

Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
July 24,2007

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Vice-Chairman Joe Shyne at 3:04 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, 2007, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Bowman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Wooley.

Councilman Shyne: Madam Clerk, just before you call the roll, I'd like to pause and let Mr. Thompson tell us the reason why the Chairman is absent today.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Walford, the Chairman is out of the country, and he said he really wished he could be here, but he had other pressing matters to take him to Paris, France.

Councilman Shyne: Email him and tell him we all understand. Madam Clerk, will you please call the roll.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester (Arrived at 3:08 p.m.), Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Long to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday July 9, 2007 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 2007. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Shyne, Webb and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor:

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Acting Chairman, Members of the Council, all those who are gathered here with us today. We have several distinguished guests that we'd like to recognize. I'm going to be assisted by Gwen Campbell from our office, where are you Gwen? That works, alright. Council Members we are going to start recognizing a wonderful, wonderful lady who I think as many of you already know. She is joined here today by several of her family members, and also a good number of what would appear to be several dozen of her colleagues. I am referring to Mrs. Frances Livingston.

Mr. Livingston: Alright.

Mayor Glover: Who, I'm not a preacher yet Brother.

Councilman Shyne: You sure sound like it.

Mayor Glover: We will take a collection after - - -. Mr. Kojo Livingston is the son of one of our honoree here today, but on last week Mrs. Frances Livingston was in Philadelphia, and she was given the 2007 Spirit of Service Award by the Corporation for National and Community Service. It's a national organization which oversees the Americorps and the Senior Corp Program. Mrs. Livingston who is 85 years old has been volunteering as a Foster Grandparent for 13 years. Mostly working with students in the MLK area, tutoring and mentoring them. The outstanding achievements of her students are proof of her commitment and

her love for education. They passed the LEAP tests and all the other standard exams that are presented before them when they are under Mrs. Livingston's tutelage. Mrs. Livingston possesses the true spirit of service. In our time, the efforts of millions across the country who are working with non profit agencies to meet the needs of children. So, it is my honor today to recognize Mrs. Livingston. Before we bring her up, we're going to also recognize - - - we've met and heard from her son, Minister Kojo Livingston, you want to stand for us? She is also joined today by her sister, and a great citizen of Shreveport, Mrs. June Phillips, a professor at Southern University as well as Mrs. Neva Jones who is program coordinator of the Shreveport Foster Grandparent Program. And we have the wife and the grandchildren. Could you stand for us as well.

Mrs. Phillips: And she has another sister in the Foster Grandparent Program, Mrs. Dorethea Ashley.

Mayor Glover: Mrs. Dorethea Ashley another sister who is also in the Foster Grandparent Program. In fact, would all of you who are Foster Grandparent, raise your hand, if that's to your comfort, stand if you are inclined to, but let us know how many Foster Grandparents are here today. Folks, Shreveport Members of the Council, I want you to know that these folks do outstanding work all across Northwest Louisiana. They are just simply committed, dedicated servants, and certainly without question, Mrs. Livingston is one of the greatest of that number. And so we are honored today to recognize her with this Mayor's Award of Excellence. First of all, we have this plaque to present to you Mrs. Livingston, and this official 2007 Mayoral Pin. Now there's the microphone, and that's Council Acting Chairman Joe Shyne and other members of the City Council who are here today, and they would love to hear a few words from you.

Mrs. Livingston: Thank you so much. This has just been wonderful. Really, it's a real blessing when you have things like this happen to you, and at my age, really it is just wonderful. I feel that Shreveport has really been wonderful to me to help me get all of these things done. I enjoy doing what we do. And it's because the young people are our future, and the thing to do, we start early enough, then when they come on up and come on up, then we can have like you Mayor. Yes, it was a wonderful trip that we made to Philadelphia, PA. and one of the - - - I think the most wonderful and blessed thing that we did was meeting the President of the United States, because that doesn't happen to too many people. But I tell my Director, Mrs. Jones, it started with something, and she said yeah, it started with you putting my name there, and it went on from there and there, and there. And it really is wonderful to be associated with my Foster Grandparents. Because we do love each other, and we look after each other. And we want everyone all of the City Councilmen to know that we are seniors, but we are good seniors. Thank you so very much Mayor, and thank God for you and thank God for all of you. Keep up the good work.

Mayor Glover: We're going to put Chloe on picture taking duty. Will you please join us, we're going to all pose for a picture.

Councilman Shyne: I don't know. The Chairman was getting ready to come down too!

Mayor Glover: If you feel froggish, jump!

Councilman Shyne: Well, here I come.

Mayor Glover: Alright Mr. Chairman. Chief Van Zandt is here to present a special honor, and he is joined by a young lady that some of us may recognize from the local news.

Chief Van Zandt: Would Reagan Woods please come forward? I would like to present Reagan Woods to the Council. Just recently, a Mr. Scalf, 97 years old came up missing one morning from his residence. Relatives panicked, they started putting out flyers, and Reagan was roller-blading, and she got a flyer. And while she was roller-blading, she found Mr. Scalf sitting

up against a fence. She went back to her parents, and her parents contacted us, and the family members, and they were reunited with Mr. Scalf. And I would like to present Reagan with a - - - The Shreveport Police Department takes great pleasure in presenting to Reagan Woods, the Chief's appreciation award for community service above and beyond the call of duty to save the life of another Shreveport citizen who was reported missing and could have succumbed to the summer heat. Awarded in Shreveport, LA this 24th day of July, 2007.

Mayor Glover: We have just a little more for Reagan. Reagan you also today will receive a Mayor's Award of Excellence for all of what the Chief just detailed. You are a very brave, and a very wonderful young lady. Thank you so much.

Ms. Reagan Wood: I would just like to say that I was glad to help and thank you for everything that you've done. And it really wasn't necessary, but I appreciate it anyway.

Mayor Glover: Next, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council. I would like to ask three young ladies to join me here. Anita Michelle Baker.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, just one minute. It seems like the Foster Grandparents are getting ready to leave, and we just want to let you all know that it's people like you all that make Shreveport great. We appreciate that. People like you all. You all will always have our love and support and our prayers, because I know how hard it is working with youngsters today. I had a tough time with Cedric.

Mayor Glover: Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, just a moment. Those of you who are standing, if you all would like to, you may come up and have a seat. This is not church, so we're not going to ask you to put in a collection, you can come on up to the front.

Mayor Glover: Are you telling me Mr. Shyne, we let Brother Livingston leave before we have a chance to pass the plate?

Minister Livingston: I'll send a check.

Mayor Glover: I'd like to invite four young ladies to please join me. Anita Michelle Baker, Ms. Fabio, Kaitlin Marie Fabio. We have two Fabios. And Metria Rhoshal Moore. I think we have one is out of town, and the father, Mr. Anthony Fabio will represent - - - there we go. Members of Council, citizens of Shreveport, we have before us today, three young ladies, the fourth of which is not here, and the father is representing Ms. Kaitlin Fabio, these four individuals have earned the Girls Scout Gold Award. Now, many of you are probably familiar with Boy Scouts, and the concept of Eagle Scout, well the Girl Scout equivalent of Eagle Scout is the Gold Award. And so we are pleased to honor today, these four young ladies who received that award. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout, ages 15-17 in grades 9-12 may earn in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award was introduced in 1980 as the highest award in Girl Scouting, and replaces the Curved Bark which was introduced in 1940. A national award with national standards, it represents Girl's field development, leadership service, and career exploration. When girls decide to earn the Gold Award, they embark on a journey that challenges them use their leadership skills to take actions on issues they care about and to make a difference in their communities. Girls must meet certain criteria before starting a Gold Award project. They build a framework for a project, earn the Girl Scout Leadership Award by putting the Girl Scout law into action. And they earn the Career Award by networking and developing a voice in the community. Once the requirements are met, the girls submits her project proposal. When the proposal is approved the Girl Scout then designs and leads the project that takes up to 65 hours including planning, and doing time to complete. Upon completion, they turn in a final report and they are then recognized. So, these young ladies have achieved the highest award possible in Girl Scouting. So, we are pleased today to recognize

them. Anita Michelle Baker, pleasure. Congratulations, and Metria Rhoshal Moore, and Mr. Fabio are you representing both?

Mr. Fabio: Yes sir, they are my twins.

Mayor Glover: Wonderful, wonderful. Honor, and present to you these too! We will start in this case, since it's Girls Scouts, Gentlemen first.

Mr. Fabio: Well thank you Mr. Mayor, and thank you City Council. We love Girl Scouts in our family, and we also love the cookies.

Ms. Baker: I'd just like to say thank you and that it was a pleasure doing this for the community.

Ms. Moore: I'd like to say thank you to the Council, and I would also like to say thank you to the Girl Scout Council that was very appreciative. They supported all of us.

Mayor Glover: And I believe Council President Carl Cole is here as well, and Delores Baker who is the leader and Gold Award Advisor. Wonderful you all and thank you both for being here. Now lastly, I want to ask you all to join me in recognizing an individual who found himself in a set of circumstances, I'm sure, on November 7th of last year he never thought he would be in.

Chief Van Zandt: November 13th.

Mayor Glover: Well, November 7th was when I was elected. November 13th is when you found out that you had, along with me some interesting duties ahead. But Mike Van Zandt found out that the outgoing Chief Mike Campbell was retiring, and that he was being called upon to step in and become the leader of what I believe is one of the finest police organizations anywhere in the world. And he didn't ask for the duties, the privilege or the responsibility. He didn't politic for it, he didn't try and position himself for it, it was thrust upon him. And I want to say that he has borne up extremely well, and has led the men and women of this department in an honorable fashion. This particular Council Meeting represents the last meeting that he will be the head of the department. By the time we get back here, the first meeting in August, the new chief, Col Henry Whitehorn will at that point Chief Whitehorn. And as the old saying goes, you won't have Mike Van Zandt to kick around anymore. But I could not allow this time to elapse without taking a moment to let him know how much I and all of my Administration appreciates the effort, the hard work, the sacrifice that he's put forth, the phone calls that he's taken from me at 1-2:00 in the morning. The Sunday afternoon calls to talk about what's going on at Greenwood and Jewella, and other calls at different times of the morning to talk about what's happening downtown on the Riverfront. Each one he's taken and simply done an extremely wonderful job, and so we want to let him know how much we appreciate him, how proud we are of him, and we hope that we get a chance to see him around a little while longer. I know he said he was going to give us a year, we may stretch him a little longer. And I think that the CAO Tom Dark may have a comment or two to make, I'm going to put him on the spot.

Mr. Dark: Being an acting anything is not easy. And usually when you take the job, you think you're going to get it for a few days or a few weeks. Mike has had the pleasure of having an acting job for 7-8 months now.

Chief Van Zandt: Nine.

Mr. Dark: Nine.

Chief Van Zandt: Not that I'm counting.

Mr. Dark: The only real question is can you tell me exactly how many days till Col Whitehorn gets here.

Chief Van Zandt: Five days, two hours and - - - go ahead. I'm sorry.

Mr. Dark: But he has done a wonderful job. He has a very difficult job, and you all know that because you have to deal with various events. Just like the Mayor. Crime and citizen

crime problems don't always happen at convenient times or convenient places, and Mike and his folks have done a good job. And I just want to say to him I appreciate what you've done, and if you want to come to Staff Meetings, bringing donuts anytime come on.

Chief Van Zandt: Power Rings.

Mr. Dark: Power Rings. Thank you.

Chief Van Zandt: Okay.

Mr. Dark: That'll work.

Chief Van Zandt: I would just like to say thank you to the Mayor and to the Council Members, Tom and his staff. It's been a very learning experience for nine months that I've been doing this. And I'd like to say thank you to the citizens of Shreveport also for being behind me and helping me through the times that I've been through, because as the Chief, in the nine months, I've faced several things that I was hoping wasn't going to occur during the time I was Chief. We had a couple of shootings, and stuff, and those are some bad time when people's lives are taken, and regardless of the situation, when a life is lost, it's a life that's lost and it can't be replaced. And those things we have to look at and look at hard. Like I've said, it's been a very learning experience, and I appreciate everybody's support that they've given me in the last nine months. And I plan to stick around just a little while longer to help the Col out, and try to make sure that we stay on track and do what we need to do to help to make this city the next great city of the south. Thank you very much.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, Chief - - - just before you go. Some of the Council Members might want to say goodbye or hello or whatever. Any remarks from the Council?

Councilman Long: There' no goodbye here. He's still around for a little while. I may have a (inaudible) with him later on today.

Councilman Shyne: Okay. Well, Chief, I just want to let you know the Mayor was talking about some of the Council Members kicking you around. But I remember when he and former City Councilman Roy Cary used to kick a lot of Chiefs around. So, don't feel bad about. But we love you, you've done an excellent job, and we want to keep you for a long time to come. Thank you Chief. Mr. Mayor, is that the - - -

Mayor Glover: That concludes the Administrative presentation for the day.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Jeter is here with Shreveport Green to give Shreveport Green's end of the summer report.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Jeter?

Mr. Lee Jeter: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Would you come forward please sir? State your name.

Mr. Jeter: Good afternoon Mayor, Council Members. I appreciate the opportunity on behalf of Shreveport Green, and our Executive Director, Ms. Donna Curtis to be able to address the Council this afternoon with our end of service report. And we have two reasons to be here this afternoon. One is because as part of the citizenship training that we require of our young adults attend Council and Commission Meetings, but also to share with you the results of our service since September of 2006, and to allow some of our Corps Members to share with you their impact upon service. Since we began our service term this year, we've enrolled 32 members. And that's providing a living allowance and income that's over \$118,000. But that's not the important part of what we're providing to this community and to our members. I'm more pleased with the \$66,350 in educational scholarships that our members will receive this Friday, when they complete their term of service. Our members would have completed over 17,458 hours of service. They would have recruited 786 volunteers that would have contributed another 36,652 hours of service, provided environmental education to 429 students. Mentored 61 juveniles through the Juvenile Court System which have contributed another 1,084 hours of

service. Recycled over 6,000 Christmas trees to be shipped to South Louisiana for coastal erosion. Packed 154.39 tons of telephone books, which saved 2,557 trees, 540,365 cubic yards of landfill space, 1,730 gallons of water, and 58, gallons of oil, plus much, much more. We appreciate the Mayor's office and this Council for your support of this program. To give young people the opportunity to serve, in your community. And just like the Foster Grandparents, they are a part of the Americorps Program, and I was so pleased to see the Foster Grandparents here today, and the young lady that received the award from the Foster Grandparents, because one of my Americorps Members was a finalist for that Spirit of Americorps Award. So, to know that we're doing great things in our community, that we're having an impact, and we're grooming the future leaders. All of the projects that we've facilitated over this year from Martin Luther King Day of Service to National Youth Service Day to picking up litter along Woolworth Road and grooming intersections to help maintain and keep our city clean and green, that's done by our young people. And I think they have some things to share with you, but we want to thank this Council and this Administration for making it possible. Because without your support, it would be a struggle continuing to engage young people in service, and allow them to make a difference, in this city, and this community, and I want to thank you very much for your service and I'm going to let our young people address you at this time. Thank you very, very much.

Ms. Jessica Henry: I'm a 2006 graduate of Southwood High School. I currently attend Northwestern State University where I'm taking Sports Medicine as my major. I have had the opportunity of working under the Case Managers with the Katrina (inaudible) program, for the (inaudible) of America. My duties are to basically help the client find resources within the community and refer them to services and ultimately obtain the necessities that they need to recover as soon as possible. And I'd just like to thank you for your support.

Mr. Caleb Burch: I'm a 2007 graduate of Southwood High School. I'll be attending Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, TX this fall. I served with Shreve Corps on the Parish team. And what we do is we work with the Caddo Parish Recreation and Parks Department, and we go out throughout Caddo Parish, picking up trash in the parks, cleaning the bathrooms, painting the equipment and making the parks a lot more enjoyable for the families and their kids to enjoy. Thank you for your time and support.

Ms. Eboni Lynch: I'm a 2007 graduate of Southwood High School. I will be attending the University of Louisiana at Monroe this fall, and I have been a member of this program since December 26, 2006. And I have participated in Christmas tree recycling, telephone book recycling, and also had the privilege of planning National Youth Service Day. And this summer I was placed on the Beautification Team, and on our team, we plant flowers at the gateways, and other different places, and we also (inaudible) grass. And I would like to say thank you for your extraordinary support.

Mr. Eric Smith: I am a 2007 graduate of C. E. Byrd High School. I currently attend Southern University in Shreveport. I have been with this program since September of 2006. Some of our projects included the Christmas tree and telephone recycling. I was selected with two other Corps Members to attend a convention in New Orleans to gather better ideas to better serve our community. I am currently serving on the Shreve Corps Intersection Team, grooming the intersections and picking up litter throughout the city to help our city look more appealing. And again, I'd like to thank the Council for your support.

Ms. Sara Jones: I'm a graduate of Huntington High School. I currently attend Grambling State University. This summer I had the privilege to work with the Earth Camp Team, where we took children from all types of backgrounds and economic status, and we taught them about environmental awareness. So, on behalf of the Shreveport Green family, we would like to say thank you. Without you, this program would not be possible. Thank you.

Mr. Jeter: And as you can see, Mayor and Council, all of the members of the program, which is 32 of them, they're here standing this afternoon. But I also have two other people that are standing, they are my team leaders during the summer, and that's Ms. Millie Dilman and Mr. Tommy (inaudible), they're my team leaders and they help run the teams during the summer along with a team leader that works with the Caddo Parish Parks Department. And we just want to thank you again. We enjoy what we do, and we believe that we're making a difference. But we truly believe that we're growing the future leadership of our city and I thank you very much for your time and opportunity.

Councilman Shyne: Lets move to the Council Members. Do any of you have any distinguished guests that are here?

Councilwoman Bowman: At this time, I would like to recognize Caddo Parish Commissioner Stephanie Lynch that's in the audience, I also saw Caddo Parish Commissioner, Rose Wilson McCullough, I'm not sure if she's still here. I know I saw (inaudible) Curtis.

Councilman Webb: There she is.

Councilwoman Bowman: In the back, and former City Councilman Roy Cary.

Councilman Shyne: And don't forget Mike Strong. Okay, anybody else? If not, I'd like to recognize Pastor Mays. Pastor it's good to see you down again, and I'd like to recognize and I'd like for this gentleman to stand. He's a retired educator, and Raymond don't look at me and smile like that. Raymond Green, who has been a community leader, a community activist, an educator, and Mr. Mayor, we're hoping that you will be working with him this coming four years in the Louisiana State Legislature from House District out my way. And Mr. Green, we're just so glad for you to come down hear?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, was that an announcement?

Councilman Shyne: No, but - - -

Mayor Glover: I have to add Mr. Chairman, if you'll give me a moment, that Mr. Green was one of my Math teachers at Linear Jr. High School, and an outstanding educator. My math skills notwithstanding.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, lets go to the Property Standards Report. Jim?

Reports: Property Standards Report

Mr. Holt: I'll be happy to take questions that you want to or we can do that now or we can wait for the appeal to come up. I don't believe (inaudible).

Councilwoman Bowman: I had a call earlier today in reference to - - - her residence was in the 6200 block of Lefleur. It is the house backing up to the Brookshire's there on Pines Road. And they are complaining because the lot is really overgrown, and it's growing over their fence. In addition to that, when I personally drove by, I had complaints about this, but I personally experienced it. Driving down Pines Road, especially if you're coming out of Cockrell Park, you have a difficult time seeing the cars coming because those trees are beautiful that are in the center, but they need to be cut back because it does mess with your vision.

Mr. Holt: You're talking about in the median?

Councilwoman Bowman: In the median.

Mr. Holt: Shelly is listening to you, I'm sure she'll take care of that.

Councilwoman Bowman: Now they're really pretty Shelly, but they're really obstructing your view when you try to come out of those intersections or try to turn in to one of the other streets there, so if you all could kinda look into that. But my other issue was with the lady in the 6200 block of LeFleur, and I've already given you the other one.

Councilman Long: Jim, I was driving around that area that we're kinda working in right now, and I was noticing that some of those lots and houses right there that are adjoining the interstate, especially if it dead ends at some of those roads. A lot of those, the grass and weeds are pretty grown up in there. Do we ever cut those periodically, or those former road right of ways that terminate right there at the interstate? What is the policy on that?

Mr. Holt: If it's part of the I-49 interstate, it should be cut when the I-49 right of way is cut. I can't tell you that I know the exact limits of where that is, and I'll have to check and see what's right of way, and what's private property. There's probably some abandoned lots in there too. So, we'll address all of it when we're in that area.

Councilman Long: Okay, we'll look at that on our drive next week.

Councilman Shyne: Jim, beautiful job.

Mr. Holt: Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, let me pause right here just one second. I want to recognize Joel Anderson, who is a tremendous, a tremendous, a tremendous young writer. Joel, would you just stand and raise your hand. We are losing Joel. Joel is going to be covering what? The Sports? The sports for the Shreveport Times, and Joel really now, we're going to really miss you. We're going to really miss you. I've been here a long time, and the Mayor has been here for a pretty good while, and you are one of the best that has ever covered the City Council for the Shreveport Times and I hope the folks at the Times are listening to this. You're one of the best, so Joel, thank you hear?

Councilman Webb: I think what you're trying to say is you're going to miss him putting your picture in the paper once a week.

Councilman Shyne: And I'm going to miss him writing a few bad things about me, but Joel all that goes along with the territory.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I want to join you in echoing those sentiments. No doubt that Joel is a Pulitzer quality journalist, I've been told though that he has been taken off of the Government beat because of the fact that - - - you know the City owns the hotel, and he maybe required to go back and cover it again, and after one of his most recent stories, I was told his mother called the folks at the Times, and said he was no longer allowed to cover any beats that involved the Shreveport Hilton. So, as a parting gift, we're going to give him one more free night pass.

Mr. Anderson: I'm going to hold you to that.

Mayor Glover, but we've also got a room for his Mom also. And they can bring whoever they want.

Councilman Wooley: Make sure they are adjoining rooms, so she can keep her eye on him.

Mayor Glover: With that connecting door.

Councilman Shyne: Well thank you Joel, we couldn't let you leave without recognizing you.

Public Hearing: None.

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

Confirmations and/or Appointments:

Downtown Development Authority

Mr. Dannye Malone

Motion by Councilman Bwoman, seconded by Councilman Long to confirm the executive appointment of Mr. Dannye Malone to the Downtown Development Authority. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Dannye, congratulations. You are now a new member of the Downtown Development Authority. I hope you dress like that when you go to the meetings. If you do, you will be extremely impressive.

Adding Legislation to the Agenda

1. **Resolution No. 126 of 2007**: A Resolution declaring the City's interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester/C/Long)
2. **Ordinance No. 129 of 2007**: Zoning: C-16-07: An Ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the north side of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop 300 feet east of New Castle Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from R-1C, Suburban, One-Family Residence District, to R-1C (PUD) Suburban, One-Family (Planned Unit Development) District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilmen Bowman and Long to add Resolution No. 126 of 2007, and Ordinance No. 129 of 2007 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Let's move into Public Comments. When I read your name off, please come forward and state your name and address. You have three minutes.

Public Comments (*Agenda Items to be Adopted*)

Mrs. Rosemary Strickland: (9155 Cinnamon Blvd) I do own the house at 9071 Sara Lane, 71118, and that's why I'm here today. We're having problems with Matt and Dan Delaney wanting to put a mini warehouse storage building behind our property. And since he has put the military reserve there, he never put a drain. All of our houses are getting water in it. I have had back my den flooded several times, and since December, it has flooded four times in my home. It's rotted our fences all along the line that he did not put a fence up for us that he promised to do. Mrs. (Inaudible) home got water in it this last time it rained, and mine did, and also my neighbors that are here had problems with their water, water getting in there. I've spent \$2500 on a new drain two weeks ago in my backyard. There's no sense in us having to do this, and him put a warehouse back there now, and that will cause more drainage problems. Their land is about 4 inches higher than all of our land, of all the houses that are facing his land. And he's wanting to put these motor home covers and paint them blue and green. None of us want to look out our backyards and see all these covers. And these people throwing trash in our yards from the storage buildings. And we're just asking y'all to help us stop some of this. Because the Delaneys have never even done anything for us. They hung up on us when we called. They won't return calls to us. When Jeff Hogan was Councilman, he spoke with Matt Delaney, he

promised him that within two weeks he would get it done. Those two weeks have gone into several years. This has been going on since 1992. I've owned my property since 1961, and it seems like we'd've had a lot of problems before then if it was due to just the land, but it wasn't. It's due to him building that and it all draining off into our property. We do ask y'all's help in stopping that.

Councilman Shyne: So, I will assume that you are opposed?

Ms. Strickland: Yes sir. Very much so.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Councilman Webb, I'll turn it over to you, if you have any comments. I believe it's in your district, right?

Councilman Webb: It is in my district. I know I went out and looked at your property you're in reference to, what you've done and I spoke with a representative today. I don't know if - - - I think I was on a speaker phone. I don't know if Mr. Delaney was present or not. But I understand your concerns as well as the other neighbors up and down the street, and I spoke with them about that today. And at the proper time, later in the meeting, I'll be making a motion to look into this a little further.

Ms. Strickland: Thank you. I appreciate it. And he did come out to my home and he saw what I had done, and what my fence and all the others look like.

Councilman Shyne: Now usually when he comes out, he usually wants some cookies or brownies, did he - - -

Ms. Strickland: I know, I take care of him.

Councilman Webb: She wasn't home.

Ms. Strickland: Of course I have special prayer too for him. That's the main thing.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, he needs to invite the mayor along.

Ms. Strickland: I thank y'all and would appreciate it if y'all would consider us.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you, but you don't need both of them coming out.

Ms. Strickland: I'll have enough for him. Thank you very much.

Ms. Dorothy Rock: (9059 Sara Lane) I just want to tell you one thing, and it won't take three minutes. My husband and I are purchasing this house and we've been there about three years. And we've had water drainage problems every since we've been there in our den. We just spent \$3,000 to fix that. And I am against the storage building because of our present problems with the water drainage. I wish that we could get someone to help us fix our problems, and get this water drainage under control because it gets bad when it starts raining a lot. But I do appreciate you all listening to us, and I am oppose to it. Thank you very much.

Mr. James Self: (5217 S. Lakeshore Drive) This concerns the Brazzells having two horses on their property in the front yard on S. Lakeshore Drive. I sent all the Council Members a letter with a petition I had signed by 12 signatures, nine homes, out of 14, from their house both across the street and down the street. We present all this to the zoning board after two meetings and drew a 5-1 vote. They declined them to be able to let the horses stay. All we're asking y'all to do is look at it, and I feel y'all will do what's necessary and what's right for all the citizens in Shreveport. Zoning in the past, y'all have done away with certain things inside the city, and just think y'all should uphold that and take care of the Zoning Board for the way they did. I've been told that their home was in a particular different section than my home is, and I just found today we're all in Section 4 and 5, and we should all have the same guidelines and ordinances. I thank y'all for your time. If you have any questions I'll be glad to try and answer them.

Councilman Shyne: Before you go, I think Councilman Lester will probably have something a little bit later on, but can we assume that you are opposed to the zoning?

Mr. Self: Yes sir. I and the other 12 homeowners have signed a petition against it.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, so my assumption is right. Thank you.

Mr. Billie Jones: (5304 S. Lakeshore Drive) I appeared before the Zoning Committee twice, I also appeared before the Council the last time we met to state my opposition to the Brazzells having the two horses located on Lakeshore Drive. I also had a meeting with Mr. Lester, with Mr. Self and myself. In that meeting, we also presented information, and informed him of our opposition. I'm asking at this time that the Council do not overturn the decision of the Zoning Committee. Hopefully all of you have the information in your folders that I wrote to the City Council as well as the Zoning Committee. Once again, I want to compliment the Zoning Committee for looking into the matter. I think they did a good job. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Ms. Jones. Councilman Lester, I'm going to take advantage that you will speak to that when we get to that on the agenda.

Mr. Charles Greer: (6001 Holly Hock Lane, Bossier City, LA) Mr. Mayor and Lady and Gentlemen of the Council, if you don't mind, because I only have a few minutes here today, I'd like to share a few thoughts (inaudible) been of the last couple of weeks. As I shared in these and this Council the last couple of weeks. I want to thank you Mr. Mayor and Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Lester and members of this Council for allowing me to speak here for a brief moment this afternoon in reference to the special exception residency case if you will on Chico and Whiskey, two horses that presently reside at 5311 S. Lakeshore Drive. With great respect, I sat before you yesterday and on the back row of this Chamber, exactly two weeks ago, and watched you deal with cases ranging from care of property violations to a distraught father whose son had been accused to armed robbery, as well as a situation by which a gentleman had been exposed to an infectious disease. In a way, that really breaks my heart, but I want to make mention that all of you handled this great concern with tremendous passion in all of these cases. Not only on that day, but as well as yesterday. I haven't spent much time in the Council Chamber in my lifetime, at 50 years of age, but I've been very impressed with the way you handle your business, and the way in which you care for the citizens of this city. I stand before you today as an advocate for what is best for Chico and Whiskey in the community in which they live. I also stand as an advocate for the love and concern that their owners Kathleen and Clint Brazzell have for them, as well as for their neighbors. And I also stand before you today as an advocate who listens to the concerns as I just did to Mrs. Jones as she well represented her case. I and my family have lived, if you will, in the Bossier/Shreveport/Benton/Haughton and Minden area since 1966, and for the past 25 years, I've been employed in the land development and residential building industry here in this area. During this time, I've grown to realize the importance and impact upon lives that domestic animals have, and while living in intimate associate with and to the advantage of man. Both inside and outside the cities of this great nation. While in this room, the God in whose name we have prayed during this and in past session of this Council, has entrusted many of us to the care of these magnificent animals. And in doing so, he did not state that they must live outside the confines of our residences, our communities, our subdivisions or even our cities. Soon each and every one of us, you and I alike and the citizens behind me will all be held accountable for all injustices rendered to one another, and to these animals in God's great kingdom. We the citizens before you realize that each case presented to you is different. Very different. And some more difficult than others, and not one case is any more special than another. After all facts have been placed before you today, I hope that you and this Council will simply consider a single 12 month special exception residency for these two horses, Chico and Whiskey at 5311 S. Lakeshore Drive. While Mr. And Mrs. Brazzell utilize this time to adjust their lives. Right or wrong in what they have done, I pray that you will utilize or allow them to utilize this time to adjust their lives, and try to figure out how to best reach a compromise with Ms. Jones as well as any others. I appreciate your time Council, thank you very much.

Councilman Shyne: Is that the same demonstration on last time?

Ms. Brazzell: I can leave it out.

Councilman Shyne: I would hope so, unless some of the council members had not seen it, because it's just over and over. Okay then.

Ms. Kathleen Brazzell: (5311 S. Lakeshore Dr.) I'd like to thank everybody here especially the Council (inaudible), for the last several weeks. I really truly appreciate everything that's been done, good and bad. I'd like to also thank my friends and neighbors that have also helped me. And I'd like to give you a little background. My husband and I have three horses that were boarded at (inaudible) stables. And one of the horses had died. And at that time, the Vet couldn't get there in time, we couldn't have been there fast enough and that's been approximately about nine or ten months ago. And that's when we brought the horses to 5311. That was in August of 2006. We hadn't received any complaints from anybody at that time, and we did call and check at the Zoning and we were told that they dealt with our complaint basically because there were three investigators to come out and look. At that time, we did not know that anybody had come out. Mr. Self had shared with us in that meeting that he had complained, but we were not notified. And I do have the envelopes that were stamped from where we signed for those letters. So at the time that we did receive the first letter, we did go down and file for the exception. And we were told we could keep the horses there, and Mr. Jambor himself had told me that nobody was trying to make our life miserable, to keep the horses there until we got to this point. We paid all the fees which were \$500, there was a \$30 fee for a permit for our fence. We paid \$250 to sit before you today, and I'd also like to go back to what Mr. Lester said yesterday about the - - - it was the informal meeting of the Council that their neighborhoods were mixed with incomes and mixed uses. And I absolutely agree, and I think that horses (inaudible) front, that street has always accommodated horses and families together. And you can still see in those pictures that I provided y'all, there are houses that still have the horse fences up. There's two trailers across the street from me right now, which is - - - oh, I can't think of his name right now, but beside him is 60 acres that are vacant. It's just out of the city limits. If y'all drive down there, you'll see - - - you can tell that horses have been there. This Council or the MPC whichever, voted for Mr. Miller to keep his horses down the street at 6409, and I'm just asking to be treated the same way that he has. And if you look at those pictures, my home looks very similar to the way he's kept his home up. And I'm not trying to be proud, but my home is beautiful, and my horses are beautiful. And the reason I'm asking also want to remind y'all too, when you leave here, if you'll look about 600 feet to the right going to the new hotel, our mounted patrol is housed right over there, and they're not causing any problems. You can't smell them from here, and there are probably - - - there are more than half dozen horses housed over there. And they're not bothering anybody. In fact, they're doing a great service to this city, this great southern city which we all are - - -. Anyway the reason that I keep pointing out some of the homes around me, some were opposed, and some that were for me. If you look, there are several homes that dirt driveways, that still have like the barns are still in the back yard. And I did try to take some of the photos of them. And all of those homes, a couple did say they were against it. If you'll look back there, they still have barns there. And somebody shared with me that the reason that the Bakers at 5222 S. Lakeshore were so against me keeping mine is that they were told that his mother was made to remove the horses from that piece of property. And I think that's unfair for me to pay the fines of somebody else. Just as he felt, and now I'm paying that cost for that. I just want to keep my two there. Anyway I would just like to be treated the same way that Mr. Miller was treated, and I did try to meet that day to appease or satisfy everybody, and I did understand Mr. Self's concern about the vacant lot, which I provided a picture of. That lot, I mean fairly fits in the width of my camera lens. It's a very small lot. You

couldn't put a pig in that lot with a home, so I don't think that there's anything to worry about, but if everybody is concerned about that, there's 60 acres across from me that people should be concerned about, and there's also the land that's right by Mr. Strong's house. And I drove down and all that woods right there are owned by all of those people which deer come up through. And that deer aren't even trained to stay within the confines of a fence or a hedge. They've been on S. Lakeshore before which I have no problem with. But my horses have never been outside of that fence, and I'm not going to go over that fence. Chico is 12 and mine is fixin to be 22, and they're both retired ranch horses, and retired barrel racer. And I guess that's it. And I appreciate y'all.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you for coming.

Ms. Brazzell: Can I show my support?

Councilman Shyne: Your two minutes are up. But I think Councilman Lester will, when we get to that point, he will ask you to show your support.

Mr. Robert Stewart: (5422 Briar Cliff Circle) It's a stone's throw from this nice lady's home. I'm past three Commander of American Legion which is right adjacent to the property. We have 1400 members there, and in interviewing, not all 1400, but several of them, and we have continuous things going on all day and night, and I've never heard one comment or complaint about those horses being there. I've also checked with some friends that live across the street. They're middle aged people, their parents have had horses, cows, hogs and everything else there. And I just think it's just - - - if it has to be enforced, I don't really see any need for it, but because they're not bothering anything, they're content, they have a beautiful fence around it, and I think that some would take an issue with this, not because it's bothering them, not because they're interfering with their livelihood, but just because they don't want them there. And so I'm asking you to consider this request to allow them to keep the horses there. But if you have to enforce it, if you have to, at least for God's sake, give 'em some time to make some other arrangements to remove them and stuff. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Robert, I'm not taking sides but you say the people that came up that were in opposition that the horses are not really bothering them. Do you know that, I mean have they told you that the horses are not bothering them or this is your assumption that it's not bothering them.

Mr. Stewart: Well, I'm going to get my hearing aid back again.

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, then take your seat. Thank you. Tell him, that's it. Thank you. I didn't know you had to get your hearing aid on. That's all for Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution No. 120 of 2007:** A resolution authorizing Alta V. Franks, located at 3702 Old Mooringsport Road to connect to the Water & Sewer System of the City of Shreveport and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Near District A/Lester)

Motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilmen Webb and Bowman to introduce Resolution No. 120 of 2007. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

ORDINANCES: None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS: 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 NUMBER 100 OF 2006

A RESOLUTION 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.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport currently has mortgages and notes on property generally identified as the SNAP IVA, SNAP IVB, and SNAP V property; and

WHEREAS, the mortgages were originally executed by Shreveport Publishing Corporation (now SNAP Property, LLC) ("Borrower") in favor of the City of Shreveport on June 3, 1997 in connection with the Neighborhood Improvement Leveraging Project, a project to provide housing rehabilitation and/or public infrastructure improvements in designated neighborhood area of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the mortgages and notes represent the Borrower's obligation to repay three (3) NILP loans each bearing interest at a rate of three (3) percent per annum; and

WHEREAS, approximately 99 residential dwelling units situated on approximately 44 parcels of land are included in the collective reference to "SNAP property"; and

WHEREAS, the SNAP property was purchased by Shreveport Publishing Corporation using NILP loan funds. The total loan amount is \$651,289.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower was to begin repayment of loan in June, 2003 after expiration of the fifteen (15) year deferment period; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has expressed an inability to repay the loan citing changes in the federal Section 8 program and in lieu of foreclosure, the Borrower proposes to convey some of the property to a non-profit organization (s) who satisfy the conditions imposed the City of Shreveport. The remaining property would be conveyed to the City of Shreveport in forgiveness of the remaining debt; and

WHEREAS, favorable consideration of the Borrower's proposal, subject to certain conditions, would yield significant public benefit, including, but not limited to, home ownership opportunities for up to qualified person or families; improvement of a socially and economically distressed area; significant infusion of leveraging dollars and increase in the tax base; increased tax revenue; and, appreciating property value.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to release the mortgages and cancel 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 for property generally identified as the SNAP property in lieu of foreclosure and subject to the following conditions:

1) The Borrower shall to provide evidence of redemption of all SNAP property

adjudicated to Caddo Parish and/or the City of Shreveport or sold at Parish or City tax sale prior to execution of any document or instrument by the City of Shreveport authorizing the release or cancellation of any document or instrument pursuant to authority contained in this resolution.

2) Within forty-five (45) days of the date of redemption, the Borrower shall, at Borrower's expense, convey title to the property identified Attachment 1 to a non-profit organization(s), approved by City, who satisfy the conditions imposed by the City of Shreveport relative to such conveyance, including but not limited to the condition that the recipient non-profit organization(s) be an active participant with the City of Shreveport in revitalizing distressed neighborhoods.

3) Within forty-five (45) days of the date of redemption, the Borrower shall, at Borrower's expense, convey title to the property identified in Attachment 2 to the City of Shreveport.

4) Any/all documents or instruments conveying or transferring title to any property identified in Attachment 1 shall contain a restriction which prohibits residential use of any structure located on the property and which requires that any/all residential structures existing on the property be relocated at least five (5) miles outside the corporate limits of the City of Shreveport.

5) City shall not authorize the release or cancellation of any document or instrument affecting the SNAP property until such time as Borrower provides sufficient documentation to the Office of the City Attorney that all conditions contained herein have been complied with.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport any and all instruments and documents relative to the authority contained herein after review and approval of such document(s) by the Office of the City Attorney.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long.
The Clerk read the following:

AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO RESOLUTION NUMBER 100 OF 2006

Amend the Resolution as follows:

Amend conditions 1 and 4 of the "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" paragraph to now read as follows:

1) The Borrower shall provide evidence of redemption of all SNAP property adjudicated to Caddo Parish and/or the City of Shreveport or sold at Parish or City tax sale prior to execution of any document or instrument by the City of Shreveport authorizing the release or cancellation of any document or instrument pursuant to authority contained in this resolution.

4) Any/all documents or instruments conveying or transferring title to any property identified in Attachment 1 shall contain a restriction which prohibits residential use of any structure located on the property and which requires that any/all residential structures existing on the property be relocated at least five (5) miles outside the corporate limits of the City of Shreveport or demolished by the owner at the owner's expense.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 100 of 2006. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt Resolution No. 100 of 2006 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 117 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Justice has invited the City of Shreveport Police Department to apply for up to \$3,000,000 in grant funds with a \$1,000,000 matching funds requirement under the FY 2007 COPS Technology (Tech) Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, this program will provide funding to area enforcement agencies for the procurement of technology that focuses on data information-sharing and/or an enhancement of voice interoperability. This collaboration will be an effort between the Shreveport Police Department, Caddo Parish 911, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Desoto Parish Sheriff's Office and Bossier City Parish Sheriff's Office. The following agencies have agreed to satisfy the \$1,000,000 match requirements as follows:

City of Shreveport Police Department \$100,000

Caddo Parish 911 District One \$233,334

Caddo Parish Sheriffs Department \$200,000

Desoto Parish Sheriffs Department \$113,333

Bossier City Parish Sheriffs Department \$353,333.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby authorize the execution by Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, those grant documents necessary to accept this award and receive funding established within the program administered by the U. S. Department of Justice.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 118 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT AND/OR ASSIGNMENT OF OPTION

TO PURCHASE TRANSIT BUSES BETWEEN THE NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, in February of 2003, the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority awarded a public bid for one hundred twenty-five to two hundred (125-200) forty foot (40') low floor, forty foot (40') low floor suburban, thirty-five foot (35') low floor, and thirty foot (30') low floor fixed route transit buses over a five (5) year contract to the Gillig Corporation under Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority's RFP No. 011503-01; and

WHEREAS, Gillig agreed to furnish Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority a minimum of twenty-five (25) forty foot (40') low floor or forty foot (40') low floor suburban buses in the first year, with the option to purchase an additional one hundred to two hundred (100-200) buses of any of the above mentioned size over the remaining four (4) years of the five (5) year contract; and

WHEREAS, the public bid contains an assignability clause that permits Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority to assign options in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to purchase ten (10) thirty-five foot (35') low floor transit buses under said RFP No. 011503-01; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 38:2212.1(f) and La. R.S. 39:1701 et. seq. authorize the City of Shreveport to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority to purchase said buses; and

WHEREAS, Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority has no objection to assigning its rights to the City of Shreveport to exercise an option to purchase ten (10) thirty-five foot (35') low floor transit buses from the Gillig Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and/or Assignment of Option to Purchase Transit Buses Between the Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority and the City of Shreveport substantially in accordance with the document filed along with the original copy of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on July 9, 2007, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 119 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF A VOLUNTARY UNIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, 701 AIRPORT, LLC AND GOLDCO OPERATING, L.L.C., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport ("City") is a Co-Lessor of oil, gas, and mineral rights and/or mineral leases affecting approximately 1335.10 acres of land, more or less (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Goldco, Operating, L.L.C. ("Goldco") is the holder and owner of an oil, gas and mineral lease ("Lease Agreement") covering and affecting the Property; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of conservation, the parties to the Lease Agreement desire to pool and unitize their separately owned interests and rights in the Property in order to voluntarily create a single pooled unit, comprising all or a portion of the Property covered and affected by their respective leases; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire and intend to execute the attached Voluntary Unit Agreement ("Unit Agreement") to commemorate and express their mutual understanding and agreement relative to operations or productions of oil, gas and other associated minerals resulting from the Lease Agreement, royalty and other payments, and other matters related to the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, execution of the Unit Agreement by all parties will result in a significant increase in royalty payments to the City of Shreveport. Once effective, the Unit Agreement has the potential, by conservative estimate, to double the City's royalty payments over the life of the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, conversely, the City's revenue may suffer an immediate decrease should any other unit configuration be put into place; and

WHEREAS, the Unit Agreement would limit royalty and other payments to the current parties to the Lease Agreement thereby guaranteeing a greater percentage of monthly royalty payments to the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Unit Agreement will require approval of the State Mineral Board; and

WHEREAS, the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 8, 2007 and agenda items are to be submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submission of items for the August meeting was Monday, July 10, 2007 thereby necessitating the Mayor's signature on the Unit Agreement prior to receipt of authorization from the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor's execution of the Voluntary Unit Agreement filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on July 10, 2007 is hereby ratified.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 121 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, obsolete or 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 then \$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 Webb, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt.

Councilman Webb: How many we getting rid of?

Mr. Dark: I think it's 14.

Councilman Webb: 14? Okay.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 122 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED ON IFB #07-053, CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME WITH IMPROVEMENTS – ADAMS HOUSE PLAN FOR SHEPHERD LOT 10 AND/OR OTHER LOTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received as a result of solicitations for CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME WITH IMPROVEMENTS – ADAMS HOUSE PLAN FOR SHEPHERD LOT 10 AND/OR OTHER LOTS, IFB #07-053; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected these bids in accordance with La R.S. 38:2214 B, as the City has determined not to proceed with the proposed project.

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 #07-053 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 Lester, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 123 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED ON IFB #07-054, CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME WITH IMPROVEMENTS – BELLWOODE HOUSE PLAN FOR SHEPHERD LOT 14 AND/OR OTHER LOTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received as a result of solicitations for CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME WITH IMPROVEMENTS – BELLWOODE HOUSE PLAN FOR SHEPHERD LOT 14 AND/OR OTHER LOTS, IFB #07-054; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected these bids in accordance with La R.S. 38:2214 B, as the City has determined not to proceed with the proposed project.

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 #07-054 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 Lester, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1

RESOLUTION NUMBER 126 OF 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lot 14, Cooperville Subdivision, Unit No. 1 Geographic Number 181417-051-001400

Municipal Address: 2524 Freddie Street

Council District "A"

Lot 16 & East 10 Feet of Lot 17, Lister Subdivision Geographic Number 171306-014-005700

And ½ of Alley in Rear

Municipal Address: 156 East Egan Street

Council District "A"

Lot 1-A, lying North of Pierremont Road a replat of Geographic Number 171320-002-003200

Block "A" & "B" also Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, Block

"E" and Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4, Block "F", Bell Mead Subdivision

Municipal Address: 7689 None

Council District "C"

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

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

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, under 8) 120 Authorizing Alta V. Franks, located at 3702 Old Mooringsport Road to connect to the water and sewer system, that was introduced, but that can be adopted today if the Council chooses to do so.

RESOLUTION NO. 120 of 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALTA V. FRANKS, LOCATED AT 3702 OLD MOORINGSPOUR ROAD TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Alta V. Franks be authorized to connect the proposed building to be located at 3702 Old Mooringsport Road, 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 Lester, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS *(Not to be adopted prior to August 14, 2007)*

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 124 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor's signature on an agreement for City services between the City of Shreveport, Louisiana and Pratt Industries, USA, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 125 of 2007**: A resolution authorizing and providing for the waiver of permit fees for construction of Pratt Industries USA, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Resolution No(s). 124 and 125 of 2007 to lay over until August 14, 2007 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES *(Not to be adopted prior to August 14, 2007)*

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 118 of 2007**: An ordinance declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Mayor of the City of Shreveport to sell the City of Shreveport's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester/C/Long/F/Shyne)
2. **Ordinance No. 119 of 2007**: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease of city-owned property to Triumph Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)
3. **Ordinance No. 120 of 2007**: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease of city-owned property Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)
4. **Ordinance No. 121 of 2007**: An ordinance amending Section 26-301 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to the sale of the City's interest in adjudicated property to an adjoining landowner and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 122 of 2007**: An ordinance amending and replacing Sections 74-1, definitions of solid waste, and 74-30, other waste collection, and creating Section 74-31, recycled product collection of solid waste, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

6. **Ordinance No. 123 of 2007**: An ordinance amending and replacing Section 94-161 and Section 94-165 pertaining to billing and collections of utilities, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 124 of 2007**: An ordinance amending the 2007 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget.
8. **Ordinance No. 125 of 2007**: ZONING APPEAL C-33-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the southeast corner of West 84th Street and St. Vincent Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-2, Heavy Industrial District, to R-2, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley) (*Remanded TO MPC April 24, 2007*)
9. **Ordinance No. 126 of 2007**: ZONING C-61-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the north side of Albert 475 feet west of Youree Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from SPI-3-E (B-1) Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business)/Extended Use District limited to Pet Grooming & Light Retail to SPI-3-E (B-1) Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business)/Extended Use District limited to “Beauty Shop” only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Long)
10. **Ordinance No. 127 of 2007**: ZONING C-65-07: 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 Clyde Fant Parkway Service Road, 2267 feet south of Stoner Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from B-3, Community Business District, B-1, Buffer Business District, And R-A-E, Residence-Agriculture/Extended Use District to R-3, Urban, Multi-Family Residence District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
11. **Ordinance No. 128 of 2007**: ZONING C-66-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the south south side of Flournoy Lucas Road at the end of Ashley River Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1, Residence-Agriculture District, R-1D (PUD), Urban, One-Family Residence (Planned Unit Development) District and R-1C (PUD), Suburban, One-Family Residence (Planned Unit Development) District, to R-1B (PUD) Suburban, One-Family Residence (Planned Unit Development) District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)
12. **Ordinance No. 129 of 2007**: Zoning: C-16-07: An Ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the north side of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop 300 feet east of New Castle Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from R-1C, Suburban, One-Family Residence District, to R-1C (PUD) Suburban, One-Family (Planned Unit Development) District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Ordinance No(s). 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, and 129 of 2007 to lay over until August 14, 2007 meeting.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Clerk, since these are up for introduction, can you all check 128, because I don't believe those are District G's Property.

Mr. Thompson: We will check it and if there is a correction, we will make it for the next meeting.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I would just like to commend the Administration. I don't know if I had an opportunity to commend y'all very much, but I will take this opportunity to do it. I like how you all are doing the property instead of doing the donation, doing a lease. This gives us a certain amount of control in case it does not work out like it was agreed upon. That gives us some leverage. So, I want to commend you for that.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I will have to share with you that, that adjustment came after Council input to show you the cooperative nature of this process. The original intent as we picked up this particular process from the previous administration are intended to be out right donations. But I think you and one or two others from the Council pointed out that with resources and assets of this significance, of this level of significance, that it would behoove the citizens of Shreveport that they did in fact end up being used in an ongoing fashion that was positive, constructive, and contributing to the betterment of the community. And so we stepped back and got with Council, able attorney Terry Scott, and she managed to give us proper direction in terms of how to instruct these as leases, that would in fact give us that review process. So, I thank you and the rest of the Council for working with us on that.

Councilman Shyne: I was glad to bring it up because I hope Mr. Raymond Green had the opportunity to see one of his former students at work and I forgot that Mr. Green and I were classmates at Grambling. So, he got a chance to see one of his former students and one of his classmates.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. And thanks to Mr. Green, I can do the math correctly.

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

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

1. **Ordinance No. 122 of 2006**: An ordinance amending portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to traffic and vehicles and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) *(Postponed July 10, 2007)*

Having passed first reading on August 22, 2006 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1

2. **Ordinance No. 117A of 2007**: An Ordinance authorizing the lease of city-owned property to Studio Operation, L.L.C., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(Not to be adopted prior to August 14, 2007)*

Having passed first reading on July 10, 2007 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, I believe we're ready to move into Unfinished Business, is it any items that - - -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, No. 7 can be removed from the Agenda.

1. **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*)
2. **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*)
3. **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*)
4. **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*)
5. **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*)
6. **PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEAL - HBO070006**: - 1901 Perrin St., Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) Rev. Wilbert L. Malone, 7819 Gideon Street, Shreveport, La 71106 (D/Wooley) (*Postponed April 9, 2007 until October 8, 2007*)
7. **Ordinance No. 73 of 2007**: ZONING APPEAL C-33-07: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning property located on the southeast corner of West 84th Street and St. Vincent Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-2, Heavy Industrial District, to R-2, Suburban, Multi-Family Residence District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley) (*Remanded TO MPC April 24, 2007*)

Motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Webb to remove Ordinance No. 73 of 2007 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, for the record, that was referred back to the MPC, and they brought it back as Ordinance No. 125 of 2007, which is on the agenda today.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you for explaining that Mr. Thompson.

8. **Resolution No. 51 of 2007**: A resolution supporting the Employee Free Choice Act, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled May 8., 2007*)

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there is one item under New Business that was not completed yesterday.

ANIMAL SERVICES APPEAL:

Mr. Rob Wallace (*c/o Mr. Joey W. Hendrix, 617 Market Street, Shreveport, LA*) 6130 Land O Trees, Shreveport, LA 71119 (A/Lester) **DECISION RENDERED July 23, 2007**

ABO APPEAL:

Mr. Michael Weaver, 406 5th Street, Benton, LA; *Superior Grill, 6123 Line Ave, Shreveport, LA* (C/Long) **DECISION RENDERED July 23, 2007**

SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS CARD APPEAL:

Ms. Alexandra Hood, 397 Camp Bistino Road, Doyline, LA; *Déjà vu, 202 Commerce, Shreveport, LA* (B/Walford) **DECISION RENDERED July 23, 2007**

PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEAL:

PSD0600245: Ms. Kathy Clark, 1755 Irving Place, Shreveport LA (B/Walford) *1755 Irving Place, Shreveport, LA* (B/Walford) (*Postponed until July 9, 2007*)

Mr. Thompson: . It concerns Ms. Kathy Clark. The property standards appeal concerning Ms. Clark. I believe we were going to see whether or not she would be in the Chamber today. Is Ms. Kathy Clark here? Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that she's present.

Councilman Shyne: I believe we have a statement from Councilman Long.

Councilman Long: I did try to see about finding her to get her to show up today, and I was not successful, so I think we need to move forward with Councilman Walford's wishes on this item.

Councilman Shyne: Is that a motion?

Councilman Long: Yeah, but we need to be specific about what we want to do on that.

Councilman Shyne: I mean his wishes Jim - - - Mr. Thompson, what were his wishes?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Walford left an email saying that if Ms. Clark would agree to certain stipulations, then he would be in favor of a two week postponement, but because she was not here yesterday or today to agree to those stipulations, his next request was that the Property Standards Board would be upheld and the property would be demolished.

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to uphold the decision of the Property Standards Board of Appeals. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Holt, you all have the go ahead. Mr. Thompson, I believe the ABO Appeal was taken care of Monday.

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

HBO0700053: Mr. Jimmie Burks, 422 W. 74th Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (D/Wooley); 417 W 75th Street, Shreveport, LA (D/Wooley) **DECISION RENDERED July 23, 2007**

HBO0700076: Mr. Freddie Thomas, 1525 Martin Luther King Dr., Shreveport, LA 71107; 1601 Martin Luther King Dr, Shreveport, LA 71107 (A/Lester) **DECISION RENDERED July 23, 2007**

HBO0700098: Ms. Elian S. Myles, 1929 N. Hearne, #804, Shreveport, LA; 1437 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA) (A/Lester) **DECISION RENDERED July 23, 2007**

MPC APPROVAL:

ZONING – BAC-42-07: 5311 South Lakeshore Drive, Kathleen and Klint Brazzell, property located on the north side of S. Lakeshore Drive, 400 feet NW of Maurice. (A/Lester) (*Postponed July 10, 2007*)

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to uphold the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals and demolish the structure.

Councilman Lester: I had an opportunity to sit down with the Brazzells, Mr. Self, Ms. Jones in my office last week. It was a very, very fruitful meeting. We sat in my office for the better part of about 2 ½ hours discussing this issue. Zoning issues are obviously the most personal issues when it comes down to the Council. I think that reviewing the record and all of the arguments that have been made on both sides, the proponents and the opponents, I think they both represented themselves and their sides very well. We were able to come to kinda get the air cleared on several issues. Given the fact that I think the Zoning Board's decisions was very reasoned, very orderly, they took their time, and I think they made a good decision. I could find nothing that in the record or argument wise that would dissuade me that their decision was improper. I was presented both supporting evidence by the Brazzells as well as from Mr. Self and Mr. Jones. I think it's significant that you had a number of the neighbors that were in opposition to the horse situation. I think in one of the comments that was made earlier, there was some comment given to further down South Lakeshore, where two horses were allowed, and what separates this from that. And as I shared with everybody at the table, when we met at my office, that situation was different because we were able to get both of the parties together, and the parties agreed to have the horses there. In this case, despite I think our best efforts to come

to some type of resolution that would be satisfactory to all parties, it was not there. And so given the fact that there was not a resolution, given the fact that the ordinance clearly says that this is not something that is favored in the law, that you don't have an automatic right to this, and you have to do an exception, and given the fact that there is overwhelming support in the neighborhood not to allow the horses, that's my decision to side with the Zoning Board in this particular case. I think Ms. Brazzell and her folks have done an outstanding job of pleading their case. My heart goes out to them, and the whole situation with the horses. I would ask I guess to add as part of my motion that rather than the Zoning folks to go out immediately and tell them that they have to remove the horses that they be given 30 days from today's vote to make arrangements to do something with the horses. That's something that we discussed at my office as well. So, that would be my - - - that's what I came to and that's what I would ask the Council to support that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Lester, I will support that. I don't want to be guilty of dipping in somebody else's district, in trying to help them make decisions. So I appreciate that.

Councilman Lester: Not twice in one day. I'll take 50%.

Councilwoman Bowman: I try not to dip into other folks district, however, in this case, I'm going to vote for the horses.

Motion tied by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Webb, and Shyne. 3. Nays: Councilmen Long, Wooley, and Bowman. 3. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

Councilman Shyne: We have a tie vote, I'm sorry. Mike.

Councilman Wooley: He voted. There's only six of us here.

Councilman Shyne: 6-0 vote. Mr. Lester, you want to pause and see if you can twist somebody's arm?

Councilman Lester: No, I don't do that Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Okay.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there is no decision on this case, because of the vote, the Council can take another vote, or there can be motion to postpone until you have a councilman here to break the tie.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to postpone until August 14, 2007. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

ZONING - C-47-07: Property located on the south side of Alkay Drive 770' west of Mansfield Road. (E/Webb) (MPC Approval in a B-3 District, No Ordinance required, to be considered July 24, 2007)

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone until August 14, 2007.

Councilman Webb: I tell you, this has really been a very difficult case to look at. I've been out to the piece of property and walked it every inch of it, and I talked to the representatives of it that's trying to develop this today, and I understand all the expenses that y'all have incurred in this and the last thing y'all wanted to see today was another delay. But you know I have to represent - - - I'm trying to represent both sides on this case, and just to be honest with you, I think when y'all developed the Military Processing Center, when it was

developed, it left a bitter taste in the people's mouth that live on that street. There were a lot of promises according to what I've heard talking to these people that were made on the fence and on the drainage and everything, and that appears to be the main issue. I personally believe that if this is developed with the retention ponds and everything that they're looking at putting in there, this may be the answer to the problem. But I would really like to see us sit down together one afternoon or one morning and get these neighbors in here that live on that street, and talk with the City Engineers, and the MPC, and the developer, and just discuss this behind closed doors so to speak, and get a full understanding of what this I think could really do, if it is approved. I don't want to approve this with an entire neighborhood there just totally against this, and I feel like if I'd have moved today to support it, then we could have done that, but I really think that we need to sit down and do some more discussion. I know that the people were there at the MPC meeting, and they heard everything that was said. But I just believe in the best interest of both sides. We can sit down and discuss this, and I think we'll walk away and be ready to move forward. So, I hold that wish and we'll see. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Councilman Long: Mr. Chairman, I do have a - - - when is the Property Standards Committee going to meet? Have y'all met?

Councilman Shyne: We have not. I think we're probably waiting until Monty gets back, but we should do that soon.

CLERK'S REPORT

Mr. Thompson: Under Clerks Report, we just have one item, Zoning C-60-07, it's on your agenda. And I would remind everybody that you might want to take your pictures before we all get into trouble.

Letter: ZONING C-60-07: Property located on the north side of Edgemont 690 feet east of Line Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) *Mr. & Mrs. Richard Elliott*, 651 Southfield Road, Shreveport, LA (C/Long)

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being nor further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:05 p.m.

//s// Joe Shyne, Vice-Chairman

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