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Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
March 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 3:02 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2007, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Wooley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Webb.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester (Arrived at 3:07 p.m.), Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, March 12, 2007 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Shyne, Webb and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.

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

Councilman Walford: Mr. Mayor, do you have any communications or distinguished guests?

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and yes sir, I do, I have several, and I'm going to the podium to make those presentations..

Councilman Shyne: Sound like a Methodist minister to me.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council, we want to start off today recognizing a young man who is a student at LSU Shreveport. Mr. Keith Milstead. Would you join me up front? Congratulations. Mr. Milstead is a student at LSU Shreveport, and he's also a national champion debater. Just recently he has proudly represented his institution, and our proud region (inaudible) the national championship in collegiate debate, right here in Shreveport. But not only did he do that, while winning the National Championship, he also convinced his colleagues in the Phi Kappa Delta Debating Fraternity to hold their National Championship here in 2009, in our wonderful city. And I believe some 900 + debaters who will be participating in what is a three-plus day event?

Mr. Milstead: Yes sir.

Mayor Glover: Bringing with them friends and family to this great region. So on behalf of the entire city of Shreveport, I am proud to present to Mr. Keith Milstead, this Mayor's Award of Excellence. Congratulations.

Mr. Milstead: I want to thank you all for the opportunity to be able to come before you today, and Mayor Glover for asking me to forward today. It gives me great honor to be able to stand in front of the city's leadership and thanks to you guys and those before you have worked so hard to be able to allow us to have the opportunity to be able to do what we're doing. So, we continue to appreciate that great, great honor. This distinction for me (inaudible) LSUS system

for the schools and universities in this area. We appreciate everything you do for us on a day to day basis. As my lovely wife and my coach are here with me to support and couldn't have done it without either of them. So, I'd like to thank them as well. But really, really appreciate everything that you do for us.

Mayor Glover: Ladies and gentlemen, Members of the Council, our next award goes to Ms. Larenda Belion, who is the Boys and Girls Club National Student of the Year. She's a 15 year old from Shreveport, and she will be leaving shortly to go and represent this area, where exactly?

Ms. Belion: In Lafayette.

Mayor Glover: In Lafayette. And so on behalf of the City of Shreveport, I'm proud to present to her this Mayor's Award of Excellence, and that wonderful rose.

Ms. Belion: I want to thank y'all so much.

Mayor Glover: Congratulations. And last Members, but certainly not least, in that I am the son of two proud educators, and we know that Council Member Shyne is a retired member of Caddo Parish School Board, my sister, Robin Glover Bryant is the Counselor at Green Oaks High School, and so many other members of my family, and friends and loved ones who are teachers and educators, it would be, I believe, less than appropriate for me as Mayor to allow - - we certainly know that the wife of our proud Councilman from District A.

Councilman Lester: And mother.

Mayor Glover: And mother are educators, I was back during the month of February with Mrs. Lester at West Shreveport Elementary School where they put on an outstanding program, but I could not allow Teacher Appreciation Week to go unobserved, and in particular and in addition to paying recognition to all teachers throughout Caddo Parish and throughout this state, and throughout this country, I thought it would be particularly appropriate to stop and pay recognition to one special teacher in my life, who took a special interest in a young man who was a student at Caddo Magnet High School, who almost everyday at the bus stop got confused, for somebody who was still a football player, but was on his way to the Magnet School, but didn't quite have a great aptitude for mathematics, in particular, for those of you who know me, my spatial relationships are somewhat challenged, and so I found geometry especially interesting. But this lady recognized some innate talent and abilities, and stuck to her guns and helped me to manage to be able to finish high school geometry. Had I not been able to do that, I have no doubt that I would not be standing here before you today as this mayor of this wonderful city. And so in recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week and also in recognition of the fact that I believe that this is the last year that she will be teaching, I want to recognize a wonderful lady from Caddo Magnet High School, Mrs. June Moore with the Mayor's Award of Excellence.

Ms. Moore: Thank you. This is very much a surprise. I had no idea why I was coming here today. Cedric was a challenge because as many of you know, you've seen he writes upside down because he's left handed, and that's how he learned to write, and so you can imagine that geometry test were a real challenge for him because he would have turn it and look at this way. But I think along with his spiritual guidance, that that may be why he's able to approach problems here, by seeing from all different angles and all different ways. And this is not my last year to teach, I've been Assistant Principal at Caddo Magnet for nine years. I am retiring to the Caddo Parish School System, so that I can go back and teach mathematics to young boys and girls.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council.

Councilman Walford: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Councilman Shyne: I see why you passed geometry now.

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I think I see State Representative Earnest Baylor in the back. Mr. Baylor, we're so happy to have you with us today. And we're going to be looking forward to working with you in bringing some of those goodies back to Shreveport hear?

Rep. Baylor: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Councilman Shyne: And we're going to be looking forward to working with you and bringing some of those goodies back to Shreveport here?

Rep. Baylor: Came down to see how the politicians are doing in Shreveport.

Councilman Shyne: There you go. I have some awards that I want to give out.

Councilman Walford: Alright Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: And I think we're going to do this later on, but I just wanted to recognize, who I call 'my mayor', Mr. Hussey, would you please stand. We're going to recognize you a little bit later on, but I wanted to say this about Mayor Hussey before I go to the podium. When I first got on the City Council, we had about 180 miles of oil dirt streets, here in the City of Shreveport. Now, I know it's hard for you to believe that. 180 miles of oil dirt streets. During his administration, there was not one oil dirt street left, and you know most of those oil dirt streets was in whose districts and neighborhoods. I'm not going to call it. But I just wanted to say that I'll always be indebted to Mayor John Hussey for working with us to alleviate that problem because you all probably don't realize that that was a major problem during that time, the City would come along - - - where is Mike Strong? The city would come along and spray the streets with a dust controller. We didn't know what chemicals would be in that spray. We had little kids who would go out, play in the streets, and put their hands in their mouths, and we didn't know what chemicals. You really don't know how it affected them years later. But because of the leadership and the compassion of John Hussey, we eradicated that problem. Mayor Hussey, I'll always be grateful to you.

Councilman Walford: Does any other Council Member have a distinguished guest? Okay, with that we're going to move to our Property Standards Report. Before Mr. Bowie comes up, does any Council Member have a property standards issue? Mr. Bowie, you can't escape sir.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before we move on to that, may I indulge the Council's or ask the Council indulgence before we bring Mr. Bowie up?

Councilman Walford: Certainly sir.

Mayor Glover: Before we bring Mr. Bowie up, I think it would be appropriate to do it at this point before we move forward. We also have Mary Alice Roundtree who is here with the Caddo Council on Aging. I'd like her to make some comments and extend an invitation very briefly, tomorrow is the March for Meals, where we will be asking individuals from across this city, across this region to join us as we march down Texas Street on tomorrow, at the Court House at 12:00 noon, if I'm not mistaken, in an effort to raise additional monies for the Meals on Wheels Program as well as to recruit volunteers. As many of you all are aware, there are some 200 individuals who are on the waiting list for the Meals on Wheels Program. On last week myself, and Chief Van Sant, Sheriff Prator, Mayor Walker from over in Bossier participated in last weeks observance of Mayor's for Meals, where we actually went out and joined some outstanding volunteers and delivered meals across the city, and tomorrow marks the actual fundraiser component of the effort, and that's the March for Meals. And so, I've invited Mary

Alice to come down today, share some information about that effort and to hopefully recruit some additional participants for tomorrow's march.

Ms. Roundtree: Thank you so much. Thank you Mayor very much, and thank you for being such an asset during Mayor's for Meals. During the month of March, and I'm going to be very brief. I see some of you laughing when I said 'brief', but I will be very brief, but during the month of March, all over the country, Meals on Wheels associations are holding awareness programs or holding fundraisers, and so tomorrow is our big fundraiser, and this is our third March for Meals, and many of you have joined us last year, and you marched with us. We're very, very excited about this year's March, because something very unique and something very exciting happening in Caddo Parish with the Meals on Wheels. Right now, and I think all of you I calculated something right before I came. I'm able to show you by district, how many meals, senior meals are being served in your district. What that equates to, how many seniors that equates to, and then how much of a financial investment is in each one of your districts. And it is very impressive. We're now up to a thousand meals. We're up to 1,082 meals. We added 50 people off the waiting list last month. But we do need the help of the community. We're always so appreciative of your support financially from the Parish Commission, we are so - - - I see my friends so many of them from the Parish Commission, now y'all are on the City, but we appreciate it so much. But we've got to end this. We have to end the waiting list. This is 2007, we're way beyond having seniors go hungry, having seniors being homebound, not being able to get the proper nutrition. So our goal and our mission is to end that waiting list this year. And I think we can do this with a successful fundraiser. We do need more additional funding, and when I left the office, we were right at \$47,000, our goal was \$80,000. So we are definitely a little bit flat, but we've had tremendous support from the Mayor and the Sheriff, and with publicity. And so I need your support tomorrow. I need you to come and walk with us please at noon. It's a lot of fun, it's a little different. All we do for our fundraiser is we march down the streets. We have no gala, we do serve water. Okay, so we invest a little bit, (inaudible) this year. There is no rental of property, there's no gala, there's no cocktails, no food. Every single dime that is given to us goes directly to the program with absolutely no administration cost on top of it. We have no Board Development Director at the Caddo Council on Aging, and we have no Volunteer Coordinator. That's me. So, we do invite you to come back down. Also I want to tell you that what I said was so very exciting is as of this moment, we 27 volunteer stations, and the Mayor witnessed it last week with Nurse Care delivering 16 meals. We have over 200 volunteers now working with the meal program. But my aim is to keep on recruiting, and to keep on going, so that we can save a tremendous amount of money, and also get the community involved in Meals on Wheels. It used to be when I was younger, everybody delivered meals. It's just what this community did. And then we got away from it for a long time, because volunteers were hard to come by. Because some of the women went back to work, and what not. And so, what we're doing is a little different. The meal stations are actually businesses. They're actually businesses, they're churches are volunteers, the Caddo Council on Aging is a meal station. Every other Monday, I go deliver eight meals. And so it's a dynamic new concept. We bring the eight meals to the actual business and then they deliver it. So, we are saving a tremendous amount of money. So with your support, and the community's support, we think that we can end that waiting list, and I will be back to probably report to you after the thing. Thank you so much for your time, and Mayor, thank you so much for allowing me to come and talk. Thank you.

Councilman Walford: Thank you very much for joining us.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, on more moment of indulgence. Thank you for allowing me to bring Mary Alice Roundtree up to make those comments concerning the March on Wheels. In addition, I want to thank all of you members of the Council for the support that you all put forth during the, I guess close to a month of Town Hall Meeting that we held across the city. Each and everyone of you stepped forward quick to select a date, work with my staff, and the folks within your districts to help to plan and coordinate and get the word out about those Town Hall Meetings, and I think that they were simply wonderful in terms of helping us to begin a dialogue with our constituents. And set us on a very positive path towards helping to make Shreveport a better place to be. But now they could not have been all that they were had it not been for the work and effort of an outstanding group of employees in the Parks and Recreation and Public Buildings Division, SPAR. And I have asked since those folks along with my staff are the ones who made it to every Town Hall Meeting that they would come today, and be led by Shelly Ragle, and be recognized for their contribution to our Town Hall effort Shelly?

Ms. Stone: Thank you so much Mayor. I say everyday that SPAR has the best people that you can find anywhere employed, and as I told the Mayor yesterday, not only was it a great opportunity to meet the people in each district, and the constituents that we serve, it was also a great commradery-building time for those of us on this staff, and I think we all had a great time and it would not have been possible without these guys. Tina Williams, Supervisor over at Event Services, (inaudible) Winston is with us, works with the Stadium as well as Event Services, and Richard also works with us at SPAR. They might want to say something about their experience, they may not.

Ms. Williams: We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of it, and we had a great time.

Mayor Glover: Well thank you. Thank you guys. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, they did an outstanding job, having all of the equipment shipped in for each of the events, and the set ups and what have you in providing all of the table sand what have you for Department Heads. They just simply did an outstand job, and I just wanted them to know how proud I am of them, and to let the rest of the city know as well. So, thank you all, and I appreciate it.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Mayor, I've got to say your SPAR staff did a wonderful job, and your entire staff. And I appreciate them all being there, several staff members kind of had to put themselves on the firing lines, because there were issues that in my particular Town Hall Meeting that people wanted to discuss when they got out there in the hall, but I really appreciate all of them being there, and there's been excellent follow up. At least within my district. With them following up on inquiries that were made by the constituents, and I appreciate every one of them. Shelly, thank all of your folks. Before we go to Mr. Bowie, Councilman Shyne does indeed have some distinguished guests, and so, Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman and Mr. Mayor, I have some certificates of appreciation for some persons who have done an outstanding volunteer service in SPAR. And I think the Mayor and myself have a particular love for the recreation program. As a coach on the Cooper Road a few years ago, I used to go and - - - you know how you kinda go out and you scout little kids who're playing in the recreation program. And we heard of this kid, this big giant of a kid that was named Cedric Glover, and we were just smiling and going on because we knew he was going to be coming to Linear, and we just - - - you know, and Green Oaks, and we could turn our football program around with a person like Cedric. So, I used to go out and watch Cedric in the little recreation games, and the shirt he had on would be too small for him, the pants he had on would be too small for him, but it developed a love didn't it Cedric?

Mayor Glover: Yes it did.

Councilman Shyne: It developed a love and appreciation, and I have always said that one of our best crime fighters is to have a good recreation program where we've got a lot of kids involved and we can also teach a moral value. We can teach them social values, so Shelly, if you would come forward, and Oscar if you would - - - where is Oscar? Oh, Oscar is here? Sorry Oscar slipped in behind me. I don't usually let that happen, because I stay in the hood. You know you don't let people slip in behind you. But we have some certificates of appreciation, and the first one, I want to recognize is Coach Martin Kelly. Coach, would you come forward? Lets give Coach a big hand. You know it's very difficult nowadays to find somebody who would spend some time with some kids who need some help. You know sometimes those kids who don't need any help, we'll just have people run over one another trying to help those kids. But he has given his time to help kids who really need some help. The only thing I hate, you didn't get a chance to coach with me.

Coach Kelly: My basketball team played this week, so I really can't talk a whole lot, and I couldn't dress up, because I had a tornado come over my house this afternoon. But I want to thank Oscar Smith and SPAR for giving the children an opportunity to play, and to have a summer program for the children to play basketball. Thanks a lot.

Ms. Stone: Coach, pardon me, but Coach Kelly may not want to tell you why he's here, but he had a great honor bestowed upon him. He was selected for the NBA and the WNBA and as a coach was selected by a Coach of the Year for 2006, 2007. It was a great honor to have one of our coaches selected. He also works at Hattie Perry, and David Raines coaching, and we're just really proud to have people like him volunteering their time. And we want to give you this, and thank you one more time.

Councilman Shyne: I would like to recognize Ms. Daphne Davis, Ms. Davis, would you please come forward? It is indeed a pleasure to have you to volunteer with our recreation program, because this is how we can save a lot of kids. Thank you, and I know the Mayor thanks you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you for our service.

Ms. Davis: I would just like to say that my daughter's been playing basketball since she was three years old. She is now 11, and I was just proud of Coach Martin to take the time out to go up to Northside, not know who she was. All he knew is that she lived in University Park, and she liked to play basketball. And that's how he learned about my daughter, and he has been a tremendous help with her and her basketball. And I would just like to thank him.

Ms. Stone: We want to talk to you about Princess Davis. She was selected this year to participate in the Girls Youth Basketball program for 2007 All Regional Junior NBA/WNBA Team represents the New Orleans Hornets, so not only does SPAR have a great employee, but we have great young people participating in our program. And all that is good, but the most important thing is she is also an "A" student, we have here grades here, and she may or many not want to say something too!

Mayor Glover: Congratulations, keep up the good work and (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: I think I have a certificate here for you too! But now it goes to show you what you can do if you raise the bar. If you expect greatness, you will get greatness. But if you expect mediocrity, that's what you will get. So, she is a living example of what - - - if you expect the best, you can get the best. Lets give her another hand for making such good grades. Mr. Albert Gladney. Mr. Gladney? Thank you so very much, and we really appreciate the time and effort that you put into the recreation program, and we will always be indebted to you.

Mayor Glover: Congratulations.

Ms. Stone: Albert is a student at Youree Drive Middle School, and last year he participated in the Hershey. He was the only person from here to participate in the North American Finals, in the Hershey Track and Field in Hershey Pennsylvania, so he may want to tell you about all that chocolate he had, but if you really put it in perspective, these young people are competing not only against people locally, but it's a region, and that's all of Dallas, Fort Worth, Arkansas. You know all around, they're just competing right here, but when you really put it in perspective, he really did a great job in participating against a lot of really outstanding athletes and we're really proud of him. And like I said, he may want to tell you about all that chocolate he had.

Mr. Gladney: Well, it was some good chocolate.

Mayor Glover: Congratulations.

Mr. Homer Mattox: I'm not his dad, I'm his grand dad, and I would like to say I'm proud of my grandson. His grandmother would be really happy for what he's done. She went with him to Pennsylvania to see him participate. And three weeks, or a month of later, she died of a massive heart attack, and so she would be proud for him today. And another thing I would like to say today. My son who is working the Spanish Division of the State Farm Insurance, is a classmate of the Mayor, and when I told him that he became Mayor, my son said, "I'm not surprised, he's always been a politician." And when I look around I know I'm a senior citizen, Mr. Lester there from my neighborhood, if it's possible, I knew him before he was born, and then over here, my wife's favorite student, my wife taught English for 30 years in Bossier Parish School system, this is one of her favorite students, BeBe, she's also a member of my church.

Councilman Shyne: Well, if he know ole Calvin over there, he knew a rascal. The next Certificate of Appreciation goes to Mr. Homer Mattox. Mr. Homer, come on back up. Didn't realize it was you. Again, we just want to let you know we appreciate all of your prayers, we appreciate you supporting your grandson, and you look so young, we all thought it was your son, looking so young around here. So we just want to let you know that this is what we need. We need parents and grandparents to get involved. To get involved with the activities of their kids. And it goes to show you again, if you raise the bar high enough, people will jump there.

Mr. Mattox: And I thank you sir for saying how young I look, but I'm older than black pepper.

Councilman Shyne: We really didn't realize but his dad is here, and I've been knowing his dad, and I'm not going to say for how long Mike, but I've been knowing his dad for a long time.

Mr. Homer Mattox, Jr. We thank God for his (inaudible) and we thank God for giving him the ability to run. I ran and his mother who is not in town right now, she was a track runner, and God is so good to our family. About my dad saying about the loss of our mother, even though she is gone, she is not lost, she is with who she needs to be with. And she's smiling down on us, and she's smiling down on her grandson. God bless you all.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, and we want to thank you and you see how important it is to get involved with your kids. Thank you.

Councilman Walford: While Mr. Shyne comes back up, I was going to recognize two individuals and ask them to stand, but one of them has, and had a few words to say, but Pastor Melvin Perry, would you stand please sir? I guess he got away from us.

Reports:

Property Standards Report

Councilman Walford: Okay. With that, we will move to Property Standards Report, and Mr. Bowie, you didn't escape sir, so of you would come forward. Ms. Bowman.

Councilwoman Bowman: I didn't bring that whole list with me, I'll provide you with those later. But I really need your inspectors, and I would like for you to go too! Starting at Greenwood Road at San Jacinto?

Mr. Bowie: Right, correct.

Councilwoman Bowman: When you drive down that street, we really need to see what we can do to cite the property owners. Just driving down there, it's horrible. And I've had a few complaints, however, one I know I sent you, or had you go out there, but this is on that other end.

Mr. Bowie: Yeah, we cited the owner down there yesterday.

Councilwoman Bowman: You did do it yesterday?

Mr. Bowie: Yes.

Councilwoman Bowman: That's an absolute mess. And so it's that other end right? behind Fair Park School. San Jacinto, that back side of the school.

Mr. Bowie: Okay, I'll drive by there.

Councilwoman Bowman: When you drive back there, it's unbelievable. And I would certainly like to see something done about that, and then I'll follow up with you just to insure that we did do what we intend to do. Thank you.

Councilman Walford: Anything else for Mr. Bowie? Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Bowie, I'm going to gas up my Jimmy on Thursday, and I'll call you and we'll need to spend about two hours together. We got some places that we need to look at there, to get some grass cut.

Mr. Bowie: Okay.

Councilman Walford: Anyone else? Mr. Bowie, I'd put in the 1600 block of Oakdale. If you get a chance, would you just email me what the results were for the inspector there please?

Public Hearing: Proposed Railroad Crossings

The Chairman read the following:

Ordinance No. 45 of 2007: Authorizing the City to close the at-grade railroad crossing of the UPRR (Union Pacific Railroad), and Live Oak Drive located between Shady Lane Drive, and Mansfield Highway, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Councilman Walford: Do I do both of these together Mr. Thompson, or separately?

Councilman Webb: Lets do them separately.

Mr. Thompson: Separately.

Councilman Walford: Separately, okay. So the public hearing on this ordinance is now open. Is there any presentation from the Administration Mr. Dark?

Mr. Dark: The only thing I would point out for the Council's benefit and for those watching is that these were selected as part of an effort to try to open a railroad crossing in Shreve Park Industrial campus. Federal requirements and the railroads desire is that when we open a new crossing that two other crossings are closed. Now these were selected because they have lower traffic counts than most of the crossing in town. So, the purpose of this meeting was to have public comment on it, and we look forward to hearing that.

Councilman Walford: With that, we will move to anyone who wants to speak in favor of the railroad crossing ordinances? Anyone to speak in favor? Okay, anyone to speak in opposition? Alright if you'll come forward, each of you will have an opportunity to speak. Another distinguished visitor that we didn't see back there. Welcome Mr. Cox.

Commissioner Cox: I snuck in from Bastrop, LA just to make this meeting today, so - - -

Councilman Lester: That's a lot of sneaking Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner David Cox: (2633 Lyles Ln) Well, I passed one State Trooper, and just waved at him, so. The purpose that I'm here today is that on the railroad crossing that's in question at Live Oak, between Shady Lane and Mansfield Road. I represent the Southern Hills Homeowners Association as well as on behalf of the Business Association here today, we are opposed to this simply because this railroad crossing has been in our neighborhood for years, and when I say years, we're talking 40+ years, if it's been open that long. I'm 45, and I can remember it when I was a kid. So this is an avenue, that if you shut this down, you're going to put that traffic on lower Bert Kouns and Crabapple. And there's what other one?

Councilman Webb: Brookwood.

Commissioner Cox: And Brookwood, South Brookwood, and Acacia, and all these areas around this area. I cannot believe that they can't find other railroad crossings that are less used than this one. I'd like to see the numbers that they came up with as far as how many people cross that compared to other ones in this city. There's got to be other ones that are less used. The neighborhoods that connect with this railroad crossing uses it everyday. I use it three or four times a week myself. So, it's a proposal that needs to be knocked down. It cannot be shut down for the residents that are behind me, and for Southern Hills as a whole. So, before I leave, you'll probably ask it anyway, but everybody that's behind me here, will probably stand up in opposition of this.

Councilman Walford: Alright sir, thank you very much. Is there anyone else to speak in opposition? Yes sir, come forward please.

Mr. Bill Bradshaw: (8911 Shady Lane Drive) I've been living at that residence since 1960, and this closing would just break my heart. You look around out here, and the people - - - I have a list of people that have signed to oppose it. You look at 'em, they're senior citizens. You know senior citizens get the short end of the stick regardless of what you say. You close this, are you going to cut our taxes? Of course the property in that area will go down. Now, you've got to go two miles out of the way to get to the Mansfield Road. If you're going to the hospital, and there are a lot of folks in the area go to the hospital, you've got to go way around. This don't make sense of closing this. And I just urge you to vote against closing it because there's another one on down the road about a mile that feeds out to the Mansfield Road. The other one, you'd have to go down to Kingston Road, and take a left and go back two miles to get to the Mansfield Road. So, you've got fire trucks that come through there, school buses that come through there, I question the figures I saw in the paper of the traffic department. I question those figures. There's a lot of traffic coming in and out of there. And you've got ambulances, you've got the whole nine yards. And I just urge you on behalf of the people that signed this petition, and other petitions are here, to please consider do not close it. Who can I give this petition to?

Councilman Walford: If you'll wait just a second, I believe there are some questions from Council. Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Sir, you mentioned something that I wanted to ask you about, and that was how do you think that this would impact the emergency services that you are receive in

this area, and if we have anyone here from the Fire Department who might have some figures on that, since you have a lot of elderly residents in case of a sickness or in case of a fire, how do you think closing this particular road would impact the delivering of emergency services?

Mr. Bradshaw: I can't answer that honestly, but it would be an impact. I have a defibrillator, and I'd hate for that sucker to go out, and that thing's closed, and for me to get to the hospital.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, if not at this point, maybe at another point, if Mr. Webb doesn't mind, if we have - - - Mr. Mayor do we have anybody here from the Fire Department who could maybe respond?

Mayor Glover: Brian Crawford.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Shyne if I may suggest, that might be better served during the debate for our - - - on the ordinance itself. And perhaps Brian could come up with the information that - - - could you do that Brian? Okay. Brian, lets save time, and I'm going to suggest for both of these crossings, that we have that information if you would. Thank you sir, and if you would give Ms. Bea right there on the corner your petitions, they'll make copies for us. Thank you very much. And I believe there was one other person to speak in opposition.

Mr. E. Jeff Baker: (1903 S. Brookwood) First of all, I want to thank you Council for allowing us to say a few words in regards to this closing. I know I may say a few things that's already been mentioned, a little repetitious, but bear with me, and I'll be brief as possible. First of all, I'd like to place myself just to the east side of Kingston Road, say for instance in the 8000 block of Kingston Road, more specifically, maybe the Hyde Park area. For example, if I lived there and would like to go to Lowe's, or go to Summer Grove Baptist Church, or to the Southside Shopping Center, I would be confused a little bit as to which way is the nearest way. If I went to the right going north, I'd go around and come out quite a ways north on Mansfield Road. Then I'd have to go south on Mansfield Road to get to Lowe's. If I went Kingston Road, to Bert Kouns, I'd take a right. So, that is quite a distance away. So, in a sense I would feel like that I'm being deprived of this shopping area on this side. I come before you today also representing myself as an individual, as a resident of the area. Also representing Rose-neath Funeral Home of which I have a signed petition by Mrs. Virginia Shehee indicating her opposition of the closure of this road. And here again, I'd like to make mention of an example, and the reason she's opposed to this. Only yesterday did I work a service, conduct a service, for Dr. Jimmy Thorpe's widow or wife who was the President of Baptist Christian School. It was quite a large turnout for this service. So, if you can only imagine that from Rose-Neath Funeral Home Southside, that would be the direct way to go to the church. It was used extensively for that service even as early as yesterday. I also come as a spokesman for Kingston Road Baptist Church at 8900 Kingston Road. Many, many, many of the church members, that church uses that because it is a direct way. Also we think in terms of distance and use of gasoline. Gasoline is going up. Now, from an individual homeowner standpoint, living on S. Brookwood, I ask my question, and also if residents east of Kingston Road, what alternative would they have as I just indicated, they'd have these two accesses to Kingston Road in this area. But would they find, and eventually they would find the little road that they could turn off to go down Brookwood from Kingston Road, turns into Lola Lane, intersects with Mansfield Road. Brookwood is a very quiet residential area, that we love. We enjoy living there. I have in my hand an official traffic count that was taken within the last 24 hours. It indicates right at 1800. This is on S. Brookwood. S. Brookwood, again a residential street. It has no shoulders to the street whatever. The passing of two vehicles is very limited. Now, let me say that Southern Hills is a growing

area, we're trying to come back as the old saying goes, 'the south is going to rise again', well this is Southern Hills is going to rise again. I thank you very much for the Southern Hills Business Association, the Southern Hills Residential Association, what the City Council, Brother Ron Webb is doing for us. I thank you for the Mayor, for his Town Hall Meeting, that we had in Southern Hills. So we can only look for the good things to come, but with the closure of this railroad crossing, I feel like that we are placing a wall between the many residences on the south of that railroad track, well the east of it, and anything to the west of it. So, I plead with every Council Member to consider this, think it over, and don't alienate us from the rest of the city. Thank you very much.

Councilman Walford: Thank you sir, and if you would give your slip and any information that you'd like to us to see to Bea. Any questions from the Council? Is there anyone else to speak in opposition to this ordinance? Well, let me as Mr. Cox suggested, could I ask everyone in favor of the ordinance to please stand? In favor of the closure? Alright, could I ask those opposed to please stand? Thank you very much. With that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 45 of 2007 is closed. And I will now open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 47 of 2007. *The Chairman read the following:*

Ordinance No. 47 of 2007: Authorizing the City to close the at-grade railroad crossing of the UPRR (Union Pacific Railroad) and Church Street located between Flournoy Lucas Road and Martin Street, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Councilman Walford: With that the public hearing is open, is there a presentation from the Administration?

Mr. Dark: Not over and above what we already said Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Okay, is there anyone here to speak in favor of this closing? Does anyone wish to speak in opposition to this closing? Alright. With that, the public hearing is closed. I would like to ask now is the Council to consider suspending the rules.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 49 of 2007. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Walford: At this time, Mr. Thompson, I would ask you to read Ordinance No. 49?

The Clerk read the following:

10. **Ordinance No. 49 of 2007:** An ordinance changing the name of the Civic Center to the James C. Gardner Building, and to Otherwise provide with respect thereto.
(B/Walford/F/Shyne)

Having passed first reading on March 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 Long to adopt.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there may be one or two people who'll want to speak.

Councilman Walford: I plan to have Mr. Dunn come, I didn't know of any others, but if there are. Discussion?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I've been honored to work with you and Mr. Thompson in order to craft this resolution. I think this is an honor that has been long overdue. I think Shreveport was very fortunate to have an individual like Mr. Gardner to be involved in the civic affairs in this city over - - - Mr. Hussey, I don't know if I'm saying it right, he's been involved in the civic affairs of this city over 50 years. Am I kinda close? Right, he's nodding his head yes. I think Shreveport is very fortunate.

Mayor Glover: 70 Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: It has been a pleasure for me to been able to talk with this individual from time to time, and to get some of his wisdom. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Councilman Long: I agree with Councilman Shyne's comments and I think it's - - - I'd certainly be honored, but I'll yield to you sir.

Councilman Walford: I certainly agree, but since we're taking things and suspending the rules, could I ask Forest Dunn to please come forward? Mr. Dunn, I hope that you don't mind that I take you a little out order from the Public Comments, but I think there are some things that you would like to say before we vote.

Mr. Forest Dunn: (606 Cumberland) Councilman Joe Shyne, just mentioned some of my speech, that he stole, and he's used to doing that to me.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you.

Mr. Dunn: But I've know Jim for 50 years, and he's written two books about his life in Shreveport. And after reading the second book, it dawned on me that there is not one single name or item of recognition that this outstanding statesman has done for the City of Shreveport. He served in the State Legislature. He was elected Mayor, and during his Administration, they built the City Hall, which was used for 25 years. Which is now the Police Station. Then he was the first Chairman of the new City Council, when we changed our form of government. I passed out to all of y'all or mailed you some of the things that he has accomplished, and it's just long overdue, and my request today is that we name the old City Hall, presently the Police Station as the James C. Gardner Building. First of all, I checked with him, he said let me think about it. Had his approval, and then I passed out some things to you, and I want to commend Arthur, cause he helped with drawing this up and his advice to me on how to go about it. I realize that Mr. Gardner is 82 years old, and once y'all pass it, then I have to go to the State Legislature. I have already contacted them, and I've had no one turn me down. So, usually in the legislature, when it is a local Bill, and all the delegation coop, and in the House they even put it on the Consent Calendar, and there's hardly any debate. So, I will go to the State Legislature, and ask their approval that this would be done. I was on the Legislature when we did this for Coach Eddie Robinson, and had to go to the Legislature is someone is still living. But I had a fellow work for me, Joyce, and his favorite song was 'Give me my roses when I'm living, don't you wait until I die.' And I just think we ought to do this for more living people who - - - Mr. Gardner is 82 years old, and lets do it while he's living, and I hope that you will approve this, and former Mayor Johnny Hussey wants to say a few words too Mr. Chairman. I remember one of my favorite little clichés is 'don't ever pass up the opportunity to shut up.' So, I'm through.

Councilman Walford: Thank you very much sir, and Mr. Hussey?

Councilman Shyne: I think Councilman Webb has learned that extremely well.

Councilman Walford: You gentlemen are saying it so much more eloquently than I could, so I'll use my time for you. Please sir.

Mr. James Hussey: This is a fine thing for you to do. Jim Gardner certainly deserving of this, and I'd appreciate your consideration of it and hope you vote for it favorably. Short enough?

Councilman Walford: We should have recorded that to play back for Mr. Shyne at times. Thank you very much sir.

Councilman Shyne: We worked together for a long time Mr. Walford, and we used to being in one another's company. I think it's a little strange for you.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I really appreciate Mr. Gardner. Sometime during the first part of my first term, I was presented with the challenge of what to and how to deal with the - - - many of the shotgun houses in Allendale and Ledbetter Heights. And trying to get some context on how we should deal with that, and the history behind that whole scenario. I was fortunate enough - - - Mr. Thompson suggested that I call Jim Gardner. And I was like you know, I've heard of this man, I've never obviously met him, and I'd heard so much about him, I thought he was about as tall as this building. But when I got a chance to meet him, he proved himself to be a little wealth of information on just the history of the shotgun houses in Shreveport, and that whole scenario relative to back in 1950, I believe Mr. Gardner was one of the proponents of eliminating the shotgun houses back then, to tear those down in terms of moving from a rental type scenario to a homeownership type scenario. And he paid a tremendous price for that. He was unelected as Mayor because that was one of the things that he wanted to do, and I found that very, very interesting. So, I just wanted to tell Mr. Gardner and say this again publicly. I really appreciate his wisdom and his knowledge, and he was able to put a lot of things for me as a freshman Cong - - - (whoa, I don't know where that came from) Councilman into perspective, and I really appreciate him for that. And through our conversations and our continued conversations, I've learned a lot about my district, and how I can better represent them. And it's also interesting to find out later down the line, that I went to Byrd with his grandson (inaudible), so life is kind of interesting that way. But he is certainly most deserving of this honor, and you know to have people like him as a resource for a new Councilman in terms of trying to do things nor your district in the 21st Century, in the year 2000 or the year 2005, to have some one with that type of institutional knowledge was very, very helpful to me. And I just want to tell him, and to his family and the City that he is a great person, and a tremendous resource, and he is most fitting of this honor. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Other discussion? Mr. Lester, you make me feel old, because I went to school with his daughter. But I was certainly proud to co-sponsor this legislation with Mr. Shyne, and 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.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, that just reminds me that I guess that Mayor Glover and myself are the senior elected officials in City Hall now. And I know it's kinda strange for Cedric to be considered a 'senior'. That shows you what time can do.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, if I may. I'd just like to express my sentiments with regard to the previous legislation that you all just passed. If you might indulge me?

Councilman Walford: Certainly sir.

Mayor Glover: Certainly want to applaud your leadership and Mr. Shyne and the rest of the Council in taking this step to honor an outstanding Shreveporter. Mayor Jim Gardner has

been commonly referred to as “Mr. Shreveport”, and I don’t think there’s any doubt that he put forth the type of work and effort and leadership that’s helped to do so much for this city of ours. I had one individual recently say that Mayor Gardner was one of the first visionary mayors that we ever elected in this city. And certainly without question, he was just that. The ability to be able to as Councilman Lester just made reference to, offer viewpoints, ideas, a vision that many found to be something that was out of the ordinary was something that he certainly is to be commended for. And as Councilman Lester has said and others of you as well, he has certainly been one throughout his time, I’m sure as a member of the House of Representative, the Shreveport City Council, and a Shreveport Mayor who was willing to share his wisdom, his insight. But more so, in the time that he has been a private citizen has been willing to offer (inaudible) to continue to serve. So, on behalf of the Administration and all of the City of Shreveport, I say thank you to you all for passing this measure. I encourage the legislature to make swift passage of the legislation there, and also offer thanks to Mayor Gardner on behalf of a grateful city.

Councilman Walford: Thank you very much Mr. Mayor. Mr. Shyne, I understand as we go back into regular session that you would like to recognize a distinguished guest.

Councilman Shyne: I would. You know we’ve been so busy and I want you all to know that some of the best people in the world come from Bienville Parish. And Calvin the reason why I’m saying that is because my wife comes from Bienville Parish.

Councilman Lester: Good answer.

Mayor Glover: Very good answer.

Councilman Shyne: Cedric can appreciate that. But we do have the Mayor here from the big little town of Gibsland, LA. Mr. Mayor, would you please stand, and you might want to just say word if we could indulge just for a minute or two, would you like to come up and just say a word or two to the Council and to the Mayor?

Mayor Pat White: (P. O. Box 732, Gibsland, LA) Yes Mr. Mayor and to the Council. Actually, I was planning on coming up anyhow. I wanted to say thank you so very much for Resolution 34. Our town is in desperate need of these cars, and I just wanted to say thank you. Because if you have a town and you have no way to police it. It can get away from you, and that’s one of the ways we can do it. As long as I’m standing here, I want to say we moved our “*Juneteenth*” Festival to the 9th, so that we wouldn’t conflict with the *Let the Good Times Roll Festival*, so please I’d like for y’all to come, and we should have a good time. Thank you. That’s all I have to say.

Councilman Walford: Thank you very much, and welcome. Mr. Shyne?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I’d just like to say, Mike I do want to tell you that the Mayor must be a pretty good politician, he was elected in a town where I believe it’s about 65% Black. So, you know he must be a pretty good politician. Right? Okay.

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

Confirmations and/or Appointments:

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, at this particular juncture, I would like to ask Mr. Jewel Wagner’s name to Confirmation for Appointment to the SPAR Council. There has been a vacancy there I want to say for about three years.

Councilman Walford: Alright Mr. Thompson, you're going to have to help me out here. That would be under adding legislation to the agenda, but added today, they would be voted on two weeks from now?

Mr. Thompson: It's up to the Council. He has to suspend the rules.

Councilman Shyne: I would like to add it today and let us vote on that today.

Mr. Thompson: I believe it's on your e-agenda, down at the bottom Jewel Wagner and also Ms. Palms, who was referred to yesterday. But you can suspend the rules to add both of these to the agenda and to vote on the at this time, or whenever you wish.

Councilman Walford: Alright so Mr. Shyne, I take it that your motion is to suspend the rules.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Bowman to suspend the rules to add Mr. Jewel Wagner and Ms. Palms to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted for the record for those maybe who are trying to follow us on television, we have been provided their information from the Mayor's office, just so that the record is complete on Mr. Wagner as well as Ms. Palms.

Councilman Walford: Okay, we have suspended the rules, could I have a motion to add these?

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Bowman to add these appointments to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

City Attorney:

Ms. Terri Scott

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Bowman to confirm the appointment of Ms. Terri Scott to the position of City Attorney. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Metropolitan Planning Commission:

Ms. Mary Wilson

Mr. Winzer Andrews

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Bowman to confirm the appointments of Ms. Mary Wilson and Mr. Winzer Andrews to the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I would like to commend you for making two excellent selections. Two people who have dedicated their (I want to say their adult lives, because I don't know anything about their lives when they were a child), but they have dedicated their adult lives to making things better, so you could not have made a better selection. And Mr. Chairman, could Dr. Wilson, I just want you to raise your hand. And I knew Dr. Wilson back almost in elementary school, and I did. Mr. Winzer, would you stand? You're a young man. Alright.

And I'm sorry, that's Dr. Wilson's son that's sitting right behind her, and he reminded me when I used to call a lot of fouls on him, Cedric when he was playing basketball.

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

A & E Selection Committee:

Mr. Ron Weems
Mr. David Aubrey

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to confirm the appointments of Mr. Ron Weems and Mr. David Aubrey to the A & E Selection committee.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I guess I'm talking a lot again, but again Mr. Mayor, I think you made two excellent selections.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Shyne.

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

Councilman Walford: Congratulations to you both, I know Mr. Weems was here earlier.

Councilman Shyne: Right, there he is right there. Would you all stand?

Mayor Glover: They're both young men as well Mr. Shyne. They can stand.

Councilman Shyne: They Mayor said both of y'all are young men, so you all can stand.

Councilman Walford: You can stand. Again, congratulations to both of you.

GIS Administrator, DOS

Ms. Jennifer Zumbada

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Shyne to confirm the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Zumbada to the position of GIS Administrator in Department of Operational Services. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just want to hear Mr. Thompson say her name again.

Mr. Thompson: I tried to say it fast.

SPAR COUNCIL

Mr. Jewel Wagner

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Bowman to confirm the appointment of Mr. Jewel Wagner to the SPAR Council.

Councilman Shyne: Again Mr. Mayor, I'd like to commend you for making an excellent selection. Now look, I'm doing all this just in case he makes one that I disagree with, I can tell him.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I understand it's a double-edged sword.

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

Councilman Webb: Mr. Chairman, before we go further on the agenda, I think the next thing on the list here is adding legislation?

Councilman Walford: I think we have one more appointment. Mr. Thompson.

Councilman Webb: Thank you.

SHREVE MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

Ms. Levada Palms

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Lester to confirm the appointment of Ms. Levada Palms to the Shreve Memorial Library Board.

Councilman Bowman: Mr. Mayor, you made a wonderful, you made an excellent choice. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Council Member Bowman.

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

Mayor Glover: Thank you Council Members.

Councilman Webb: I was going to ask before we move on, would it be appropriate at this time to suspend the rules to address Ordinances 45 and 47? Can we do that since time - - -

Councilman Walford: If you're making that in the form of a motion, I believe we can get a second.

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Shyne to consider Ordinance Nos. 45 and 47 of 2007. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

7. **Ordinance No. 45 of 2007**: An ordinance authorizing the City to close the at-grade railroad crossing of the UPRR (Union Pacific Railroad), and Live Oak Drive located between Shady Lane Drive, and Mansfield Highway, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Public Hearing - March 27, 2007*) (E/Webb)

Councilman Webb: Mr. Chairman, at this time, I would like to move that Ordinance 45, the closure of Live Oak, located - - - the railroad located between Shady Lane Drive and Mansfield Highway be denied.

Councilman Shyne: I'll second that.

Mr. Thompson: Our rules, our practice is that you would move to approve it, but you would ask the Council to vote against it, and it would have the same affect, but it just keep our documents consistent.

Councilman Webb: Say that one more time. Ask the Council to approve it?

Mr. Thompson: You would move to approve it, and ask the Council to vote against the motion.

Councilman Webb: Okay, if that's the way we have to do it, I'll move for the approval and ask for the Council to vote against it please, and I'd like to.

Councilman Walford: Okay that's the motion by Mr. Webb.

Having passed first reading on March 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.

Councilman Walford: Discussion?

Councilman Webb: Yes thank you. When I was first contacted by public works in reference to the closing of the railroad crossing, I think Mr. Dark explained earlier what the railroad was looking for and what the rules are. I certainly don't have a problem with closing a railroad track if its really needed, but I didn't want to do so without having a public hearing. And I ask that we move forward with the public hearing, because I did want to hear from the constituents. It's a shame that the way all this goes about, that the people are really - - - are not notified about a public hearing, other than just by word of mouth, and maybe reading about it in the paper, right when it happens. Had this - - - I understood yesterday, in our Work Session, had this been a railroad abandonment, that this would have gone before the MPC, and there would have been an MPC hearing which they in fact would have gone out and put out the little zoning change signs, and you would have gotten notified that way. Unfortunately, going the way that we were going there's really no way to get the word out other than by word of mouth. And I think the word of mouth did get around pretty good. I'm not in favor of closing this railroad crossing. I know I've talked to a lot of people, and I don't know how many signatures we've got on these petitions. But there were several of them. I know they were passed around to the Councilmen. And I would ask for the Council's support to remain this crossing open, and that we look for an alternative closing with another track. Thank you.

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

8. **Ordinance No. 47 of 2007:** An ordinance authorizing the City to close the at-grade railroad crossing of the UPPR (Union Pacific Railroad) and Church Street located between Flournoy Lucas Road and Martin Street, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Public Hearing - March 27, 2007*) (*E/Webb*)

Having passed first reading on March 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.

Councilman Webb: I'd like to speak on this one also. I don't know if y'all really know where this railroad track is. It's when you go around behind - - - when you go down Bert Kouns, and you turn on Flournoy Lucas, and go around behind the skating rink? Johnny's Catfish on Bert Kouns, behind it, there's Flournoy Lucas. And right before you get to Pines Road, I don't know exactly how many feet it is before you get to Pines Road, maybe 500 feet or so, there's a little crossing that goes over into the neighborhoods. Not very many houses back over there, and it's really not going to jeopardize their travel in my opinion, because it's just a hop skip and a

jump right there to the Pines Road, and then come out. It may take them an extra 45 seconds to go around, and I haven't heard of any opposition at all from the constituents on this. Once again, all of them may not know about it. But I don't have a problem with closing this one. There's one of our closings, and we're just going to have to look for another one. Hopefully, it won't be in my district. Thank you.

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

Adding Legislation to the Agenda

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 45 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to dispose by public auction of vehicles, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 46 of 2007**: A resolution rejecting bids received on IFB #07-006, Concrete adapters and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 47 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Caddo Parish School Board in connection with its "Celebration of the Arts and Achievements" event, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Resolution No. 48 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of twelve computers and twelve printers valued in the amount of Ten Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$10, 223, 00) from the Shack Harris & Doug Williams Foundation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 58 of 2007**: ZONING C-24-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the West Side of Southern 150 feet north of 63rd Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to R-1D-E, Urban One-Family Residence/Extended Use District Limited to an office, 14' x 25' Storage Building, and Parking for five vehicles only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to add Resolution Nos. 45, 46, 47, and 48 of 2007, and Ordinance No. 58 of 2007 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I would like at some point, not today, not (inaudible) to speak with someone from the Administration as well as someone regarding the Convention Center. I guess that would be Mr. Carrier relative to the resolution no. 1, the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the School Board with the Celebration of Arts and Achievements. If I could get someone from the Administration to sit down with me about that. I have some

questions, prior to us voting. And I just wanted to say that now, so it's not a mystery when vote on it, I think the - - it's only on for introduction today, and I think we can't vote on it until the 10th of April. And so, I just want to make that comment now.

Public Comments (*Agenda Items to be Adopted*)

Mr. Steve Simon: (1066 N. Pointe Circle) This is a replat on Gilbert and 70th on two lots into three lots. It's also the City Engineer's office had asked - - - at the corner the property line comes to an angle point, and the City asked that that be grounded. So we're actually giving the City about 30 square feet. Any questions?

Mr. Joseph Omo Omuar (3609 Ninock) First of all, I'd like to say I'm proud to be here before the Council and the Mayor. And the reason I was here is because I happened to be at the Breakfast Club this morning, and I had been reading about the issue of the Friends of Municipal Auditorium, and the contractual agreement that y'all have about the \$4.00 per ticket charge, I am in the entertainment industry, and I'm kinda like an inspired promoter, and what has happened as far as the \$4.00 ticket charge is kinda unheard of in our particular arena. Which is usually a ticket tax. Which is not unusual for a city to charge a ticket tax. Usually that ticket tax is \$1.00 per ticket. But when you look at a \$4.00 ticket charge or a ticket tax, you've gone from a ticket that used to cost \$25, now cost \$29.00. Tickets that used to cost \$35.00 now cost \$39.00. A ticket that cost \$45.00 now cost \$49.00. So, with that usually and I don't know what the amenities that they would bring along to that as far as our promoters are concerned. You have a ticket printer and distributor usually add those to the ticket prices when they have an entertainment event. Now, that usually includes amenities like online ticket services, retail services, distribution and all these particular services are added to the promoter or to the venue as a promotional item as far as a ticket agent, not as what is a venue provides to the promoter. Now, I don't know how the circumstances of the contractual agreement is made, where is it a private or non-profit organization who is managing a public venue. Usually that contractual agreement is made between the promoter and a ticket agent or a distributor. For example like TicketMaster, Ticket.com and they usually add those particular costs onto the ticket price to the customer. Now if a promoter comes in and he has already has a contractual agreement with TicketMaster, or Ticket.com where they already charge you the community already \$4.00, and they book their venue at Municipal Auditorium, that ticket price goes from \$4.00 to \$8.00. So, now you have an \$8.00 charge on a ticket. So, if you start off with a \$10.00 ticket, now your ticket is \$18.00. And so it has a dual capacity, and when I see the dual capacity kinda has murky water in which you know being that this particular agent is a non-profit organization. And it's murky because will it be for me as a private business person, would that be a \$4.00 donation to the non-profit organization, or is that a \$4.00 price for doing business with the City of Shreveport. So, will it be a donation or either way. So anyway it is kinda like undeserving of the venue management to receive \$4.00 for managing the agreement which they already got contractual agreement with the city already to provide a service, because they're getting paid for providing a service to the city already. So, in other words, what I'm trying to say is that on one hand, it's already getting paid for delivering services to the city. On the other hand, it's charging me the promoter for the same services that you all are already paying them for. So, it adds more additional cost to the price of the ticket, inflating the tickets, and probably most likely going to hurt the attendance of the event that the promoter might have.

Councilman Shyne: Just one moment. About how much more time do you need?

Mr. Omuari: I'm just about wrapped up sir.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, now if you need a minute, we'll get you a minute, but you need to wrap up in the next few seconds, we just let you.

Mr. Omuari: Sure, no problem. So, on the other hand, as I was saying, from my standpoint as a promoter, it's adding. It's like double dipping. I'm getting money from - - - I'm getting \$4.00 from here, from me the promoter, and I'm getting service provided for the City. The City of Shreveport is already paying me for the same services, and yet as the promoter, you're not delivering me any more amenities to the service that you're providing, because you're not asking as a retailer, or a distributor or anything else for the tickets for the services I already purchased from another company. So, in other words I say it would really hike up the prices of tickets and it's unheard of for a venue to charge a surcharge on the ticket but it's not contrary for a city to add that city tax to it.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you very much for coming down and expressing your thoughts and ideas. This is government at work. Mr. Harold Austin.

Mr. Harold Austin: I don't really know what this gentleman is talking about. And I apologize for that, but what I wanted to visit about for a moment is the Friends of the Municipal, I see when I go down there which is not every week, but every so often depends on basically what they're having or whatever. But all I see going on at the Municipal Auditorium as far as the Friends go is they are volunteering an immense amount of time. I'll give you one know example for sure. I have (inaudible) a little bit and I'm not even going to say anything about that being to a great value of anything. But when we have a show on or something, and I half the time after church on Sunday afternoon, I come down and visit. But sitting on this row back here is several people that support the friends of the Municipal. And I have never put a dime of money into the Friends. And anyone here is welcome to or anyone in town is welcome to. But what they basically do that I see is they are taking care of this beautiful building that the City of Shreveport at one time, considered tearing down. That makes about as much sense - - - it would make more sense to tear this building down that we're sitting, and the one across the street. I'm speaking from the standpoint of historical or things that happened or things that can happen. That building is open for anybody that wants to perform there as long as they go through the proper things. And that would be either the City, as I understand it, or the Friends. The Friends are only there, the way that I see it, they're keeping that building clean, keeping air circulating through it. Things that keeps a building alive. I know that each of you are old enough to have been down through the country with your parents where your grandparents used to live or something, and you see after somebody moves out of a house, and it falls down. In a short period of years, it starts to deteriorate. This building right here has got so many memories in it. The Lyman Auditorium in Nashville, TN can't rival this building. It's the architecture of it. This lady right back here, Ms. Carolyn Harris, she and her husband Jerry Harris, are running a gift shop in that building. Half of everything that Jerry sells that's his is donated to the building. Everything that's got the name of anything to do with the Hayride or the Municipal or anything, when he sells that or Carolyn sells that - - -

Councilman Walford: Sir, let me interrupt you just one minute. Do you need additional time. Your three minutes are up.

Mr. Austin: Okay, I wasn't aware of the three minutes. I just wonder why the City would even consider trying to take over a building that they would have to - - - anyway, I guess if this thing survives, I'd like to see it get on the National Historic Records. Maybe bigger than it might be, or whatever. I hadn't even checked into that. But just going down there, I know that this group of volunteers back here, and that's a very minor number of the volunteers. Of the people

that put \$10 or \$1,000 to do this thing. There are people that have thousands of dollars worth of display in this building that they have donated for people that want to come in and make a donation and have a tour of it. This thing dates back to people who have written books that mention Huddy Ledbetter, where we got the Ledbetter Heights. And unfortunately I wasn't born in a time to visit and see him. And neither were most of the people that are working in this building. But if he had, he'd been right up on stage with all of the other famous people that came from this area. A tremendous amount of people have come from this area, and a lot of them have made history right there in the Municipal Auditorium. To name a few, Elvis Presley and you know a lot of them are White, but I can tell you one thing, if given the opportunity, Ledbetter would have been the first one there and I would have been so glad to be able to bend at his feet. But anyway thank you for this opportunity to speak. And please consider to let us keep up and take care of this beautiful building. It really doesn't make any sense to me for you to hire somebody to come in there that wouldn't care, and try to do what's done by the Friends. Thank you so much.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Austin, just before you go to your seat, if you would not leave, I'll answer your questions for you. I'll give you some good solid reasons why the city needs to (inaudible) and take a look at this contract. If you don't leave, if you just sit down over there, I'll give you some good answers.

Mr. Austin: Okay, is that something that you should share or don't care to share with everybody here?

Councilman Shyne: I'm going to share it with everybody. That's why I'm telling you, if you'll sit down over there I'm going to share it with everybody. I just didn't want you to leave. Sometimes people come up and speak, and then they leave.

Mr. Austin: Well, I'll go get me a drink of water, and then I'll be back.

Councilman Shyne: I'll give you some good answers. And if you have to go to the little boy's room, go because we don't want you to - - -.

Mr. Austin: I'm going to take care of that too!

Mr. Michael Williams: (2101 Carver Street) To the Honorable Mayor Glover, Mr. Chairman, and to all our City Councilmen, and to my Councilman, Councilman Lester. To the At-Large Councilman, Councilman Shyne. Mr. Chairman, Mayor and citizens of this great city of the new south, which I feel entertains the economic engine that teach the way of (inaudible) in our community besides the film and tourism. But I rise because of a concern that I encountered with a friend of mine, that I'm a business man, and I guess I've been chosen to be the spokesperson for the group. And they had an encounter with this Friends of the Municipal. They approached the Friends of the Municipal to bring an event. An adult entertainment event which was very successful. We had an outstanding show the other night with the Isley Brothers in Shreveport. I thank Councilman Shyne for his support, showing his support financially and spiritually for being there with us and supporting the cause. But because of the event, or because of the contractual agreement, with the Friends of the Municipal and the Executive Director at that time, they felt that they were being treated unfairly. So, unfortunately, they felt because their concerns were falling on death ears, they had to take it to the City Administration, particularly we met with Dale Sibley in the City Administration, and Councilman Shyne and Councilman Lester to insure that a quality show could still exist in this facility. Without the help of this Administration, this Mayor and this Councilmen, we would not have had a show. They would not have had a show because they could not come to a contractual agreement. And we all came to work in the spirit of compromise, but we were met with confrontation. And I ask that

you as the elected officials, don't always take people's conversation, but get their documentation. We wanted to participate and work together to bring quality events to our city. But unfortunately, we were met with resistance with the Friends of the Municipal. Now we know that Shreveport has a rich heritage and a bright future in the entertainment and tourism and film industry. However the perception was the Friends of the Municipal felt like it was their building and it belonged to the City of Shreveport. If they were doing such a good job, why did SPAR have to come and take this event over and make sure the show goes on, if they were doing such a good job. We wouldn't be in the shape that we're in now Ms. Bowman, if it had not been for the SPAR, we wouldn't have had a show. So, I wanted to just challenge you that unfortunately I believe we should all work together for what's best for our city. But sometimes people say things, and then they use it for their own selfish gain. And we were met with all types of resistance. And Mr. Jones I would say, he's retired from the promotion industry, and he's now a consultant. He has put together a professional entertainment consulting group from Memphis, from Los Angeles, from California, and New Orleans to provide some directions to our city and insure that we get the most for our money in our city. However, but because of - - - now here's a man who took a building that was not being used in the past. Had birds in it and brought it back to preservation where people can utilize the facility, and this City Council gave this gentleman an award for what he did. That's Mr. Garland Jones, who I feel has been the ambassador of entertainment in this city of Shreveport. And there are time I think we need to recognize our own people and don't go outside to look for folk to do what we can do in Shreveport. Cause Shreveport has some good people, some great people. That I feel can do some of the jobs that we always contract out, outside the City of Shreveport. We need to start utilizing our own great minds and our great people. That's why they leave, because we always look outside when we got inside people who can do the job. I'm not questioning the volunteerism of the Friends and what they've given back to the community. That's not my plight. That's not my despair. What my biggest problem was when they came to me because they had no help, they had no direction, and they had no ear. And that's why we came before this Administration, asking for their help. And they helped. And we were very grateful for what they done. We had an outstanding show. It was a great economic impact, and it was a win-win. When we learn to bring and work together in diversity and work together, we live in a multicultural imperialistic society. We're not going anywhere, we might as well learn to work together. We don't learn to work together, we're going to blow up together. And this city is definitely going up. It's time for a change. This city is under a new administration. It's not the same. We can't ill-afford to live in the past. We cannot let our past upset our future, we must move forward. And we're trying to do that by working together. But when you're met with resistance, with the Friends of the Municipal Auditorium, what do you do when you have no where to go. We elected you to make it fair, to be impartial, to look in your hearts and do what's right. We want to do what's right in our city. We have a great city, we have a great mayor, a great administration, very competent to do the right thing. So I'm asking you to do the right thing and stand with Councilman Shyne. It's not that we want to manage the facility or take anything away. We just want to make sure that people are treated fairly, businessmen and promoters in this city, and have a fair share to do business in this city. That's all they're asking. They're not asking for a handout, they're asking for some help. We elected you to be color blind, to do what is right, to roll up your sleeves, and make things fair for our city. So people can come here and don't want to move and go to Bossier and other places. But stay here and spend their tax dollars here. To put city sales taxes back into the coffers. I know you have a lot of unfunded mandates. Our children need somewhere to go,

they need opportunities. Young businessmen need somewhere to go. They want to come to Shreveport and bring good business to our city. And I believe we have that opportunity. But if I were you, I would also take a look at the production entertainment consultants. Because I believe they can do a lot to help this city move in the right direction. And provide some objective ways to make the city better. I ask for your support. I appreciate the opportunity to speak before this esteemed group. Thank you very much.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Williams for coming down.

**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. 37 of 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MARVIN HITE & SHARON SCOTT HITE, LOCATED AT 5720 N. LAKESHORE DR., TO CONNECT TO THE SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Marvin Hite & Sharon Scott Hite 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 Marvin Hite & Sharon Scott Hite, be authorized to connect the building located at 5720 N. Lakeshore Dr., to the sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

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. 38 of 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JUNIPER BUILDERS, INC., LOCATED AT 1018 OSPREY DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Juniper Builders, Inc. 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 Juniper Builders, Inc., be authorized to connect the proposed building to be located at 1018 Osprey Dr., 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 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.

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

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

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION 31 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM CHEMTRADE LOGISTICS/CHEMTRADE REFINERY SERVICES, INC. AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

WHEREAS, Chemtrade Logistics/ Chemtrade Refinery Services, Inc. has offered to donate a Confined Space Rescue Team Kit-Rigging to the Shreveport Fire Department for use in execution of confined space rescues; and,

WHEREAS, the item is valued at six thousand nine hundred and seventeen dollars and 35/100 (\$6,917.35); and,

WHEREAS, Shreveport City Code Chapter 26-187 requires City Council approval for acceptance of any donations valued in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)

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 accept the donation of property referenced herein and execute any necessary documents to complete the donation.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2007

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

BY;

WHEREAS, the City desires to donate two Ford Crown Victoria cars to the City of Gibsland, Louisiana which serves a public purpose and renders a public service; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 315 of 1979, requires City Council approval of an agreement made and entered into by the City of Shreveport and any person or entity, whereunder such person or entity receives a donation in return for service which serves a public purpose; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I think this is an excellent move with the City of Shreveport reaching out to cities around us, showing them how much compassion we have, and letting them know that whenever they're looking for entertainment, or shopping, they are welcomed to come to Shreveport and spend some of their tax dollars.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Mayor, would you please pass that on to the folks every there, that they are welcomed to come and spend their money here, I think is what Mr. Shyne said.

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

3. **Resolution No. 35 of 2007:** A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation and Stageworks of Louisiana, LLC in connection with an Economic Development Award Program loan; to authorize the mayor to execute all documents on behalf of the City of Shreveport with regard to the amendment; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

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

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. In the body of the program, it speaks to a reduction in the amount of jobs required, but in looking through our electronic portion, I was not able to see what exactly the job and payroll performance reduction is going to be. And I'd feel more comfortable voting on that after I found out what that number was. So, I don't know if someone with the Administration, and I apologize, I wasn't here at the Work Session yesterday. Someone might have a quick answer for that, I don't - - -.

Mayor Glover: Councilman Lester, I think that Arlena Acree was here a minute ago, I'm not sure if she still is. I do know that I believe that adjustments are being made based upon the actual experiences of the folks at Stageworks are now encountering, now that they're actually in operation. The original application was based upon what they projected, and this is more in line with what they are actually experiencing at this time. If you all want to make a motion to skip over this portion or this item rather, and we can come back to it at another point in the agenda, if that would be appropriate to get an answer to that question, or I'll take the direction as the Council is interested in proceeding.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have an answer to that before I vote on that.

Councilman Walford: Would you like to amend your motion and provide us with a subsidiary motion?

Councilman Lester: Right. My amended motion would be to postpone this matter for consideration to a later point in this meeting, and if - - - well, I won't do a compound motion. I'll just say to postpone this till a later point in the meeting. But I will say to my colleagues, if we cannot get that information, I would then be asking for a postponement until we got the hard and concrete numbers.

Substitute motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone this matter for consideration to a later point in this meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

4. **Resolution No. 39 of 2007:** Authorizing and providing for the waiver of Permit Fees for the construction of Steelscape, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION FOR GILBERT DRIVE IN OAK HILLS SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 4 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the dedication for Gilbert Drive in Section 19, (T17N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and as shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and the same is hereby accepted as dedicated to the public for public use in the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the original plat reflecting the dedication for Gilbert Drive be recorded in the official records of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, 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.

6. **Resolution No. 41 of 2007**: Terminating the agreement with Friends of the Municipal Auditorium styled Amendment Number 2 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

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

Councilman Walford: Why do I think there's going to be some discussion here Mr. Shyne?

Councilman Shyne: I think you know it's going to be some discussion, because you know we love one another.

Councilman Walford: The floor is yours sir.

Councilman Shyne: We love one another. We can afford to disagree. My position is from talking to different groups of people. First of all you have to be extremely careful when you let a private organization come in and manage a public facility. First of all, I've had people tell me in the community that Joe, we didn't know anything about this. I think in the beginning, the community should have been aware of what was going on in a public building, and I know the building. Councilman Long and I have discussed it, and we know the building is in District A.

Councilman Walford: No, no, no.

Councilman Shyne: I mean, I'm sorry District B.

Councilman Walford: Thank you sir.

Councilman Shyne: But just because the building is in District B, it does not belong to District B. This is not dealing with dilapidated houses in District B, or in District C, or in District F, or in District A. This isn't dealing with railroad crossing, and you know this is a totally different animal altogether. And this is totally a different situation from having SMG manage the Convention Center. This is a different cat altogether. We're not against the Friends of the Municipal doing what - - - doing the volunteering. But there are problems. And it's our responsibility. This is why we are elected. We are elected to make sure that these problems are solved. What we need to do, is to terminate this contract, come back to square one, bring everybody to the table, and lets come up with a better document. What we have there, we have a diamond in the rough. That is a historical area, not only the building. But that is a historical area Mr. Mayor, that we can build on. And you know we talked about this during the Hazel Beard Administration, when you were a City Council Person. We talked about how we needed to polish that diamond. How we needed to gradually work on that diamond, how we needed to have diversity. How we needed to get all groups involved, and I think at that time, F.A.M.E, is there anybody here with F.A.M.E., if so just raise your hand, you don't have to stand up. They came forward got a lot of private funds. I think there probably was a few public dollars put into their plan, and if you look in front of you, I think you have a plan that was put together by F.A.M.E, showing what could be done with that area. That's a beautiful area. We could be known in Atlanta, we could be known in Nashville. We could be known in London. The only thing we have to do is gradually develop that area. They Mayor and one of his Department Heads is heading to Atlanta to look, to see what Atlanta did to an area. How they developed an area. We can do the same thing. Now, when we're talking about money, we put almost \$5,000,000 of public money in that building to renovate. This is not by the Friends of the Municipal. This was not by F.A.M.E, this was not by any other organization. Public funds, people lived everywhere. This is I think Mr. Williams said, you need some documentation. So Mr. Williams, we have some documentation. And we also look at the utilities. What the city spends on utilities. In the year of 2005, the city spent over \$44,000 on utilities. Not the Friends of the Municipal. Not any other organization, but the City of Shreveport, taxpayers. AEP, we spent \$41,000 on - - - with AEP for electricity. Not no organization, but the public, taxpayers. That's why the public is concerned about what's happening with this building. I've had them to call me and say well Joe, if y'all going to let somebody manage that, let - - - you know we've got an organization, we can put together to manage the Independence Stadium, since you all want to get out of managing buildings. Since somebody say you don't have any concern, so I say, wait, wait, wait, you got the wrong impression. Water and Sewerage, we have spent over \$5,000 of taxpayer dollars. I don't have any problems with organizations coming in, and utilizing the building, but I do think that we need to bring the building back under the auspices of the city. We need to draw up a new contract. We need to take a new look at this. There are a lot of benefits that can be derived from this. If it's was brought back, we come up with a new document, and I think everybody will be happy. And I think that's what we have to do. I think we're getting into some troubled waters when we start letting private organizations or one private organization manage public buildings. This is basically how I got involved in it. I mean, I really didn't know the contract was like that, until the problems that were brought to me. I'd heard people talk about problems, I'd heard some ministers talk about they were trying to have some

programs, and Joe, why did y'all jack up the prices. I say, I don't know. I hadn't been on the Council lately. I've had other people to call me about the situation down there. I think it's something with the - - - they had somebody from (inaudible) call me and was talking about some of the problems with the stage hands. And then lastly a promoter came and said, Joe, we can't make a profit. We cannot make a profit. If you can't make a profit, how do you think promoters can continue to bring entertainment into the city. And Mr. Mayor, I think you know as well as I do and the other Council Members that, that's one of the last buildings that can be used for entertainment, that's affordable. We have a lot of organizations that cannot go to the Convention Center. Because they don't have that kind of capital. They cannot use Expo Hall, because we have our movie industry using that facility. We have a facility at Independence Stadium, and I think for some organizations, that's not quite large enough to rent the upper deck, and I want to thank Shelly for stepping Mr. Mayor, and making sure that the group over the weekend was able to put their entertainment on, because from what I was told that people were calling down and asking about the affair, and they were being told that it's not going to happen, it's not going to happen.

Citizen in the audience: That is not true.

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, but you're out of order, and we'll ask you to leave. We don't speak from back there.

Councilman Walford: Ma'am, ma'am.

Councilman Shyne: We do not speak from back there.

Citizen in the audience: (Inaudible).

Councilman Walford: Ma'am, I'm going to ask you to please - - -

Councilman Shyne: Could we get an officer?

Councilman Walford: Go ahead Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Okay. Mr. Mayor, we cannot afford to have that kind of perception here in Shreveport. And I think you kinda see now, you know the friction that we might have. That there are some people who feel like that this building, because of the contract, might be their private domain. But this is a public facility. And my position is we want to keep this building. We want to be customer friendly. We want this Administration, we want this Council to be customer friendly. We don't need this kind of combative - - - and I think we've seen a good example of the kind of attitude. Not everybody, not like Ms. Burton has a very pleasant attitude, and that's the way you work with the public. But you can't be combative, when you're dealing with the public. Now if you own the building, if it's your building, you do with it whatever you want to do. But this is a public facility. I think we need to come back, I think we need to bring all of the persons together, and lets come up with a new contract, and I think we need to give everybody Mr. Mayor, an opportunity to put a little bit in the pot. And this is how you come up with a good ole 'Louisiana gumbo'. You know you let everybody add a little something. And everybody come out. I think you all have a nice museum in there, I'd just like to see you, Ms. Burton have a little bit more diversity probably. And I know you would plan to work in that direction, and we want everybody included in this because this is a diamond. We got to make this thing grow. We've got to make this thing beneficial to Shreveport. We can't let nobody think 'hey, this is my personal territory', or 'this is my thing'. I was at the meeting that was held up in the SPAR. So, you don't have to tell me about second hand. I was there. I saw a flavor, of being combative that I just didn't like. That we just can't afford to have when we're dealing with public buildings, that are being paid for by the public. And it goes to show you that the upkeep of this building is being paid for by the public. I appreciate what you all have done, I

appreciate what you are doing. I think we can take it to another step. I think we can improve on it Mr. Mayor, and I think we can have a document that we all can live by, and that we all can appreciate. But we need to come back to square one. We all need to take a look at where we want to go, how we want to get there and give everybody an opportunity to add something. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Councilman Webb: I feel that we're really acting a little bit premature on this. I admire the Mayor for meeting with the Board Members Monday, I believe it was. From my understanding there were eight Board Members that attended that meeting, which tells me, or shows me that they do care and that they are concerned about what happens to this facility. And I know there's been a lot of volunteers and a lot of work going in with this. And I know the Mayor signed onto this in February and I know after meeting with y'all, we had a - - - in our Work Session yesterday, I asked the Mayor about this, and he told me that he felt that there were some problems, but that they could be worked out. And if we choose, or if the Council votes on retaining this contract, that he does have some amendments to the contract that he would like to see moved forward. And I'm very much in favor of giving so to speak a second chance, and allowing to see that happen. I just don't feel, and I think we're making a grave mistake by just pulling the plug so quickly. And I don't know if there's some politics being played in this, but I don't want to be a part of that, and I think we need to be fair, and give this thing a chance to survive, and if it's going to crumble, I assume it will - - - whatever changes are made, by the Mayor to the contract, it will surface quickly, and we can deal with it then. I'm just in favor of leaving things like they are, and try to work this out for us. I just don't think that we need to bring it back in house. I just - - - I don't have a problem with the Friends of the Municipal working this, and I would hope that the Council would move to keep this in place. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Long: Generally speaking with Councilman Shyne's comments about the situation. I have maintained from the beginning that any group that comes and gets themselves in the position that we're in now with the public building like that, should demonstrate the capacity and the ability to fulfill the function of what they stated that they could do. I'm not questioning their intent here, because they have great intent, and that's been demonstrated time and time again. However, I think what's been missing in all of this is back when the previous Council or Administration allowed this agreement and it was voted on at the very last Council Meeting, was that there was to me in my mind, there was just not enough preparation on either side of the coin to prepare this group to really officially do the things that they were tasked with doing through this agreement. Quite frankly, there's really to my knowledge, there's nobody in their group, in their management group that has had municipal building management experience. There is nobody that's had a true entertainment venue experience, and other capacities that Councilman Walford, when you made the statement that we do this and this with SMG, and I agree, we do do that. But those people are also professionally run, professional organizations that do this as a means of livelihood. And I think that in a sense what happened is when we got entered into this agreement, there was not enough preparation on the part of maybe SPAR and the Administration to help these people in the transition and understand what the true functions and responsibilities are, and the knowledge base that a group needs to have in order to effectively do all this. Okay? There was probably some, in other words they were basically told 'here are the keys, get after it, good luck'. Well, you know that was probably not fair to the friends to have done that, because they needed more help, they needed to develop the capacity, they needed to develop the expertise in order to fulfill the tasks, and the functions, and the responsibilities

that they so wish to have. So I mean, there's you know fault on both sides. Maybe they shouldn't have taken or gotten involved in this situation not knowing that they had that capacity. I know for a fact that they've had numerous problems with management of that organization, of finding people who can work the position, and manage the situation, and I realize that that is true for any potential non-profit. I've been involved with non-profits. It's hard to find good people to work and when you have limited resources, it's hard to pay people to work and do things. So there's a lot of stuff on both sides of the coin here. I personally would wish that this Administration would explore a situation where we do - - - you know I'm not opposed to a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Friends at some level, that they continue to operate the gift shop, the tours, and the other - - - the museum, and do things to create awareness and create the goodwill that is necessary to maintain a building and it's historical significance like this. I'm all for that. But in the same breath, I'm of the opinion that the City, through SPAR should be the ones who manage the day-day operations, and the booking and the handling of all events that go on in there. That's my opinion. Again, until the Friends can develop the capacity to fulfill that role, and fulfill it effectively. So at this point and time, I'm kinda mixed as to where to go with all this. I agree that we don't - - - I agree with - - - I see where Councilman Shyne's coming from on this, and also understand the discussions of the other Council Persons on this issue, and I've had discussions with other people, and the situation is that it's very difficult. But I would ask at this point that the Administration, if we're going to do this, then lets tighten it up. Lets either do it right or don't do it at all. In other words, lets bring it back in house, and do what's necessary to empower SPAR to manage this facility in the way that it should be managed, and do what it needs to do. So, at this point, I still hadn't decided how I'm going to vote, but that's how I feel about it. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a few thoughts. The previous Council, did not vote on the contract. That's a misnomer that's out there. The previous Council voted to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement. Much like we've done with some items on today's agenda. We authorize the Mayor, No. 35, Authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement, an amendment. So, there was never a time where we were presented with a contract from the Council's standpoint, this, that and the other. I think one of the points that Councilman Long made, I definitely do agree with in terms of the absolute importance of having someone on board with the Friends that has a certain level of expertise and experience in dealing with some of these issues in terms of bookings and things of that nature. I think to be completely, the last two people that they have hired as Executive Director, did not represent, I think the organization particularly well. And that's putting it as nice as I can put it. The first person, and of course, this is my own opinion, this is not authorized by the City of Shreveport, but I think the first person had some complicity in a very duplicitous plot to take the building from the auspices of the city through working some legislative back channels. And at a minimum, the person that was the last Executive Director, shall we say did not take questioning very well. And I was at the meeting, and Mr. Shyne was present at SPAR's office. It was not a confrontational scenario at all. We just merely asked questions. And the person that was there representing Friends did not represent herself, or I think the organization very well at all. And might I say that Councilman Shyne was being very nice, cause I've seen him not be nice. And he was very nice, and when she got offended at him being nice, I said well you know she might have some problems surviving later on down the line. But I will say this, I do think it's important for the Friends of the Municipal to hire someone that has certain sensitivities, that knows how to deal with the public, that knows how to deal with SPAR, that knows how to deal with people. Because it's a

people driven business. And you have not had that, and to the extent that you haven't, you have some problems. But now at the same time, I don't think that person exist at the City of Shreveport either. I don't think that we have an entertainment guru per se. And I think for that reason, when it comes to buildings like to use the example, as Councilman Walford said, the convention center, you bring someone in to perform that role, so to the extent that there is not a person in the City, I mean bringing the contract or management back into the city's auspice, still puts this in the same scenario, because you don't have that person. I think what - - - where we got off track in a lot of the conversation, and you know there are several undercurrents that are swelling around this whole scenario. There is an undercurrent swelling around that has to do with two groups of people at a minimum that have competing interests and competing visions for what they believe the Municipal Auditorium should be. I said it, there it is. There is also an undercurrent that I think is most troubling to me is there is almost a racial subtext that has been interjected into a lot of the conversation, and that's the thing that disturbs me most. I don't know everybody on the Board of The Friends of the Municipal, I know many of the people, but I know several of folks on there particularly, and I know the Burtons particularly well. And they have impressed me as people who are very community minded, very civic minded, the work that they are doing at the Burton Foundation for underprivileged children relative to music is something that is tremendous, and it's not something that they had to do. I mean that's something that they took it upon themselves to do, and serve, and what have you. Now I will say this. Just because the friends or any organization takes it upon themselves to serve in terms of programming the building or took it upon themselves to go and clean the building, and took it upon themselves to render whatever level of service that they have, that does not give them a superior position vis-à-vis the public. And I think that's something that from this Councilman's perspective, I wanted to make absolutely clear from my comments that I did not believe that the Friends have a superior position than anybody. Now, have there been some people that have either been associated with the Friends, or that have been attributed to the Friends, that have come across with an air of well we've done the work, and we're entitled to this building and there are some people that have a (inaudible) there, but I don't think that to be the sentiment of the Board of Directors. At the end of the day, I think what we need to look at is the what versus the who. What am I saying? Regardless of whether you're dealing with the Friends or any other group that would speak to manage the organization, you still have to clearly define the roles that everyone wants to play. And I think that the thing that is - - - manifest realities to me was and is, that when we as the Council said, 'go forth and conquer', we had one thing in mind, The Friends had something else in mind, and because we did not have a meeting of the minds, when you have your first event, things went haywire. And that's why I was called, and other people were called to say 'okay guys, lets come to the table, for the sake of expedience, lets let SPAR come in, take over this last event, so these gentlemen can have their show, because they should not suffer financially, because we have some dispute as it relates to a contract.' And as I appreciate that was done. The longer issue is how do we deal with the management of the Municipal Auditorium? I do believe that the Friends have served and can serve a very valuable role. And I do think that at a minimum, we give them the opportunity to be successful, or give them the opportunity to fail. I think at this point, they have earned the right to give it a shot with certain amendments to the contract. Certainly I believe that everyone is to be given a second chance. Lord knows, I've been given several second chances. And many of us on this Council have been given second chances on a lot of things. So, I'm not going to say because the first event did not go the way that we would have liked that we have to end the relationship, because I think it's a lot bigger

than that. One of the things that I suggested in our meeting on yesterday was that we separate the sources of funds. That we separate the funds that are generated based upon the building themselves, i.e. rent, merchandising. Anything that's associated with the building itself, I propose that we put into a fund for the maintenance of the building, and that fund be managed much like we do with the Chamber of Commerce, we put money with the Chamber of Commerce funds, the deposit it there, and we jointly manage those funds. The Chamber has events, and if it's something that deals with marketing the city for a certain purpose, we agree to say 'okay, yes you can use the money for that'. I would like to see a scenario where we put money aside that we deal with that, so that rent for the building goes into the maintenance of the building and the brick and mortar of the building. Because the one thing that I do appreciate most from the city's standpoint and the Friends or anybody else that would manage the building there are some brick and mortar needs that need to be addressed. And rent and the associated money associated therefore would be allowed to do that. I would then separate monies derived from the Friends of the Municipal their own intellectual pursuits any monies that they were able to come with through program dollars, or fees or something like that, that money go to the Friends, and they use that money for programming for the building. Because again, it does the city no good, or the Friends or the Community to have a beautiful building that the doors are always closed and nobody wants that. And I think that we can all sit around the table reasonably and say Friends or whoever going to manage the building, these are what our reasonable expectations are of you. City, these are what our reasonable expectations are and move forward. I do think that there are some things that they have mentioned that I do believe have value. The idea of escrowing money when there are events at the Municipal is an idea that I think is a positive one. Because the last thing we want to have, and we had an experience like this last Council, someone contracted to use a city venue, the new convention center, they had a concert, didn't go off the way they wanted, the gentleman wind up being a constituent of mine, sat through a three hour City Council Meeting. And he came back and he said look, I went to the show, I bought some tickets, VIP (\$50 a piece), the show didn't happen, it was in a city building, I want my \$100. We don't have your money. Ah! It was in a city building, they rented it, you should know where the promoter is, I want my \$100, and by the way I voted for you. Well, what are we to do in that position? I think that having a third part that escrows those resources does - - well, interesting idea, but I think having a third party that's a manager, that separates the City from the public in terms of liability, so that 1) citizens know that when a show is going to happen, it happens. Or if they don't, they can come back and get their money, and they don't have to sit through a three hour Council Meeting and ask the Council for those resources. So there are any number of ways to amend and correct the contract and move forward. At the end of the day, if it's going to work, it's going to work, and if it's not, it's not. I just do believe that for the work that they have done, and the desire that they have shown, I think we owe it to the Friends of the Municipal to at least give them the opportunity to fail. And if they fail, there is nothing that says we cannot then come back, and look at the situation, and bid it out, and maybe get somebody else to deal with it. But I don't think at this time, we should be dealing with taking the contract away from them, when clearly I would argue that we didn't have a contract. I would argue that we didn't have a meeting of the minds. I would argue that we had two competing philosophies and because we didn't have a contract, we didn't have a meeting of the minds we got off track. So, my vote would be "NO" to taking the contract away, and I would ask that the Council would follow that line of reasoning.

Councilman Walford: I was very involved in coming up with this agreement as Mr. Lester was, as we got to know Friends after the incident with the first Executive Director, but I'm not going to repeat a lot of what Mr. Lester said. He's made several very good points. But I think that one thing we have to understand is that no agreement is perfect, no contract is perfect. That's evidenced by the fact that this very Council what - - - two meetings ago, had to amend the contract with SMG to manage the Convention Center. So, it wasn't a case of here's the keys, good luck. I think we put a lot of thought into it, but it's time to use some of those stumbling blocks as stepping stones, and that's stolen from Guy Clark, anybody that knows Country Music, and move forward and personally I'm convinced that Friends can do the job, and will do the job and will do it well. I've never seen a more dedicated group. You've shown your dedication to preserving the building, and I think what feels so good is the way you want to show off the building as an asset to Shreveport. And I'm for continuing to give you that opportunity and working with you any way I can to facilitate that and make it work. And Mr. Mayor, I'd like to thank you and the Friends Board for rescheduling the meeting. This came as a surprise to me, I was - - - lets just say I was on vacation, didn't want my cell phone to ring, but when I heard about it, and I do appreciate your cooperation in rescheduling, so that I could be part of the meeting. I think all of the Board that was there yesterday. Because I think it was a very productive meeting, and I think several more, and we will have a very good agreement. And we will capitalize on a beautiful asset. I intend to vote "NO" to termination of the contract, and I urge the Council to vote the same.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I have one other short reminder.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to show my appreciation to the Friends. I think anytime you have citizens who are passionate about doing something positive for our city, I think we as a government (inaudible) should support that. Surely these people are really passionate about their cause, and what they're trying to accomplish. And granted, hey there seems to be some faults, some mistakes, and I echo the other Councilmen's remarks (inaudible) mistakes, and if we can learn from that, and do better, then we should. And also just one other quick note. One of the Councilman Lester made about an underlying current about two groups vying for the rights of the Municipal or vying for the rights of that area. You know if we're all out for the same goal which is the betterment of the city, then why can't we just coexist, and why can't we just work together, and work together until we master plan. You know we're talking about master planning. Why can't we do it together. I think everybody can have a piece. We have an opportunity to make Shreveport better. And I think we need to look at it that way, and not see it as competing, but working together to make it better for everyone. So, I just wanted share that thought. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, and to the Council, and to the Mayor. I think we all appreciate what the Friends have done, and what they are doing. We appreciate the passion. But you know sometimes passion can be a stumbling block. I think we have a diamond in that area. I think that we are really making a mistake. I think four years from now, six years from now, we would not see the kind of development that we need to have in that area, not only from an economical standpoint, but from a comprehensive standpoint. If we do not stop at this juncture, rewrite this document, spell out specifically what we want, and stopping guessing at how it's supposed to be done and make sure that we open this pie up and bring groups of people to the table who also have passion, who also want to see this area develop. If we don't do that, we're making a mistake. Four years from now, six years from now, we will be in the same shape that we're in now. This is not just about the Municipal Auditorium. This is about an entire historical

area. The Municipal Auditorium just happened to be one of the main seeds in that area. But we're talking about an entire historical area. And we're not talking about any one group. We're talking about putting many groups together. I thank you all for showing the interest. But that interest has to be shown, and pursued, and molded in the right direction. I think the role of the city should be, the City should play the role where we make sure that everything that goes on in that area is for the betterment of that particular area. Because after all is said and done, we have the legal. And I think somebody threw politics in. We have the legal and the political responsibility. Politics is not a bad word to me. It might be to some people who might not understand the process. That's a process that you go through. That's just like baking a cake you know. It's a process you go through.

Citizen in the audience: Well go do it!

Councilman Shyne: I think if we do not - - -, thank you officer. I think if we do not take a look at this, and make sure that we have the best document that we can come up with, we're going to continue to have problems. And I think you might be kinda seeing what I'm talking about. Sometimes your passion can be misguided and misdirected. That's a good example. We can't afford to have that. That's a black eye for the city. And we are the ones that would get the black eye. We are the ones that are held responsible for making sure that that area develops and grows like it does. And there are some good people everywhere. There are some good people in F.A.M.E. There are some good people in the Municipal, the Friends of the Municipal. There are some people in Mr. Williams 'em group. There are some people in the administrative group. There are some good people in other groups who want to use that facility. There are good people everywhere. But it's the responsibility of city government to make sure that all those good ideas come together. And we come out with a good cake. I would ask my colleagues to vote to terminate this contract to bring it back, and lets redo it, and lets make sure that we all can put our heads together, and come up with a good document that's good for Shreveport and this region. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

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

7. **Resolution No. 42 of 2007:** Authorizing the waiver of all building permit fees for the construction of up to six single family residences by Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Louisiana, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO DISPOSE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF VEHICLES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent, after consultation with various department heads, has determined that certain vehicles as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof are surplus absolute are unusable for present and future city needs ; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 108 of 1980 authorizes the Purchasing Agent to dispose of vehicles determined to be surplus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to retain responsibility for the disposition of all vehicles having an acquisition value of \$10,000.00 or more; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to dispose of, by public auction, the vehicles described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, which have been determined to be surplus, obsolete or unusable for present and future City needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs in the finding that the vehicles described in Exhibit A are surplus and no longer needed for public purposes and that the acquisition value of said properties are greater than \$10,000.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to dispose of, by public auction, the surplus vehicles instruments described in Exhibit A attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED ON IFB #07-006, CONCRETE ADAPTERS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, one bid was received as a result of solicitations for Concrete Adapters, IFB #07-006 and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected the bid because the Adapters will be furnished by the contractor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB #07-006 be rejected.

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

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

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, are we ready to go back to 35? It's just a question.

Mayor Glover: Yes we are. The Administration is.

3. **Resolution No. 35 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation and Stageworks of Louisiana, LLC in connection with an Economic Development Award Program loan; to authorize the mayor to execute all documents on behalf of the City of Shreveport with regard to the amendment; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Walford: Okay, I'm going to go to Mr. Lester.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'd ask that - - -

Councilman Walford: Well, give me a motion first.

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

Councilman Lester: Oh, my question was as it relates to No. 35, the changes in the contract, and specifically as it relates to the jobs scenario. If we could get some information on that, I would appreciate it.

Mr. Mike Morehead: (Stageworks of Louisiana) I'd be happy to do it, I'd be happy to answer any questions you have about the amendment. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have about the progress that Stageworks is making and specifically I'll give you some of the details about the amendment to the contract you have before you.

Councilman Lester: Well okay, that's what I was asking.

Mr. Morehead: Okay, well the amendment was really a three part - - - there were three issues that we were addressing. The first piece, we had requested and were granted a \$1,000,000 financing from Economic Development. At the time, that's what we had budgeted for. It turned out that we were able to execute the project for less money than we had originally had budgeted for, so we asked that we reduce the award to us, so that we could put those monies back into LED, and they could be used on some other project. Secondly, we've asked that we can repay the liability early. We had - - - we were initially granted seven years under which we could earn the offset to pay back the money to LED, the projects been going very well, and I think we probably after this next movie, will probably have about 75% of that note taken care of, so we've asked that we could accelerate our repayment terms and take care of that note early. And then thirdly, we asked that we - - - have our payroll specific to Stageworks reduced. The reason being when we - - - we've never been in the sound stage business before, so at startup, we budgeted what we thought the labor fees would look like to operate the facility. We've - - - we didn't really miss our numbers by that much. I think we were one person short, and the major deficit was on the total payroll figure. And the piece - - - the hire that we have not made is the kind of a high level stage manager person, and during the first year of operation, being a startup company, myself and Mr. Mike kinda assumed that role, and we didn't want to burden the company with the additional overhead of that payroll, if they didn't have anything to do. Because we didn't have real good visibility on whether the facility was going to be used and we certainly don't want to pay people to do nothing. So, that was the reason that we asked for the amendment.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, thank you. That answers my question. I will ask that we postpone this. Not that the information that the information that you didn't give me wasn't

accurate, but I'd like to see the deal in writing if I could. As it relates to the reduction of the job and payroll performance. I mean I understand that when we went into this scenario, a lot of stuff was speculative, I understand that. But we're talking about the specifics now, and I would like to see.

Mr. Morehead: Well I think we're in receipt of those documents, the amended (inaudible) agreements should have been circulated. I think our Year 1 payroll figures went from 224, you'll have to forgive me if I get this wrong, 224 down to 160.

Councilman Lester: Well, I mean you can understand if you are there everyday, and you have to wonder, and I don't have the document. Okay?

Mr. Morehead: Well, we'd like to get you the documents, so you can see what you're voting on.

Councilman Lester: That's all I'm asking.

Mr. Morehead: I will leave you with one last thought. The reason that LED did this project, really wasn't for direct jobs created by Stageworks, it was for the indirect jobs created by the movies that come here. And we think we've enjoyed a lot of success with that.

Councilman Lester: I voted to give you the building, and I took a lot of heat for it. So, I don't have a problem with that, I just want to see it in black and white.

Mr. Morehead: Okay, I'll make sure we get you those documents added to that piece so you can take a look at them.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Lester, is that a subsidiary motion?

Councilman Lester: Yes, motion to postpone for two weeks.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Bowman to postpone.

Councilman Wooley: Is there any way we could possibly get the numbers like within the next 30 minutes, 45 minutes so that we could make a vote today?

Mr. Morehead: I don't know if Terry's (inaudible)

Mayor Glover: I think they were provided electronically, I don't think it's a part as an attachment to what was put into the - - -

Mr. Morehead: It's part of the amendment (inaudible)

Ms. Acree: The EDAP money comes from the State of Louisiana, and the City of Shreveport is the recipient of the money, and the lease agreement was to (inaudible)

Councilman Lester: Don't have a problem with any of that. I just want to read it before I vote on it, that's all I'm asking.

Mr. Morehead: This is it right here.

Councilman Lester: Okay, so let me say this. I want to read it more than five minutes before I have to vote on it.

Mayor Glover: Councilman, we'll get hard copies distributed to the Council, and obviously, it's up to you all's - - - we don't have a problem. Let me make sure. Mike, we don't have a problem in terms of jeopardizing anything with regard to this by postponing for two weeks, do we?

Mr. Morehead: That's fine. If you have any other questions or just curious about how its going, I'll be happy to answer all that too!

Councilman Long: That was my question. Is there any deadlines that need to be met here, or are we just sort of operating loose relative to getting all the paperwork and the resolution done?

Mr. Morehead: We're just getting the resolution done. The city is in receipt of some - - - is waiting for the receipt of some funds which have been forwarded by the city to us, and the state's reimbursed you. That's the way that program works, and they're just waiting for the ratification of this amendment, so they can - - -

Councilman Long: So, in the meantime, you're not - - -

Mr. Morehead: No it does not affect our operating (inaudible).

Mayor Glover: We won't be missing payroll this Friday is what you're saying? We'll get the paper copies distributed.

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

Ms. Acree: And I would just like to invite any of the Councilmen. There is production still going on at Stageworks, so if any of y'all would like to go, see, and see what's been done so far, it's really awesome. So call me, if y'all would like to do a tour.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS *(Not to be adopted prior to April 10, 2007)*

1. **Resolution No. 43 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 Gilliam, and between the City of Shreveport and The Village of Rodessa, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 44 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement and/or cooperative endeavor agreement between The City of Shreveport and The Town of Greenwood, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 47 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Caddo Parish School Board in connection with its "Celebration of the Arts and Achievements" event, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Resolution No. 48 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of twelve computers and twelve printers valued in the amount of Ten Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$10, 223, 00) from the Shack Harris & Doug Williams Foundation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Resolution No(s). 43, 44, 47, and 48 of 2007 to lay over until April 10, 2007 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, we could understand you then.

Mr. Thompson: Well, thank you.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES *(Not to be adopted prior to April 10, 2007)*

1. **Ordinance No. 51 of 2007**: An ordinance creating Section 94-23, Termination of Water Service for Violations of Louisiana State Plumbing Code, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 52 of 2007**: An ordinance amending and replacing Section 66-103, Death Before Retirement, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 53 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 Budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 54 of 2007**: ANNEXATION – Tag No. 06-04: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport a 39,499-acre tract of land located east of Youree Drive and South of Regal Drive in Section 37 (T17N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
5. **Ordinance No. 55 of 2007**: ZONING – C-17-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, by rezoning property located at the end of Shannon Drive 340 feet west of Moray Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from R-1C, Suburban, One-Family Residence District, to R1D, Urban One-Family Residence District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb)
6. **Ordinance No. 56 of 2007**: ZONING – C-23-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, by rezoning property on the northeast corner of Audrey Lane and Peach Street, 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 “Leasing/Management Office and Community Center/Computer Lab” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
7. **Ordinance No. 57 of 2007**: ZONING – C-25-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances, by rezoning property on the north side of Mount Zion Road, 1240 feet east of Kingston Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish Louisiana, from I-1, Light Industry District, and B-1 Buffer Business District to R-1D (PUD) Urban, One-Family Residence (Planned Unit Development) District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
8. **Ordinance No. 58 of 2007**: ZONING C-24-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the West Side of Southern 150 feet north of 63rd Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to R-1D-E, Urban One-Family Residence/Extended Use District Limited to an office, 14' x 25' Storage Building, and Parking for five vehicles only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Ordinance No(s). 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58 of 2007 to lay over until April 10, 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. 39 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 General Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on March 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 Long. *The Clerk read the following:*

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2007

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Police increase Contractual Services by \$30,000.

In General Government decrease Operating Reserves by \$30,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2007. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt Ordinance No. 39 of 2007 as amended.

Councilman Long: Now what is this for?

Councilwoman Bowman: It's \$30,000. I'm the author of this proposed General Budget Fund Amendment. And it is not just for my district, but I think the majority of us including the Mayor, when we were out campaigning and especially during the Town Hall Meetings, we said that we were going to do anything that we could to fight crime. We promised the citizens that we would do that, and this is one way of getting the message out that we will not tolerate the crime that's going on throughout this city. Advertising that goes through the - - - this money goes through the Police budget, and they will be the ones to see to it that it's done. Not just in District G, but all over. And I really think it's something that we need to get started on right away. It's going to take time for them to get all this done, but school will be out soon. It's not just the fact that young people are committing crimes, but whoever is out there doing it. Get the message to them that we mean business. I certainly do, I don't - - - a lot of things that happen, I'm not going to scream and (inaudible) about, but I am going to stay true to what I said to the citizens when I ran for this seat. And one of the main things that I did say to them was I will do everything in my power to stop a lot of the crime that's going on, not only in your community, but also in this city. I also spoke to them just like some of the other Council Members here, that in reference the Property Standards and Infrastructure. We can talk about a lot of things here,

but the main thing that the citizens of this city want are those three things. They said those three things is top priority, in the Town Hall Meetings, and they said it to me when I walked their streets. Thank you.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Long, if I may, and I may call on Mr. Dark. But that is in the amendment, and the original ordinance is where we're transferring the IT money?

Mr. Dark: Right.

Councilman Walford: No, the IT money and the \$70,000 for our classification, and pay stuff. Right. So you're voting on the original ordinance as amended with Ms. Bowman's amendment.

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

2. **Ordinance No. 40 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 Airports Enterprise Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

3. **Ordinance No. 41 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 Golf Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on March 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 to adopt.

Councilman Long: I was going to offer a substitute motion to adopt No. 40, 41, 42, and 43 and 44, which are all like the same basic issues. Is that correct?

Councilman Walford: I will certainly entertain that if somebody gives that as a subsidiary motion.

Substitute motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt Ordinance No(s) 41, 42, 43, and 44 of 2007.

4. **Ordinance No. 42 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 Budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

5. **Ordinance No. 43 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

6. **Ordinance No. 44 of 2007**: An ordinance adopting the 2007 Budget for the Information Technology Internal Service Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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

9. **Ordinance No. 48 of 2007**: An ordinance closing and abandoning the 20 foot-wide alleyway located between Allen and Pierre Streets in the Flanagan Subdivision in the TAL 9 located in the NW ¼ of Section 36 (T18N-R14W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Having passed first reading on March 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 Shyne to adopt.

Councilman Lester: Just briefly, We've donated the old little neighborhood park that's right there to the church, and they're asking us to abandon the alley way. They're going to start doing some programs in the building and they want to make it contiguous so that they can make it all part of their lot.

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

11. **Ordinance No. 50 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 Capital Improvements Budget, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on March 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 Lester to adopt.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I just want Tom to know this is the last time he's going to spend this much money without me saying anything, so don't get happy over there in the corner.

Mr. Dark: Joe agreed with me yesterday, and you're voting without talking, what can I do?

Councilman Lester: Go to church.

Mr. Dark: Every chance I get sir.

Councilman Walford: Remember we had Bea marking that tape where Mr. Shyne agreed with you, so we have to save this one for historical purposes.

Councilman Lester: Add this one to the collection.

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. 39 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2007 budget for the General Fund to reflect the creation of an Information Technology Fund, to provide additional funds to the Fire Department and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 163 of 2006, the 2007 General Fund budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Decrease Internal service Charges by \$473,300.

Increase Miscellaneous by \$55,000.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Finance, decrease Personal Services by \$2,016,800, Materials and Supplies by \$72,300, Contractual Services by \$814,100, Improvements and Equipment by \$122,500 and Transfer to Fleet Services Fund by \$10,000.

In General Government, appropriate Transfer to Information Technology Fund at \$2,562,400. Decrease Operating Reserves by \$70,000 and increase Contractual Services by \$70,000.

In Fire, decrease Personal Services by \$84,900. increase Improvements and Equipment by \$55,000. Appropriate Transfer to Police Grants Fund at \$84,900.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 163 of 2006 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 39 of 2007

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

Section 2 (Appropriations):

In Police increase Contractual Services by \$30,000.

In General Government decrease Operating Reserves by \$30,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

ORDINANCE NO. 40 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 AIRPORTS ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2007 budget for the Airports Enterprise Fund to reallocate funds among expenditure categories and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 171 of 2006, the 2007 budget for the Airports Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Transfer to General Fund by \$50,700. Appropriate Transfer to Information Technology Fund at \$50,700.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 171 of 2006 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 41 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 GOLF ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2007 budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund to transfer funds between expenditure categories and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 170 of 2006, the 2007 budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Transfer to General Fund by \$34,700. Appropriate Transfer to Information Technology Fund at \$34,700.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 170 of 2006 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 42 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 BUDGET FOR THE POLICE GRANTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it desirable to amend the 2007 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, to appropriate new revenues and for other purposes.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 172 of 2006, the 2007 budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Fiscal Year 2007 Revenues:

Appropriate 2006 Fire Act Grant at \$424,500. Funding sources are Federal Grant \$339,600 and General Fund \$84,900.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

From Fiscal Year 2007 Revenues:

From 2006 Fire Act Grant, appropriate \$45,000 to Contractual Services and \$379,500 to Improvements and Equipment.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 172 of 2006 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 43 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 WATER AND SEWERAGE ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2007 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund to transfer funds among expenditure categories and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 167 of 2006, the 2007 budget for the Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Decrease Transfer to General Fund by \$286,600. Appropriate Transfer to Information Technology Fund by \$286,600.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 167 of 2006 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 44 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2007 BUDGET FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNAL SERVICE FUND, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport requires the adoption of a comprehensive operating budget for the year 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City Council by passage of this ordinance, is creating and establishing an Information Technology Internal Service Fund, whose purpose is to provide funding for the City's activities associated with information technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that:

1. Estimated Receipts - The estimated receipts of the Information Technology Internal Service Fund for 2007 are hereby established as follows:

Transfer from General Fund	\$2,562,400
Transfer from Water and Sewerage Fund	286,600
Transfer from Airports Fund	50,700
Transfer from Community Development Fund	101,300
Transfer from Golf Fund	34,700
TOTAL	\$3,035,700

2. Appropriations - The funds set forth in the following classes of expenditures are hereby appropriated out of the Information Technology Internal Service Fund's receipts for the year 2007:

Personal Services	\$2,016,800
Materials and Supplies	72,300
Contractual Services	814,100
Other Charges	0
Improvements and Equipment	104,500
Notes Payable	18,000
Transfer to Fleet Services Fund	10,000
TOTAL	\$3,035,700

3. The Information Technology Internal Service Fund budget presented to the City Council by the Mayor on March 13, 2007, as amended by subsequent action by this Council, be and the same is hereby adopted.

4. Administration - The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all contracts, deeds, grant documents and other legal instruments necessary to expend or receive funds herein authorized, subject to the provisions of Section 26-174 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the settlement of claims against the City.

5. Donation of City Funds - No funds herein appropriated shall be donated, loaned or pledged, and no expenditures for such purposes shall be authorized except in

accordance with Section 26-53 of the Code of Ordinances, as it exists now or may hereafter be amended.

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 NUMBER 47 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CLOSE THE AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING OF THE UPRR (UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD) AND CHURCH STREET LOCATED BETWEEN FLOURNOY LUCAS ROAD AND MARTIN STREET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the Department of Operational Services is requesting to close the at-grade railroad crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Church Street, and

WHEREAS, the closure of the at-grade will enhance the public and vehicular safety of the citizens of Shreveport, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the City is authorized to remove the at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Church 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. 48 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE 20 FOOT- WIDE ALLEYWAY LOCATED BETWEEN ALLEN AND PIERRE STREETS IN THE FLANAGAN SUBDIVISION IN THE TAL 9 LOCATED IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 36 (T18N-R14W), SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, today the Property Management Section of the Department of Operational Services has received a request to close and abandon the above alleyway.

WHEREAS, Water and Sewerage Engineering has reviewed this request and has no objections to this closure and abandonment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the 20 foot-wide alleyway located between Allen and Pierre Avenues and bounded by Anna and Abbie Streets in the Flanagan Subdivision in the TAL 9 located in the NW ¼ of Section 36 (T18N-R14N), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and as shown and as indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby closed and abandoned. Utility, sewer and drainage servitude is hereby retained.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 49 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CIVIC CENTER TO THE JAMES C. GARDNER BUILDING, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

By: Councilmen Walford and Shyne

WHEREAS, the City Hall Civic Center located at the corner of Texas Avenue and Murphy Street was constructed under the administration of Mayor James C. Gardner; and

WHEREAS, the City Hall Civic Center served as the seat of City Government for 45 years, and it serves as the Police Building today; and

WHEREAS, James C. Gardner served as Mayor from 1954 – 1958, and during his tenure as Mayor, he provided the leadership for many other civic improvements, including: a major construction program to improve the water supply; the extension of Line Avenue (from Jordan Street) and the construction of the Common Street Overpass to connect Line Avenue and Common Street; paving and widening to four lanes Hollywood, Pierremont and Southfield to create a cross town thoroughfare; widening Kings Highway to four lanes; widening Line Avenue to four lanes from Kings Highway to Pierremont; paving Line Avenue south of Pierremont; widening Ford Street to four lanes; constructing 27 ditch paving projects to improve drainage; air conditioning Municipal Auditorium, and implementing a major annexation program that included Mooretown; and

WHEREAS, James C. Gardner served as a State Representative from Caddo Parish from 1952 – 1954, and he authored Act 34 of 1954, the Shreveport Metropolitan Planning Commission Act, which was the first metropolitan planning act in Louisiana and it still provides the authorization and structure for Shreveport’s zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, James C. Gardner served on the Shreveport City Council from 1978 – 1982, and in 1978 he was elected Chairman of the first City Council to serve under the new Mayor/Council form of government; and

WHEREAS, because of the leadership of Mayor James C. Gardner, the national publication *Look Magazine* recognized Shreveport’s housing improvement program and cited Mayor Gardner’s leadership in the development of Hollywood Heights subdivision; and

WHEREAS, James C. Gardner has, for many years, been widely recognized locally for his unique contributions to Shreveport. A 1982 article by Stan Tiner, then editor of *The Shreveport Journal*, used the following terms and phrases to describe Mr. Gardner: “Shreveport’s first citizen”; “(as an elected official) he was the rare combination of theoretician and practitioner”; “an historian, writer and scholar”; “a devoted husband and father, but most of all he has been two things: a thinker and the city’s conscience”; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that James C. Gardner is Shreveport's "first citizen" because of his outstanding leadership and unique contributions to Shreveport for more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, this Council also finds it necessary and appropriate to memorialize the public service of James C. Gardner because of our collective gratitude, and because of our desire to inspire present and future generations to dedicated and unselfish public service; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that legislative authorization is needed in order to name a public building after a living person.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the Civic Center, located at Texas Avenue and Murphy Street, be and the same is hereby renamed and changed to James C. Gardner Building. This name change shall not become effective until it has been authorized by the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the procedures and proscriptions contained in Sections 78-451 and 78-452 of the Code of Ordinances are waived.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 50 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2007 Capital Improvements Budget to create new projects, shift project funding and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 164 of 2006, the 2007 Capital Improvements Budget, be further amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Program C (Street Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Shreveport Reference Marker Update (99C001)** by \$50,000.

Funding source is 2001A GOB.

Establish a new project entitled **Forum Drive Extension (07C002)** and fund it at \$200,000 from 2003 GOB.

In Program E (Water Improvements):

Decrease the appropriation for **Hearne Avenue Water Main Improvements, Phase II (05E007)** by \$750,000. Funding source is 2005 URB.

Establish a project entitled **Southfield Road Water Main Replacement (07E001)** and fund it at \$750,000 from 2005 URB.

Establish a project entitled **2900 Fifth Street Water Main Improvements (07E002)** and fund it at \$350,000 from 2005 URB.

In Program F (Sewer Improvements):

Decrease the appropriation for **Corbitt Street Water and Sewer Mains (02F009)** by \$350,000.

Funding source is 2005 URB.

In Program H (Airports):

Increase the appropriation for **Security Upgrades at Regional Airport (03H002)** by \$525,000. Funding sources are FAA \$475,000, State Grant \$25,000 and Shreveport Airport Authority \$25,000.

Increase the appropriation for **Upgrade ARFF Snozzle (03H004)** by \$9,000. Funding sources are FAA \$8,200, State Grant \$400 and Shreveport Airport Authority \$400.

Increase the appropriation for **Rehabilitation of Lighting on Taxiway “B”, “D” and “E” at Regional Airport (06H009)** by \$367,500. Funding sources are FAA \$332,500, State Grant \$17,500 and Shreveport Airport Authority \$17,500.

Establish a new project entitled **Construct West Parallel Taxiway (07H003)** and fund it at \$4,323,400. Funding sources are FAA \$3,911,600, State Grant \$205,900 and Shreveport Airport Authority \$205,900.

In Program I (Fire Improvements):

Increase the appropriation for **Construct Fire Station #22 (04I001)** by \$494,000. Funding sources are 1999 GOB, Prop. 1 \$24,000, 2001 A GOB \$220,000, 2003 A GOB \$250,000.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 164 of 2006, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Walford: We are now down to Unfinished Business, Mr. Thompson, are you aware of anything coming off?

Mr. Thompson: Yes sir. No. 10, Ordinance No. 14 of 2007. That was remanded to the MPC on February 13, 2007. We received a letter from the applicant who withdrew his appeal, and you can now, the Council can remove this item from the agenda.

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*) **Decision rendered 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*) **Decision rendered 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***)

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to remove this item from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Long: That was in my district.

11. **Resolution No. 184 of 2006**: A resolution 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. (*Tabled February 27, 2007*)

NEW BUSINESS:

TAXI LICENSE APPEAL

Mr. DeMichaelo Lee, 123 E. Gregg, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) *Golden Stripe Cab Co., 1540 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford)* **Decision rendered March 26, 2007**

MPC APPROVAL:

C-27-07: Cash America Inc. Of Louisiana, 3749 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, LA; *WRI/TEXLA, LLC located within Westwood Shopping Center*, MPC Approval in a B-3 District for proposed Pawn Shop. (No Ordinance Required)(G/Bowman)

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Lester to approve the request to move an existing pawn shop to a larger space across the street with the following stipulations:

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Planning Commission.
2. The issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy at 3749 Jewella Avenue to Cash America, shall be contingent upon written confirmation to the Planning Director from the owners of Cash America that their operation at 4012 Jewella Avenue, a non-conforming use at this location, has been terminated.
3. A landscaping plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director, prior to the issuance of an Certificate of Occupancy.

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

Councilman Walford: Bea, would you please make sure the record reflects that Ms. Bowman's motion was with the stipulations.

Ms. Johnson: Yes sir.

Councilman Webb: What are the stipulations?

Ms. Bowman: Charles, do you want to explain or I can, (inaudible) it's already passed but they have the approval of both Neighborhood associations, in my district and the Commissioner, so it was not like it was something that (inaudible)

Councilman Lester: But it had been. And not to give some context to the other members, if you noticed on the - - - in the electronic, it said it was twice denied by the Council because prior to this, those neighborhood groups said not only No, they said - - - NO! Right, right.

Councilwoman Bowman: (Inaudible) but they are going to be real friendly to our community.

Councilman Lester: Right, so that explains why I'm changing my vote on this issue, because - - -

Councilman Webb: Okay.

Councilman Walford: The three steps were development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan; the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy were basically the only (inaudible) given written notice that they're discontinuing the other operation, and they have to submit a landscape plan to be approved by the Planning Director prior to getting a C.O.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, you might also want to mention the basic thing was to move an existing pawn shop to a larger space across the street.

Councilwoman Bowman: And it's a training facility as well.

Councilman Walford: It had been as Mr. Lester said. Quite an issue in the previous Council.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

Councilwoman Bowman: We had a very good Public Safety Committee Meeting. Several of the Councilmen attended, Councilman Shyne, Councilman Wooley. But we discussed quite a few issues, and we're looking forward to our next meeting which will be April 11th. And it's a new meeting

Ms. Pilkinton: It's going to be at 11:00 at the 911 center, lunch at 11:30.

Councilman Shyne: You know I was a little late so all the food was almost gone. We had so many visitors there.

Councilman Walford: If I may, I've mentioned this to several members of the Public Safety Committee, but as you know, I've been pushing for an ordinance that provides access for EMS to gated communities, and I know I mentioned to Mr. Long, I know I mentioned to Ms. Bowman that Saturday evening I watched an EMS unit and a Pumper truck drive up to a gated - - - Normandy Village, on Fairfield and they sat there for about a minute, and of course they couldn't get in the gate, and finally, one of the Firefighters off the Pumper unit went running with bolt cutters, and had to cut to open the gate. The ordinance that I'm pushing very hard for has now been to the Public Safety Committee, would require every gated community to provide our firefighters and our police a code where there won't be any delays getting into these gated communities either for a medical call or fire or anything else. But this was the fourth time I've witnessed this, and that's why I'm kinda passionate about passing this particular ordinance, and I understand the Fire Department is taking care of some issues, and we will have it back to them and we will introduce it hopefully at the next Council Meeting, or no more than the second meeting. Any other reports from Officers, Boards, and Committees? Okay Mr. Lester, you weren't here yesterday, but Councilman Shyne now is after me for a Property Standards Meeting.

Councilman Lester: Oh, I can answer that.

Councilman Walford: Please.

Councilman Lester: Like I was telling Councilman Wooley just a moment ago, the reason why we have not had a Property Standards Meeting, as I appreciate it, on last week, the Administration had for a lack of a better term a Pow Wow between Mr. Dark, Mr. Sibley, and Ms. Moore relative to some Code issues and some organizational issues. And I just didn't think it would be an active use of our time to have a meeting when the Administration had not at least been given an opportunity to give us a skeleton and a game plan to go with, and proceed with. I've seen - - - I've had an opportunity to speak with Ms. Moore over the weekend, and she and I have shared some thoughts relative to that conversation, and some organizational structure and

some problematic things. And so, since that has been done, I feel comfortable that now, we can set a Property Standards Meeting that will actually be productive as opposed to us sitting around saying okay, next month come back and tell us this, we will start the process which the Administration has looked at this, this, and this, and these are the reports that we're going to give. So that's where we are on that. But that's why we have not had a Property Standards Meeting. Thus far.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

Mr. Thompson: We just have one appeal on BAC-23-07.

Councilman Walford: And that will be heard two weeks from now?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:06 p.m.

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

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

Clerk Note(s):

*** **The special meeting** to address an appeal for the denial of application to sell alcoholic beverages at **Kim's Lunch Box**, 426 North Market, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71107, **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. (A/Lester)

*** **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.

