of this code, except a limousine under private hire.

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 28 of 2007.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Does the exception for a limousine under private hire, is that part of the state statute?

Ms. Glass: Yes.

Councilman Lester: Okay, well that answers my question.

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

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Ordinance No. 28 of 2007 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: Councilwoman Bowman. 1.

11. **Ordinance No. 29 of 2007**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 90-305 (B) through (E) of the Code of Ordinances relative to parking of trucks, trailers, etc., in residential, semi-residential, semi-commercial and commercial zones, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb)

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt.

Councilman Webb: Yeah, I'll say something about it. I think this should have been amended long time ago. I think about real estate. Councilman Lester, you'll probably relate to this. When selling real estate, the No. 1 thing you look at is location, location, location. You go out to look at a piece of property and curb appeal to me is one of the things that people look at real closely. I know we're trying to - - - we got a lot of empty buildings out in Southern Hills, and we're trying to revitalize Southern Hills, and we've got all these 18-wheelers parking on these empty lots everywhere. And if you bring somebody out there to look at this property, it's horrible. It's just an eyesore, and it certainly doesn't help in selling this property. And I think it's a much needed ordinance, and this is bound to be happening not only in my district, it's got

be happening in some of the other districts. And I think the sooner we get this on the books the better.

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

12. **Ordinance No. 30 of 2007**: An ordinance creating Section 22-29, Issuance of Citations, that authorizes the Director of Operational Services or his designee, and the Chief Building Official, to issue citations to violators of Section 22-26 (B)(5), and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 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 Long: Does this mean that Mike Strong gets a ticket book?

Councilman Lester: As opposed to the inspectors, yes.

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

13. **Ordinance No. 31 of 2007**: An ordinance amending and reenact portions of Article VII of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to stopping, standing and parking and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 13, 2007 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.

Councilman Walford: If I may very briefly on discussion, we touched on it yesterday. This increases the fine for parking on our streetscape brick sidewalks in the B-4 District, but it also allows the police to tow when a vehicle is parked in such a way that it constitute a traffic or safety hazard, obstructs the movement of any emergency vehicle that's parked on a sidewalk, and the real key here is it's parked in an alley in violation of Section 90-292. And if any of you when you're leaving City Hall will look at the alley behind the Library, you'll begin to see the problem that we're having in the B-4 area. People are parking in the alleys and blocking access to delivery vehicles. In the case right across the street, the Loomis Fargo trucks that need to get in there can't get down the alley, and the police have been powerless on this, and we're empowering them. So, I would ask for a yes vote.

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

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 18 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport purchased a 6.23 acre tract of real property on July 20, 1977; and

WHEREAS, a 2.37 acre portion of this property is no longer needed for public purposes and should therefore be declared surplus and excess; and

WHEREAS, Tyree Investments, L.L.C. wishes to exchange a portion of their property, of equal size and value, for a 1.71 acre portion of this 2.37 acre tract; and

WHEREAS, Tyree Investments, L.L.C. wishes to purchase the 0.66 acre remainder of this 2.37 acre tract for the development of the Hidden Havens Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-292 of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances provides that the sale of surplus property shall be by competitive bid after public notice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to declare surplus the following real property owned by the City of Shreveport located South of East 85th Street and east of I-49, and adjacent to the west side of a paved ditch in the NE/4 of Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more fully described as follows:

From the intersection of the North line of said Section 36 with the easterly right-of-way line of the KCS Railroad right of way, run easterly along said North line of Section 36 a distance of 510.43 feet; thence run S 26°12' E parallel to said railroad right-of-way a distance of 532.84 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run S 72°18'35" E a distance of 149.69 feet; thence run S 26°12' E parallel to the easterly right-of-way line of said railroad right-of-way a distance of 852.49 feet; thence run S 18°48' W a distance of 152.55 feet to the Southeast corner of the Tyree Investments tract; thence run N 26°12' W along the Easterly line of said Tyree Investments tract a distance of 1,064.14 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract containing an enclosed area of 103,376 square feet, more or less, or 2.37 acres and as shown on "Exhibit A".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to exchange with Tyree Investments, L.L.C. a 1.71 acre portion of this surplus property as described as follows:

From the intersection of the North line of said Section 36 with the easterly right-of-way line of the KCS Railroad right of way, run easterly along said North line of Section 36 a distance of 510.43 feet; thence run S 26°12' E parallel to said railroad right-of-way a distance of 532.84 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run S 72°18'35" E a distance of 104.61 feet; thence run S 26°12' E parallel to the easterly right-of-way line of said railroad right-of-way a distance of 916.23 feet; thence run S 18°48' W a distance of 106.61 feet to an existing 2-inch iron pipe at the Southwest corner of the City's tract, thence run N 26°12' W along the westerly line of said City tract a distance of 1,064.14 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract containing an enclosed area of 74,647 square feet, more or less, or 1.71 acres and as shown on "Exhibit B" as "Tract 1".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to accept the following described property from Tyree Investments, L.L.C. in exchange for the aforementioned "Tract 1":

From the intersection of the North line of said Section 36 with the easterly right-of-way line of the KCS Railroad right of way, run S 26°12' E along said East line of said railroad right-of-way a distance of 155 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run easterly parallel to the North line of said Section 36 a distance of 49.55 feet, being 45 feet perpendicular to said railroad right-of-way; thence run S 26°12' E parallel to and 45 feet from said easterly right-of-way of said railroad a distance of 1,648.46 feet to the South line of the Tyree Investments tract; thence run S 63°48' E

perpendicular to said railroad right-of-way a distance of 45 feet to the easterly right-of-way of said railroad; thence run N 26°12' W along said right-of-way a distance of 1,669.2 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract containing an enclosed area of 74,647 square feet, more or less, or 1.71 acres and as shown on "Exhibit B" as "Tract 2".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Purchasing Agent be and is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the following surplus real property owned by the City of Shreveport located South of East 85th Street and east of I-49, and adjacent to the west side of a paved ditch in the NE/4 of Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, more fully described as follows:

From the intersection of the North line of said Section 36 with the easterly right-of-way line of the KCS Railroad right of way, run easterly along said North line of Section 36 a distance of 510.43 feet; thence run S 26°12' E parallel to said railroad right-of-way a distance of 532.84 feet; thence run S 72°18'35" E a distance of 104.61 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run S 72°18'35" E a distance of 45.08 feet; thence run S 26°12' E parallel to the said railroad right-of-way a distance of 852.49 feet; thence run S 18°48' W a distance of 45.94 feet; thence run N 26°12' W parallel to said railroad right-of-way a distance of 916.23 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract containing an enclosed area of 28,729 square feet, more or less, or 0.66 acres and as shown on "Exhibit B" as "Tract 3".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any informalities.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the above described property is offered on an "as is, where is" basis without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the sale of the above surplus property.

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. 20 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE INTERSECTION OF CALDWELL STREET AND FREDDIE STREET AS A STOP INTERSECTION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened to create and establish the intersection of Caldwell Street and Freddie Street as a stop intersection. Freddie Street shall stop for Caldwell Street.

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. 21 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A NO PARKING ANYTIME ZONE ON EITHER SIDE OF SOUTH LAKESHORE DRIVE BEGINNING AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH LAKECREST DRIVE AND EXTENDING NORTH FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE THOUSAND AND ONE HUNDRED (1100) FEET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that it shall hereafter be unlawful for anyone to park any vehicle at any time of the day or night on either side of South Lakeshore Drive beginning at its intersection with Lakecrest Drive and extending north for a distance of one thousand and one hundred (1100) feet.

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. 22 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A NO THROUGH TRUCK ROUTE ON FORBING ROAD BETWEEN DALTON STREET AND FLOURNOY LUCAS ROAD AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Forbing Road between Dalton Street and Flournoy Lucas Road is hereby created and established as a No Through Truck Route and it shall be unlawful for trucks exceeding fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds gross vehicle weight to use any portion of Forbing Road between Dalton Street and Flournoy Lucas Road except for local pickup and delivery.

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. 23 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 3.01(15)(a) OF ORDINANCE NO. 96 OF 1980 RELATIVE TO EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM SALES AND USE TAXES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 3.01(15)(a) of Ordinance No. 96 of 1980 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

3.01. Exemptions and Exclusions.

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(15) Manufacturing

(a) For the purposes of this section, the terms used shall have the meanings set forth in La. R.S. 47:301(3)(i)(ii).

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

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

Ordinance No. 24 of 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT 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

BY:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular, and legal session convened, that Section 22-1 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport, Schedule of Permit and Inspection Fees, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 22-1. Schedule of Permit and Inspection Fees.

(a) The schedule of permit fees for any person approved to receive a permit for all construction shall be:

(1) Commercial Construction (new construction and new additions)

a. New construction permit fee will be calculated at \$5.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of the contract price up to \$5,000,000.00; thereafter, \$2.50 per \$1,000.00 of contract price.

b. Contract prices will be rounded to the next \$1,000.00 when between \$1,000.00's.

c. In the absence of a contract for new construction, the permit fee will be calculated at \$0.50 per square foot for all occupancies except storage occupancies, which will be \$0.20 per square foot.

d. The minimum permit fee will be \$30.00.

e. Permit fees for repairs, alterations, or renovations will be \$5.00 per \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof. In the absence of a contract or affidavit, the permit fee will be calculated at \$0.50 per square foot.

f. The permit fees for miscellaneous construction (fences, paving, retaining walls, fire sprinklers, etc.) will be calculated at the \$5.00 per \$1,000.00 and will not require a separate permit when included in initial plans and permit. This needs to be noted on the permit application when applying for the permit; otherwise, a separate permit and fee will be required.

g. Additional combinations have been added to the phased construction section.

h. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the permit fee will be added for all plan reviews.

(2) Residential Construction

a. Permit fees for new construction will be calculated at the following rates per square foot:

Dwelling (1, 2, or 3 units) \$0.12

Townhouses and Patio Homes \$0.20

Assessory uses \$0.05

All other residential uses \$0.20

b. Residential occupancies with four (4) or more units will be considered commercial and the permit fee will be calculated accordingly.

c. Permit fees for repairs, alterations, and renovations will be calculated at the rate of \$4.00 per \$1,000.00 of contract value.

d. The contract will be rounded to the next \$1,000.00.

e. The owner or contractor must submit a copy of the signed contract or an affidavit stating contract price on all work other than new construction, which is calculated on square footage. A

contract cover sheet indicating location, type of work, contract price, and the signatures of owner and contractor without all the general or special conditions may be used. Also, an itemized work order with a total contract price, signed by the owner and contractor, is acceptable.

f. The minimum permit fee is \$30.00.

g. Miscellaneous construction (fences, paving, retaining walls, swimming pools, etc.) permit fees will be calculated at the rate of \$4.00 per \$1,000.00 of contract amount. Note that fencing, paving, and retaining walls have a special provision in the absence of a contract or affidavit.

h. The gross footage of the structures will be used in calculating the fee for new construction.

i. No extra fee will be charged for the driveway when constructed with the dwelling initially.

(3) Demolition, House, and Mobile Home Moving Permit Fees

a. Residential Demolition (1-3 units)

Single story up to 400 square feet \$30.00

Single story 400 square feet and above \$30.00

Two or more stories \$100.00

Selective interior \$4.00/\$1,000.00

Minimum permit \$30.00

b. Commercial Demolition (includes residential with 4 or more units)

Single story up to 40 square feet \$30.00

Single story 400 square feet and above \$30.00

Two stories \$100.00

Three to seven stories \$200.00

More than seven stories \$500.00

Selective interior \$5.00/\$1,000.00

Minimum permit \$30.00

c. House and Mobile Home Moving

Mobile Homes (tie down inspections, etc.) \$30.00

All other buildings and structures \$50.00

d. Sanctions: Any individual commencing the above mentioned work without first obtaining a permit will be assessed double the fees, plus a penalty of \$50.00.

(4) Inspections outside the city limits of Shreveport: There shall be a fee in the amount of \$65.00 per inspection for inspections performed for Caddo Parish issued building permits.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25 of 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 22-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, SCHEDULE OF REGISTRATION FEES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular, and legal session convened, that Section 22-2 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Shreveport, Schedule of Registration Fees, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 22-2. Schedule of Registration Fees.

(a) Anyone desiring to engage in any electrical, mechanical, or plumbing activity within the jurisdiction of the Permits and Inspections Division for the City of Shreveport must register with the Permits and Inspections Division to engage in said activity.

(b) The schedule of renewal fees for all registered contractors shall be:

(1) ELECTRICAL:

a. Master: \$100.00

b. Journeyman: \$25.00

c. Apprentice: \$10.00

(2) MECHANICAL:

a. Master: \$100.00

b. Journeyman: \$25.00

(3) PLUMBING:

a. Master: \$100.00

b. Journeyman: \$25.00

(c) Each contractor must provide the following information with their registration renewal:

(1) Legal Name

(2) Address

(3) Phone Number

(4) Name of company

(5) Type of Registration

(6) Copy of expired registration (if possible)

(7) Correct amount due for renewal

(8) Copy of your current insurance certificate

(d) All contractors and master license holders must provide a copy of their current state license.

All plumbers must provide their state license at time of renewal of city license.

Secs. 22-3 – 22-25 Reserved.

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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. 26 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTIONS 26-27(4) AND 26-28 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO ENACT SECTION 2-191 OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 6 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REASSIGN DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS RELATIVE TO AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Section 4.20 (c) of the City Charter authorizes the City Council, by ordinance and upon recommendation of the mayor, to reassign or terminate functions, offices and duties which have been specifically assigned by the Charter, or which have been previously assigned by council action; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.07 (f) provides that the Chief Administrative Officer shall have such duties and responsibilities as the Mayor may determine and as may be assigned to him by the Charter or by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Data Services Division currently exists as a division of the Finance Department pursuant to Section 10.02(n) of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended the reassignment of the duties, functions and responsibilities of this division to the Office of the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened Sections 26-27(4) and 26-28 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Section 2-191 of Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 6 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Chapter 2. Administration

Division 6. Division of Information Technology

Sec. 2-191. Created; functions and responsibilities.

(a) Pursuant to Section 4.20(c) of the Charter, the functions of the Data Services division of the Finance Department are hereby reassigned to the Office of the Mayor. Said Division is hereby re-named the Division of Information Technology. Said division shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- 1) Supervision, management, coordination and control of the manner in which automated data processing equipment and information technology are utilized by all departments of the city government;
- 2) Such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to it by ordinance or by the mayor or the chief administrative officer.

(b) The position of Data Services administrator is hereby re-assigned to the division of Information Technology and re-named Information Technology administrator. The position of Information Technology administrator shall, when vacant, be filled upon appointment by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the city council. The Information Technology administrator shall be the head of the division of Information Technology and shall have immediate direction and control of all employees in the division in accordance with the policies determined by the mayor or the chief administrative officer.

(c) The division of Information Technology shall have such other employees as determined by the mayor or chief administrative officer upon recommendation of the Information Technology administrator.

(d) Any reference to the division of Data Services in any ordinance, resolution, law, rule, obligation, contract, grant or other document vesting any power in, assigning any function to, or imposing any duty upon the division of data services as it formerly existed as a division of the Finance Department shall be deemed to refer to the division of Information Technology as a division of the Office of the Mayor.

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. 27 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 26-52 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RELATIVE TO CUSTODY AND SIGNING OF TITLES TO CITY-OWNED VEHICLES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 26-52 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 26-52. Custody and signing of titles to city-owned vehicles.

All titles to automotive vehicles/equipment owned by the City shall be held in the custody of the Superintendent of Fleet Services. The Purchasing Agent shall be authorized to sign all titles to automotive vehicles owned by the City when said automotive vehicles/equipment are declared as surplus and are subject to being sold.

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. 28 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SMOKING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Article V of Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Article V. Smokefree Air Act

Sec. 50-211. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) "Bar" means a business that holds a state Class A-General retail permit and the primary purpose of such business is to serve alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages, including but not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.
- (2) "Business" means any corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, professional corporation, enterprise, franchise, association, trust, joint venture, or other entity.
- (3) "Employer" means an individual or a business that employs one or more individuals.
- (4) "Enclosed area" means all space between a floor and ceiling that is enclosed on all sides by solid walls or windows, exclusive of doorways, which extend from the floor to the ceiling.
- (5) "Place of employment" means an area under the control of an employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including, but not limited to, work areas, employee lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias, hallways, and vehicles. A private residence is not a place of employment unless it is used as a licensed child care, adult day care, or health care facility.
- (6) "Public building" means any building owned or operated by any of the following:
 - (a) The state, including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of state government.

(b) Any parish, city, or town, or instrumentality thereof, or any other political subdivision of the state, special district, authority, commission, or agency.

(c) Any other separate corporate instrumentality or entity of state or local government.

(7) "Public place" means an enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted which is not a public building, including but not limited to banks, educational facilities, health care facilities, hotel and motel lobbies, laundromats, public transportation facilities, reception areas, restaurants, retail food production and marketing establishments, retail service establishments, retail stores, shopping malls, sports arenas, theaters, and waiting rooms.

(8) "Restaurant" means an eating establishment, including but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, sandwich stands, and school cafeterias, which gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The term "restaurant" shall include a bar located within a restaurant.

(9) "Retail tobacco business" means a business utilized primarily for the sale of tobacco products and accessories and in which the sale of other products is incidental.

(10) "School" means any elementary or secondary school building, the campus of any school, any buildings on the campus, and all school buses.

(11) "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other lighted combustible plant material.

Sec. 50-212. General smoking prohibitions; exemptions

A. Except as permitted by Subsection B of this Section, no person shall:

(1) Smoke in any public building.

(2) Smoke in any school.

(3) Smoke in any public place and in any enclosed area within a place of employment.

(4) Smoke within 25 feet of the entrance or exit to any building or facility occupied or operated by the city or any of its agencies.

(5) As an employer, knowingly permit smoking in any enclosed area within a place of employment.

B. Nothing in this Article shall prohibit smoking in any of the following places:

(1) Private homes, private residences, and private automobiles; except that this Subsection shall not apply if any such home, residence, or vehicle is being used for child care or day care or if a private vehicle is being used for the public transportation of children or as part of health care or day care transportation in which case smoking is prohibited.

(2) Limousines under private hire.

(3) A hotel or motel room designated as a smoking room and rented to a guest; provided that a maximum of fifty percent of the hotel rooms, at the discretion of the hotel owner or general manager, available for rent to guests in a hotel or motel may be designated as smoking rooms.

(4) Any retail tobacco business.

(5) Any bar.

(6) The outdoor area of places of employment, except as follows:

a) as provided in Section 50-212(A)(4), and

b) except that the owner or manager of such business may post signs prohibiting smoking in any such outdoor area, which shall have the effect of making that outdoor area an area in which smoking is prohibited under the provisions of this Article.

(7) Private and semiprivate rooms or apartments in assisted living residences, and other long-term care facilities that are occupied by one or more persons, who are all smokers and who have requested in writing to be placed in a room where smoking is permitted; provided that smoke

from such rooms or apartments does not infiltrate into areas where smoking is prohibited under the provisions of this Article.

(8) Designated smoking areas in which gaming operations are permitted to occur upon a riverboat, at the official gaming establishment, at a facility licensed for the operation of electronic video draw poker devices, at an eligible facility licensed for the operation of slot machines, by a licensed charitable organization, or at a pari-mutuel wagering facility or off-track wagering facility which is licensed for operation and regulated under the provisions of Chapters 4 and 11 of Title 4 and Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, or any other gaming operations authorized by law, except that smoking shall be prohibited in all restaurants, including snack bars and any other type of eating area whether or not such area is separated from the gaming area, that are located within the facilities where gaming operations are conducted regardless of any type of license issued relevant to the operation of the restaurant.

(9) All workplaces of any manufacturer, importer, wholesaler or distributor of tobacco products, of any tobacco leaf dealer or processor, and all tobacco storage facilities.

(10) Convention facilities during the time such facilities are being used for professional meetings and trade shows which are not open to the public that are produced or organized by tobacco businesses or convenience store associations where tobacco products are displayed and limited to the location of such meetings or shows and during the time such facilities are used by a carnival organization, traditionally known as a krewe or a courir de Mardi Gras for the purpose of the conduct of a Mardi Gras ball and limited to the location of such ball.

(11) Designated and well ventilated smoking rooms in nursing homes which permit smoking.

(12) A hotel or motel room operated by a casino or gaming operation which is rented to a guest.

(13) An outdoor patio, whether or not food is served.

(14) Any state, local, or private correctional facility prior to August 15, 2009. After August 15, 2009, smoking shall be prohibited in any state, local, or private correctional facility.

C. An individual, person, entity, or business subject to the smoking prohibitions of this Section shall not discriminate or retaliate in any manner against a person for making a complaint regarding a violation of this Section or for furnishing information concerning a violation to an enforcement authority.

Sec. 50-213. Notice of prohibition of smoking.

A. "No smoking" signs or the international "No smoking" symbol consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it shall be clearly and conspicuously posted by the owner, operator, manager, or other person in control in every public building, public place, and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by this Article.

B. The owner, operator, manager, or other person in control shall remove all ashtrays from any area where smoking is prohibited by this Article.

Sec. 50-214. Enforcement; penalties

A. (1) Any violation of any prohibition in Section 50-212(A) may be cited by any law enforcement officer by the issuance of a citation and summons to appear before a court of proper jurisdiction.

(2) Such citations shall be in a form such that there shall be retained in each book of citations a receipt and each shall have a copy to be deposited by the law enforcement officer with a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense.

(3) Upon the deposit of the copy, the court shall notify the alleged violator of the time and place of his hearing or of his opportunity to plead guilty by the payment of his specified fine. Failure to appear, unless the fine is paid, may be punished within the discretion of the court as contempt of court.

B. (1)(a) Any person who is guilty of a violation of the prohibition in Section 50-212(A)(1), (2), (3) or (4) shall, upon a first offense, be fined twenty-five dollars.

(b) Any person who is guilty of violating such prohibition a second time shall be fined fifty dollars.

(c) Any person who is guilty of violating such prohibition a third or subsequent time shall be fined one hundred dollars.

(2)(a) Any employer who is guilty of a violation of the prohibition in Section 50-212(A)(5) shall, upon a first offense, be fined one hundred dollars.

(b) Any employer who is guilty of violating such prohibition a second time shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars.

(c) Any employer who is guilty of violating such prohibition a third or subsequent time shall be fined five hundred dollars.

Sec. 50-215. Reserved.

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

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

Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 28 of 2007

Amend Section 50-212(A) by adding subsection (6) to read as follows:

(6) Smoke in any taxicab or other vehicle for hire required to be licensed by the city under Chapter 102 of this code, except a limousine under private hire.

ORDINANCE NO. 29 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 90-305(B) THROUGH (E) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO PARKING OF TRUCKS, TRAILERS, ETC., IN RESIDENTIAL, SEMI-RESIDENTIAL, SEMI-COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Webb

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 90-305(b) through (e) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 90-305. Parking of trucks, trailers, etc., in residential, semi-residential, semi-commercial and commercial zones.

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(b) Residential Zones.

(1) It shall be prohibited for any person to park, allow to be parked, or cause to be parked, or leave standing, any semi-tractor, semi-trailer, dump truck, wrecker, or tow truck, in any residentially zoned district within the corporate limits of the City of Shreveport.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(i) Vehicles temporarily located in areas zoned residential while actually loading or unloading such vehicle; and

(ii) Emergency vehicles located in areas zoned residential while said vehicle and its operator are on call for emergency services.

(c) Commercial zones.

It shall be prohibited for any person to park, allow to be parked, or cause to be parked, or leave standing, any semi-tractor or semi-trailer, in any district within the corporate limits of the City of Shreveport, except those zoned I-1, light industrial, or I-2, heavy industrial, except while actually loading or unloading such vehicle.

(d) For the purposes of this section, semi-tractor means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing, towing, or pulling a semi-trailer. Semi-trailer means a vehicle without motive power and so designed in conjunction and used with a motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its own load rests or is carried by another vehicle, and having one or more load-carrying axles.

(e) Penalties. Violators of the provisions of this section shall be assessed a civil fine to be paid to the City of Shreveport as follows:

(1) First offense, \$10.00;

(2) Second offense, and any subsequent offense which occurs within three years of the first offense, \$100.00; and

(3) Each calendar day during which a violation of this section occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

(4) The provisions of subsection 90-36(b)(3) notwithstanding, the chief of police may appoint city employees authorized to issue citations pursuant to the authority of Chapter 38 of this Code to issue parking infraction citations on private property as authorized by this section.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 30 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 22-29, ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS, THAT AUTHORIZES THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND THE CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL, TO ISSUE CITATIONS TO VIOLATORS OF SECTION 22-26(B)(5), AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Lester

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 22-29, Issuance of Citations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, is hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. 22-29. Issuance of Citations.

The Director of Operational Services and/or his designee, or the Chief Building Official, shall have the authority to issue a Citation to any individual(s), firm(s), partnership(s) or corporation(s) engaging in any business regulated by any of the codes referenced in subsection 22-26(a) when they have the necessary information indicating that such individual(s), firm(s), partnership(s) or corporation(s) is found to be in violation of subsection 22-26(b)(5). In addition to issuing a Citation, the Director of Operational Services and/or his designee, or the Chief Building Official, shall issue a stop-work order to said individual(s), firm(s), partnership(s) or corporation(s).

Secs. 22-30 – 22-50. Reserved.

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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. 31 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT PORTIONS OF ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Walford

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

1. Section 90-273(a) the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

(a) Any motor vehicle parked in violation of this article shall be subject to removal, impoundment and detention by the city, when such parked vehicle:

(i) creates or constitutes a traffic hazard or other safety hazard,

(ii) obstructs or may obstruct the movement of any emergency vehicle,

(iii) is parked on a sidewalk in the B-4 Central Business District, or

(iv) is parked in an alley in violation of Section 90-292.

A motor vehicle which is impounded under this subsection shall be subject to immediate removal without notice.

2. Section 90-287 is hereby amended by adding subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Any person who fails to comply with subsection (a)(1) and parks on a brick sidewalk shall, within ten days of the issuance of a parking citation therefore, pay \$50.00 to the city.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **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 – Tabled - 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 – Tabled - 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 – Tabled 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. **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*)
7. **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*)
8. **ABO APPEAL**: *Mr. Marcus Stephens, 8500 Jackson Square Apt., #18E, Shreveport, LA 71115* (D/Wooley) *GiGi's Martini Room, Commerce Street, Shreveport, LA* (B/Walford) (*Postponed until outcome of upcoming trial*)
9. **Ordinance No. 13 of 2007**: ZONING APPEAL – C-101-06: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, the City of Shreveport by rezoning property located on the south side of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop 1500 feet east of Ellerbe Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Residence Agriculture, to B-2 Neighborhood Business District, with PBG (Planned Building Group) approval, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley) (***Remanded to MPC February 13, 2007***)
10. **Ordinance No. 14 of 2007**: ZONING APPEAL – C-1-07: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the south side of Knight Street, 400 feet east of Eastwood Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-A, Residence Agriculture to R-1H, Urban, One-Family Residence District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Long) (***Remanded to MPC February 13, 2007***)

Councilman Walford: Mr. Thompson:?

Mr. Thompson: I don't believe that we have anything to be brought up at this time for action.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEAL

WAB0603076: (V/L next to 724 E. Flournoy Lucas Rd) (D/Wooley) *Mr. Johnnie S. Gullo, 1516 Dora Ann Place, Shreveport, 71105 (D/Wooley) Decision rendered February 26, 2007.*

ABO APPEAL

Mr. Bryan Britton, 3907 Calderwood Drive, Shreveport, LA 71119 (G/Bowman) *Fillmore Oil, Pines Road, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Decision rendered February 26, 2007.*

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

Councilman Walford: I'd ask Mr. Lester to please schedule a meeting of our Property Standards Committee. The Mayor and I are going to hear about Property Standards on Thursday Night I believe.

Councilman Wooley: I wanted to inquire about the Infrastructure Committee.

Councilman Walford: I have the appointment.

Councilman Lester: And it's rich history?

Councilman Walford: We will have to tell you about it's very rich history and - - -

Councilman Wooley: I've already been briefed on that.

Councilman Walford: If I appoint you to this committee, do you intend to be more active than the previous committee?

Councilman Wooley: I would think so. I think if I show up just one time, I'll probably be more - - -

Councilman Lester: Well, maybe twice.

Councilman Walford: I think you're correct. But I do have the appointments written down. I will get them to Mr. Thompson, to get to each of you.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Mr. Thompson: We have none Mr. Chairman.

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

Councilman Walford: At this time, I would entertain a motion to suspend the rules.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Bowman to suspend the rules for the purpose of hearing a presentation on the Urban Land Institute. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, at this point and time, I would like invite Mr. Linc Coleman and Mr. Bruce Roberts to please join us here in front. They have been involved with an effort to present some interesting insights into the future of this great region of ours, and I think they have just recently concluded the final draft of their report, and wanted to come before the Council, and make a presentation and we certainly extend very happily that invitation to them. So, at this point, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Roberts, the dais is yours.

Mr. Coleman: (560 Oneonta) Well, thank you very much Mayor, Councilman.. Thank you for the opportunity, and sorry to keep you late on Tuesday afternoon. So, we'll try to make

it very brief. The Urban Land Institute Project ESB that we represent. My name is Linc Coleman, by the way 560 Oneonta.

Mr. Bruce Roberts (6725 Lackefront Dr.)

Mr. Coleman: And we represent the Northwest Louisiana Association of Realtors, and the Project SB. Project SB, just to give you a summary background is a public/private effort, 60% privately funded by approximately 20 companies here in Shreveport and Bossier, and the balance of the funds were put up by the City of Shreveport, City of Bossier, Caddo Parish Commission, and the Bossier Parish Police Jury. So, it was terrific effort over the last 18 months. The Urban Land Institute, they're advisory services. They brought a group here from really all over the country, and they studied - - - came last Spring, and completed their final report, which we received in the last two weeks. And hopefully, each one of you should have received a copy by now, electronic version, and hand delivered today. So hopefully, you've received that. We just want to thank you very much for your cooperation in making that happen, and we think that's a terrific thing. What ULI does there, the Urban Land Institute is the bookings institute of the commercial real estate business. Their focus is to - - - it's an organization formed in 1936. It's a not for profit organization. It's a research based organization. They research best land practices, and land use practices for a variety of uses, and do this all over the world. They have put some 34,000 members. So they came back with recommendations, and I can give you these in a thumbnail, if you like, but let me tell you, that what we've been doing over the last six months, is we formed task forces for the initiatives that have been recommended by the Urban Land Institute, and we're proceeding. Those task forces are convening on a daily and weekly basis, and we're proceeding getting input from all over they community. One of the chief recommendations of the Urban Land Institute, was to have a collaborative effort to improve communications with the whole city. Across the river, their point is the jurisdictional boundaries of city limits mean more to the people in the local basis than they do people on the outside coming to our community. So they're encouraging communication on both sides of the river. Inside and outside the city limits, and all of that. So that we work together in a collaborative effort. Along those lines, they recommended a community summit, and a leadership summit which is being convened, Dr. Philip Rosemond, cardiologist here who's volunteered a good bit of his time for education is spearheading this effort. He's our task force chairman for this. This will be conducted, I believe the dates are to be set in April. So it's going to be neighborhood meetings all over the city, obtaining input and developing not only an ongoing process, establishing a process whereby information can be gathered on a continuing basis from all over the community. Again all neighborhoods, all sections, and all groups. So we think that's going to be a terrific thing, it's going to be a terrific resource for everybody in the community long term. Some of the recommendations, just very quickly were branding of the community so that we have a improving the image that we have. Self image within the community. We talked about there's the leadership summit that's to be conducted. Master planning was a big issue that was addressed by the Urban Land Institute, and the need for a cohesive master plan. And so that process we're doing some studying right now, and our plans are to bring back to the city a specific recommendation, so that you have a more or less executive summary of the benefits of a master plan, the cost of a master plan, the alternatives of master plan, things that you can work together with your staff, and your MPC and so I know that to Mr. Kirkland, that's probably music to his ears. But that is an important effort. Establishing a historic preservation ordinance. One to protect assets. One of the unique fabrics of our community is that we have many historic buildings and neighborhoods, and unfortunately many are being demolished by neglect. And so there is a way to have other communities dealt with that in a reasonable way to protect property rights, but also to protect the assets of the

community. And so those are issues that we plan on working with. Areas for outdoor recreation, things that we can do to tie our parks together, make better use of our riverfront, all of those elements. A task force for social fabric, which is a task force to address minority and women owned businesses. And the effort there – we had a gentleman, and many of you may have met him, who was from Columbia University in New York, and one of the things that they did is in working on the social fabric and women in minority owned businesses, is that they made real efforts to build capacity in that program, so that there were long term capacity. And so those are some of the things that we're working together with this Strategic Action Council, and Belden Daniels Group too. And we hope to be able to bring some things before the city, and the parish governments on that. We're really excited about that program, and I think that that's something that's much needed. The Arts and the cultural is a way, and there are many fantastic things that we have, but what can we do to improve our quality of life, and there are many issues that are ongoing in addressing those in the arts and cultural area. That was an area that they recommended as well. Capitalizing on our assets, one is for instance Barksdale Air Force Base. What can we do to extend the mission of Barksdale Air Force Base and capitalize on that. Things that tie in with the technology, tie in with the mission of the base, but also give us additional industries and businesses that could be spin offs from Barksdale Air Force Base, and could really insure the long term mission of Barksdale Air Force Base. So, those are initiatives, and then try to address areas that some much needed development projects in Ledbetter Heights, in downtown housing on both sides of the river. And then an iconic bridge that could potentially extend from the Shreveport riverfront to the Bossier riverfront, and server pedestrian traffic. One of the things that they said was that coming in as an outsider, again, they don't know where they city limits start and stop. And they looked at it and said if we could somehow tied the Convention Center, the Convention Center Hotel, the gaming facilities on the riverfront, the Boardwalk, Centurytel, if we could tie all those assets together, they would cross feed one another. They would act as catalyst for one another. And so anything we can do to better tie those assets together, serves economic development as well as serves a symbolic in interest area. So, those are some of the things. We're here, we appreciate very much the opportunity to present this. We're just - - - this is the tip of the iceberg, and we'll be back. Hopefully in front of you with good news. We're open for suggestions. We have no pride of authorship in this. This is a community endeavor, and so we're looking for input from any and all. And the summit as I mentioned will be in April. We're - - - that really fits in with the collaborative efforts that are encouraged by ULI. Again, all sites - - - we're creating a website which hopefully in the next 30 days will be established so that the ULI report, the Project SB report updates on our committee activities, our task forces will be published on that. Anybody that's interested in volunteering or giving suggestions will be invited to do so. And with that I feel like I've monopolized here and Bruce Roberts probably has a lot more to add, but Bruce has been a terrific resource for us, and been active in all areas, served on the Louisiana Real Estate Commission, involved in national and state-wide organizations, and president of many of them. So he's been a great resource for us.

Mr. Roberts: I think Linc has summed up everything very nicely. We handled the number of focus groups prior to the panel coming here, and they were very eye opening at least for me. I have lived here all my life, but then I realize and many of the focus groups realize what we take for granted here. Our road systems, our police and fire protection. A lot of other things that are here. But I found when the panel came, they got most excited about many of our older structures, that we feel like we want to tear down. One of the panel members commented, that there are a lot of cities here in this country that would give anything to have those buildings,

and to renovate those buildings. So the study is an eye opener, and I hope that you enjoy reading it.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes, thank you so much for coming, and I can recall on the Commission when you all came before us, I thought it was an excellent idea to form the group that you all formed, and the Commission isn't one to shell out money too quickly, but they all - - you convinced all of us that this was something that was really needed, not just for the Parish, but for the City as well. And I certainly embraced it. But one of the things that I was most interested in, and I've just seen this in your book, and it's dealing with Why a master plan? I want to see that done more than anything. And I did read online before I got the actual book, and I welcomed those ideas. Do you have a copy of this Mr. Kirkland? You do? Well, we look forward to doing as much as we can in reference to that. That is one of my main goals.

Mr. Coleman: Well, we thank you for your leadership and support at the Parish, because without your support, I don't think we would have - - - that was the (inaudible), and we look forward to working with Mr. Kirkland on anything that he might need.

Councilman Wooley: Guys I just want to say I appreciate you coming together and forming this group, and making the efforts that you've made. I actually read this three times online, and a lot of the information that I read, I thought the same thing as far as attitudes toward our cities. Very interesting, the whole competitive thing between Shreveport and Bossier which really hurts us, and not help us. That's why I voted the way I voted when I voted with Tom Dark. I said this was a region, and we needed to see ourselves as a region, and I know some citizens took a stab at me last meeting, that's okay. But it's important that we (inaudible) that way and take a very aggressive approach. I think we've done so many studies. I noted the comment that you made in the book here about information overload. Having done so many studies, and I think we spent so much money on so many studies and not really acted upon most of the research that's been done over the year. And I think we need to take a very strong initiative and say okay, now it's time. How many more studies should I do, and not act upon them. And so my whole thing for our city is to move forward very aggressively, but do it with wisdom. So, I support your efforts, and I'll be a part of what ever you guys are looking to do for our city.

Mr. Coleman: Well, we thank you, and that is one of the things that the Urban Land Institute said it is, that we have a wealth of information, and that it appears to be a fear for action, and that we need to as a community embrace action, and move in that regard. And I'd also like to say that I have - - - our goal here as a group is to put something back into our community that has benefited us so much. I had five children here, and they remind me of that all the time. So, we're trying to put something back into the community that's been very, very good to us.

Councilman Long: I just wanted to agree with everything that's been said, and I commend you guys for taking the initiative to do all this. I just wanted to briefly mention about tearing down buildings. You know one of the things these Hollywood guys are telling us right now is when they drive around town, and see these incredible structures, that's one of the benefits of having these structures. They look at this, and they freak out going 'my gosh'. You know we can't find this type of architecture, basically in one spot, like you can find it here. So, it's very important that we do try to maintain and repair and otherwise save these buildings, so that in the long run, we do have important layers of history that are going to be with us for the long haul. So again, whatever I can do to continue that effort, I'm going to - - - you can count me in as well. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: Thank you. I've read the report online, and I was looking at it again. And I think that it does provide us with a good point of reference in terms of talking and revitalization. Just a couple of things. They misspelled Allendale. And second of all, this idea,

and I'm taking this from page 31, 'Shotgun styled homes dominate the Ledbetter Heights neighborhood. Recreation of this indigenous housing can help revitalize Shreveport.' No, it can't. Absolutely not. Over my dead body. And I'm going to be here for at least another year, maybe three years. That's the only qualm that I have with the report. And it's a big one. There is no way in the world that we're going to sit here and redo Ledbetter and Allendale with shotgun houses. And I really wish, I mean I understand the idea, and the only reason I'm reacting this way Mr. Coleman, is nothing against you and Mr. Roberts at all. I think it's good to have outside folks come in, because they don't have certain prejudices. But at the same time, they need to understand that there are certain historical context to everything. And the last time, as I appreciate it, and Councilman Shyne will let me know this, the last time we had a report that was big on history, history, history. Historic preservation, we wound up with a bunch of shotgun houses getting paint slapped on 'em in Allendale and Ledbetter Heights, and shoved down our throats for 15 years, telling us this was Urban Renewal. So, I would just suggest to you, that that comment, in my mind raises a tremendously large red flag, and it's not enough of a flat for me to discount everything in the report, but that and the fact that they misspelled Allendale, which I think is I don't know it might be significant on more than one level, but the idea of shotgun houses as revitalization, absolutely not. Absolutely, positively not.

Mr. Coleman: Well, I might just - - - let me just apologize for them having misspelled Allendale, and it's not to make light by any means, they also spelled Airline Drive, they put Airport Drive.

Councilman Lester: Well, I don't represent Airline Drive.

Mr. Coleman: I understand, but I do want to tell you this, that I was in on a conference call before I came to this meeting, and the discussion for Ledbetter, Allendale area were to form a group, get community input as to what kind of renovation, what kind of new development would be needed.

Councilman Lester: We've already gotten one of those for what it's worth.

Mr. Coleman: And to seek a broad based input. I can - - - I do know they had no intent to have a certain housing stock or styles dominate the thing by any means, nor did they have as a prerequisite to tear down everything that was there. So, they're going in with a total blank slate as far as input, and desiring input. They're agreeing with you that it needs to be - - - have (inaudible) redevelopment plan, and it needs to be community based. So, I think that's certainly their intent, and as I said to reinforce that as recently as two of the panel members were on a group that I was listening to in the last hour. And by the way, the development task force, Ms. Bonnie Moore is on the development task force, and so she will have her hand on that carefully guiding that in the effort.

Councilman Lester: I just felt compelled to say that particularly in light of the fact when you look through the photographic representations of different areas of town, you've got you know the riverfront, you've got Highlands, Highlands looks nice. You've got Bio Space I, and Intertech. You've got the bridge, you've got Texas Street Historic Buildings, you've got the Strand, you've got Louis Showroom, and then you have this. And this is suppose to represent my community, and my district, and it doesn't. And again, I'm not fussing at you, but I want the record to be clear that Ledbetter Heights is more than this, and Allendale is a lot more than this. And those people that know would know that it's not a lot of difference in the housing stock, and the architecture in Allendale and Highlands. Because those areas are the two historic areas of town, and that's where really Shreveport starts. So, again with everything else that we've dealt with particularly in that community, the last time, and I just feel compelled to say this, the last time we had a report from an outside body that talked about historic preservation, the whole nine yards, we want wound up with about 200 shotgun houses, same fact, the same houses that

they're talking about historic preservation are the same shotgun houses, what was it, 1980 or '81 that we wound up saying 'oh, this is good', for you, not for us, for you. And I just think as we deal with the whole planning process, again, there is nothing wrong with consultants. Cause I believe in using those. But I believe it's important when you talk about communities, and rebuilding communities to have people from those neighborhoods that are involved. It is tremendous. And so, I'm off my soap box. I just needed to say that.

Councilman Shyne: Let me, let me say this before you go any further. I really didn't want to comment on this, and Councilman Lester, I'm glad to see you took the lead, but I happen to have been on the Council, the last time. And of course, that was Councilman Huckaby's district and he got whipped on, day in and day out by the news media, but he was right. But he was against the power structure. And Councilman Lester is exactly right. That doesn't represent Allendale, or that doesn't represent "the Black Community". If you're going to have some shotgun houses, taken 'em out on Youree Drive.

Councilman Lester: There you go.

Councilman Shyne: Take a few of 'em out on Youree Drive. Take a few of 'em somewhere else. But don't leave 'em all in Lakeside and Allendale. Because what this does, and you probably don't realize it, but maybe you do, and projections like that put the wrong kind of image in Black youngsters. Now you probably don't mean any harm. You could accidentally hit me in my eye, and you could apologize all you want to, but I'm still blind. If I'm making any sense to you. And we have had a tremendous amount of damage done to our communities with that same kind of image. And I'm glad to see Councilman Lester young enough to get in there and fight hard, and of course, he said 'over his dead body', of course I've lived long enough to realize that I enjoy living, so I'm not going to say over my dead body. But I do plan to fight it. And we don't need that kind of image, and if we're going to be this great city of the south, it might not have a negative connotation to you, but it has one to me, and it has a negative connotation to middle class Blacks, and Whites too. We want to get away from that. And like I say, I don't mind shotgun houses. Take 'em out on Youree Drive, or take 'em somewhere else. But don't perpetuate that kind of idea or that kind of housing stock with any community who is looking to revitalize, and do better. We're trying to get away from that. That might have been a stopping point once upon a time. But we're trying to get away from that. I think you've done - - your report is good. And like I say now some of 'em Bryan - - - this is Bryan's first time on the Council, and Mike's first time on the Council, but I've been in and off the Council for the last 25 years. I've seen reports come, and reports go. I've seen studies come in and studies go. And I've seen us almost sit here in Shreveport and do nothing about it. Shreveport is a very conservative community. A lot of us don't want to admit to that, but it is. It's a very conservative community. So, I would hope that when we start talking about improving Shreveport, about putting these plans into action, that we really mean it, and when we start getting these groups together, a lot of times, and Calvin probably understands it, and knows it. A lot of times, we get community groups together with people who we can control their thought process. We can plant little seeds, we say well, we got Ms. So and so and so. Ms. So and so and so is a good lady or Mr. So and so and so is a good person, but you know most of the people are smart enough to plant that thought process in there, and they'll buy into something that we really don't need. So, I like what you all are doing, and I'm not really criticizing, and I'm glad that Calvin started this, so I can put all the blame on him.

Councilman Lester: That's fine.

Councilman Shyne: But he's exactly right. We just don't need that kind of image. We don't need to project that kind of image. I don't care what the value of it is. That kind of image to a certain group of people is not good. And then when you show this kind of image in

California, or Chicago, or New York, or Atlanta, it doesn't go over very well. Now it might go over very well with a lot of conservative people here in Shreveport. But when you leave that little conservative pocket, really and truly a lot of people here in Shreveport now that would not go over very good with. But you still got a little pocket that it will go over very good with. So, I'm just - - - I'm not criticizing you, I'm giving you some constructive criticism if you understand what I'm saying. So, lets see if we can delete that, and lets see if we can - - - Calvin say he'll be here for another three years.

Councilman Lester: Maybe.

Councilman Shyne: Maybe I might be here for another eight years, maybe. But I'm going to try to do everything that I can to make sure that we don't revitalize or repopulate Allendale with shotgun houses. And I love you all, and I think you've done a fine report, and I want us all to be Christian Brothers, and I just don't think that that's the Christian way to go. Calvin, thank you for opening the door hear?

Councilman Lester: Not a problem.

Mr. Roberts: I think both of you are right on point on this. This is an independent group that came in here and did this study. It is by no means what is going to come out of this. But I think it's what Councilman Lester said in the beginning. It's a starting point, and this is the discussion that we want in all of the groups. Because I don't think anybody wants this. But this was an independent study, and it was put here for this exact reason. To bring up discussion. On everything that's in here.

Councilman Shyne: I don't mean to cut you off, but things like that - - - please, let's don't include that as a starting point. Let's start somewhere else. I mean, lets start above that. And I understand what you're saying, and I know you're trying to justify why it's in there, but to be truthful with you, I would appreciate it if you didn't. And lets remove that, and we're going to look at doing something else. But I appreciate it.

Mr. Roberts: Yes sir. I'm not justifying why it's in here. I'm just agreeing with you, and I think we just need to move on, and make sure that this isn't.

Councilman Shyne: Right. Now, we're together on that.

Councilman Walford: Lets you think this is something new, coming from Mr. Lester, let me tell you that he made a statement, and I think it was right at the end of 2005, and I can't remember if we were in a Council Meeting, or one of our meetings, discussing selling off the shotgun houses. And Mr. Lester said that nobody should live in a shotgun house in Shreveport, LA in 2005. And that stuck with me. So this isn't a new concept for him. And I agree with him wholeheartedly. We thank you very much for coming.

Councilman Shyne: One other footnote Mr. Chairman, excuse me.

Councilman Walford: Sure.

Councilman Shyne: Would you believe that there was a group who I want to say at least \$9,000,000 of federal money to go in and redo those shotgun houses? And if you can get \$9,000,000 out of those shotgun houses, I got something I want to sell you up on the Cooper Road. I got some mountain property I want to sell you up on the Cooper Road.

Councilman Lester: Right and I got some lake front property in Mooretown.

Mr. Coleman: This is terrific discussion and dialogue. One of the things that Urban Land encouraged is that in the community forum that will be forthcoming in April, if we could have all of our governmental agencies and all their representatives come to these meetings, and provide this very valuable input, because we want the total community blueprint on this, and certainly as their respective leaders we would very much like to have you come. So, they suggested in here something that we knew couldn't be accomplished on Page 28. They said that attendance should be mandatory for political leaders, and we knew that was a stretch to ask you to do that.

Councilman Lester: Oh, we're coming.

Councilman Long: Calvin's going to be there.

Mr. Coleman: If you could come, we'd like for you to be there. That's a request.

Councilman Lester: We even got the President of Pierre Avenue Neighborhood Association, must have heard about it and came down here, Mr. Williams, and I know he doesn't want shotgun houses in Allendale.

Councilman Walford: Thank you gentlemen. And Mr. Shyne, just so you know on your agenda, every two weeks, under Unfinished Business is Resolution No. 100 of 2006 where we still get the privilege of paying some of that \$9,000,000.

Councilman Shyne: That's right. That's exactly right.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council. Before these gentlemen left, I just wanted to join you all in expressing my appreciation for the effort that they've put forward. And as has been commented on, we know it's a process that is nowhere near complete at this point. But there is one thing that I have said in many instances as I've had a chance to speak with people around the City of Shreveport, and the days and weeks and months since I've been elected Mayor of this great city of ours, is that there was a comment that was offered at one of the Project SB functions, that I came off of the campaign trail to go and sit in to hear some of the discussions and dialogue. And it was made by one of the individuals that you all brought here who may have in fact coming from Pittsburgh, thought our shotgun houses might have been somehow 'quaint', I guess. I don't hold that against them, and that may have been possible. But he said something that was so profound, that I try and repeat it whenever I get an opportunity to. And it was Tom Murphy who is the former Mayor of the great City of Pittsburgh. And he said that day, I think he'd been here maybe a week, or might have been a second visit, so it may have been a follow up that he was actually here for. But he was listing some of the observations that he'd made about this region, and the very first thing he said was that the thing that sticks out more than anything else is that I have noticed that you all here in Northwest Louisiana do a very good job of competing against each other. He said Black against White, Shreveport against Bossier, and I think he even said if he didn't, I know I add it now, Willis Knighton against Schumpert, as examples of inter-area of competition that we engage in. And he added to that, he said "what you all failed to do is to effectively coalesce yourselves to work together and combine your common assets and resources to compete against what is in fact your real competition. And he said your real competition does not lie across the river, it lies on the other side of the country and more importantly on the other side of the world. And until you all figure out how to effectively come together, and work together, then you will never reach the full potential that you have. And when I heard that that day, I said, now this is obviously a process that I want to hear more about, and be more involved in, and I look forward to working with you all as we continue what is already a great dialogue that has started, that we're in the midst of, and that you guys will obviously add a lot to in the coming days and weeks. So, thank you much and appreciate you being here.

Councilman Walford: I am about to adjourn us, but please keep your seats, we're going to have what I hope Mr. Lester will make a very brief meeting of Shreveport Redevelopment Agency.

ADJOURNMENT: There being nor further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Clerk Note(s):

*** **The special meeting** to address an appeal for the revocation of permit to sell alcoholic beverages **Terry's Drive In Liquor**, 4144 Hollywood,, Shreveport, Louisiana, **has been scheduled for February 26, 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. (F/Shyne)
Decision rendered February 26, 2007.

*** **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 March 26, 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.

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

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