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April 14, 2009 City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Ron Webb at 3:04 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2009, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Bowman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Wooley.

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

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

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by City Council members, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor, do you have somebody that you want to bring up?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, if it would please the Council, I know we've got a room full of special guests here, as we can tell by their outstanding T-shirts that they are wearing. So, I would yield at this point if you don't mind to allow us to be able to bring these good folks up. And here from them before we vote on what (inaudible).

Councilman Webb: Lets do that then.

Councilman Shyne: I think they're here for - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: They're here for a zoning case.

Councilman Long: Y'all want to say anything or - - -? Okay.

Councilman Webb: Okay, at this time, I would like to bring up Mary Ann Tice from the Shreveport Regional Sports Authority, if she would come forward please. Good afternoon Mary Ann.

Ms. Tice: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Council, I asked to visit with you today, Council and Mayor to say thank you for your support of the Bassmaster Classic. I visited with you briefly shortly after the Classic, but I hadn't had an opportunity to prepare some information and some mementos that I wanted to present to the Mayor for the City. So today, I just want to officially say thank you. And I did bring just a snippet of Day 1 as the world came to Shreveport/Bossier City. So, if you'll take a look at the monitors for a couple of minutes, I think you'll enjoy.

Video Presentation – Bassmaster Classic, Day 1

Ms. Tice: That was the beginning of Day 1, when the world tuned in to Shreveport/Bossier City, and I know you share my pride in that. As you know, it was a record shattering classic. Attendance over 137,000. I have provided some information to you that is a recap and a Topline report issued by ESPN. So, I won't go into all the details and breakdown the numbers, but I do want you to have that information so that you can look at it, and notice that we broke every record for the classic, except one. And had we had one more slightly warmer day of fishing, and we would have broken that, and that would have been pounds caught. We still caught over 50 from the Red River. So, all the records but one, very exciting, very good for marketing for us, and the new element added to our classic was ESPN 360. And the online minutes logged was record breaking as well across all the ESPN platforms. I'll be glad to answer questions at some other point. I know that you are busy, but if you have questions, I'll take those. But I do have some mementos that I would like to give to the City, and I'll present those to Mayor Glover with Council's permission. I do want to call to your attention one of the pieces that I was able to secure for you is Bass Times Magazine. This is the Red River, this is the 2009 Classic edition. This is us. Folks I thought it was a great picture, but this magazine was mailed to over 500,000 B.A.S.S. members. So in addition to economic impact, marketing, that's what we accomplish when we host events like this. We market to the world. So, I will give this to Mayor Glover, and something very special that I was able to do just because I thought real quick this time, I was able to get the commemorative Classic poster. I had a limited number of those. I was able to get that signed by all 51 anglers.

Councilman Webb: Wow.

Ms. Tice: And I want to present that as a memento of our classic.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mary Ann. On behalf of the City of Shreveport, and members of the City Council, all of our wonderful citizens throughout Shreveport and Bossier, we want to thank you and your staff for all the great work, the Herculean work, that you all put in, to help make this happen. We certainly appreciate the cooperation from our neighbors from across the river, because we could not have done it alone. And we look forward to even bigger and better things in the years yet to come. And the one record that we also set this year was for the biggest mayor.

Ms. Tice: And we're proud of that too.

Mayor Glover: And that's a record that we don't look to be broken anytime soon. So, thank you. And we will certainly hang this in a place of pride and privilege here in the City of Shreveport. And I think also we look forward to having the cover of our 2009 Budget Book to also be the image of this year's winner. Skeet Reese who is the recipient of some half million dollars. I think he may be paying for the cover maybe. But he will be on the cover of this year's budget book. So, thank you so much, we appreciate the great work that you're doing. We know that you're doing outstanding work in terms of helping to add to the economic dynamic and the quality of life in Shreveport and Northwest Louisiana. So, just simply keep up the good work, and know that you have this Administration, and this Council fully behind you.

Ms. Tice: Mayor Glover brings up a good point I almost missed. This was historic in that in addition to the first female angler, this was the first truly joint project entered into by both cities and both parishes. So, it worked very well, and it's very exciting. I tend to dream big. Very exciting for me when the project exceeds my expectations. And the Classic did. Thanks to the support of everyone, and on behalf of the organizing committee, I thank you as well. You know that I had an extensive committee, and so at this time, my hat is off to them too for standing in line with us. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Councilman Webb: I just wanted to say like your chart here says, 'extraordinary results' and it was because of extraordinary leadership that you brought forward when the team that you put together to make all this happen, and I'm looking forward to when we get it back again in Shreveport/Bossier, and I look for it to be even bigger and better.

Councilman Long: Mr. Chairman, you might want to make sure people understand we have another event coming up, am I correct?

Ms. Tice: Yes, the Women's Bassmaster (inaudible) Championship.

Councilman Long: It's coming in October.

Councilman Shyne: I'm going to volunteer Councilwoman Bowman to participate in that.

Councilwoman Bowman: I only crawfish.

Ms. Tice: Thank you Council.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Mary Ann.

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Mayor Glover: Thank you Mary Ann. Members of the Council, I want to start off today's communications by bringing to the podium here a great friend of mine. We started off our legislative careers together down in Baton Rouge, Class of '96, and we both arrived as rather less than 30 year old single men, and here we are now, some years down the road, both married to wonderful women, and my good friend here is also a family man as well. I think there is another one on the way, or recently arrived? Four weeks. And so, it's my great privilege to present to the Council to share with you all some expressions, all the way from the great southern reach of Louisiana, the Congressman from the 1st Congressional District. I was about to make him Senator, but I don't want to push him there just yet. The Congressman from the 1st Congressional District, U.S. Congressman, Steve Scalise.

Congressman Scalise: It's a privilege to be with you, and it's a special privilege to be with my old friend who is now the Mayor of Shreveport, Cedric Glover. We got to know each other well over the years, and still stay close in touch are really true friends and share a lot of good experiences over the years in the legislature. I'm in town speaking earlier today at the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, Annual State of the Union Address. I serve on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and obviously what's happened in Shreveport with the Haynesville Shale play has gotten a lot of interest in Washington, that y'all are going to be at

the forefront of energy production for the nation, and obviously a lot of things are happening in Washington, we're going to make sure work hand in hand to allow not only the industry here in Shreveport, but all throughout Louisiana as we are such a large energy producing state. I want to make sure we hold that foot hold, and I think if you look, I think they said about 10 years worth of the nations natural gas supply can be provided just from the Haynesville find. So, clearly y'all are going to continue to play a major role in the production for the country, and so it's a pleasure to meet with them earlier today, but it's also a pleasure to meet with y'all. On a side note, I've enjoyed with Dr. Fleming, our newest member of Congress that you sent. He's a very intelligent person, he's doing well. He's on the Armed Services Committee, and the Natural Resources Committee, so he's in good position to help this region, his district, and the rest of the state too. And one final note, I know we've both worked very closely in passing the Motion Picture Incentive Act, back in 2002, when Cedric Glover was in the house at the time, and voted for my legislation, and we've been very happy with the results. And then y'all've definitely experienced tremendous growth in Shreveport, as it's been tremendous growth in South Louisiana in the New Orleans region, and there's a lot of room to grow there. And it's important that we all work together to make sure that the State Legislature continues that program, because those incentives do expire. Gov Jindal's given the commitment that he's going move it forward and continue those incentives, but as we look at the national economic downturn, the film industry continues to grow in Louisiana, and in Shreveport and New Orleans both. It's not a competitive situation, we actually are working together to both grow our industries, to grow the film industry in both parts of the state, as we take business from not only other states, but other countries. And so it's good to see that even in tough economic times, we can create more good high paying jobs, and both of our areas can continue to thrive there. So we'll be working together during the legislative session to make sure that the legislature extend those credits so that we can continue creating good jobs for our people and help Southeast and North Louisiana. So a pleasure to be with the Shreveport Council today, always a special pleasure to be with my friend, Mayor Cedric Glover. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Congressman. If you can sit for a spell longer while I finish our Communications here today, but at that point, I'm going to break away for a few minutes, because we need to counsel over some legislative matters, important to both Shreveport and the State of Louisiana. But I also want to add, now Congressman, I didn't mean to add or start any rumors, when I had that Freudian slip and referred to you as Senator, so I just wanted to - - - just in case some of the scribes out there are listening. I don't want them to attribute that particular rumor to me. But Congressman Scalise is a great example Council Members, of how people from across this state can bridge gaps, and work together, across geography, across race, and across party. When they're focused on doing what's best for the folks that they all represent. And it's been my great privilege to call Steven my friend for now these - - - almost 12-13 years that he and I've been around. And so I look forward to having a chance to visiting with him further. And the one thing that most folks don't - - - in this part of the state have the ability to have an appreciation for is the actual individual who was the lead author. Now all of us, once the train got to going signed on as co-authors. It's always easy to co-sign something once it's

actually gotten started. But the individual who worked to process, both in terms of the Governor's office as well as the legislature to get us down this road of Louisiana based film production, something that no other state in the entirety of the Country had done at the time in 2002, was this young man right here, Steven Scalise. And so the father of the Louisiana Film Industry is sitting here in this room with us today, and I don't think it's any coincidence, that now some 42 other states have followed the example set forth by Louisiana and pushed down that road as well. And there are two right now that serve as our main competition. Georgia is one, and the other is Michigan, and Michigan less so. But Georgia is the one that we're really concerned about, and hopefully, we're going to be able to see some action that will keep us at the forefront of film production in the state. So Steven, thank you for coming today, and look forward to getting a chance to share with you in just a couple of minutes. But before we get there, we have a couple of folks that we'd like to recognize Council Members, and I know we're pressed for time, so I will move rather quickly. Kim Rogers, and Chief Crawford, would you all step forward please?

Councilman Shyne: Is that our newest Assistant Fire Chief?

Mayor Glover: Might be the new Fred Sanders, I'm not sure. That doesn't go well either does it Fred? He wouldn't like that. How do you do Ma'am? Great to have you here today. Members of the Council, folks here in attendance, it is my great pleasure to present a Mayor's Award of Excellence, and it's a joint recognition that's being today, both from the Mayor's office as well from the Shreveport Fire Department, where Ms. Rogers will receive a Shreveport Fire Department Citizens Commendation Award. She's a lady who had no idea on just last month on March 21 of this year, she took care of here weekend list of things to do, that she would come to the rescue of a complete stranger, and save his life. Kim was driving by the intersection of St. Vincent Avenue and 70th Street, about 4:51 that Saturday afternoon, when she saw something burning inside a car. As she look closer, she saw a man inside the car, and his clothes were in flames. Without any hesitation, this guardian angel jumped out of her vehicle, and came and rendered lifesaving assistance to Mr. Lucius McPhail, who was scrambling as hard as he could understandably as fast as he could to remove his burning clothes. He told paramedics that he was trying to light a cigarette when his clothes caught on fire. Mr. McPhail sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns to his arms and torso, but due to the unselfish and quick thinking heroic actions of Kim Rogers, she prevented further and deeper burns and minimized any more additional injuries. So, without a doubt, not only was she in the right place at the right time, she was also willing to take the right willing to take the right action. And so, it is my great privilege to join here with the Chief today, to first of all present to you Ms. Rogers with this Mayor's Award of Excellence.

Chief Crawford: Mr. Mayor, truly Ms. Rogers is a hero. Not only did she save this individual's life, she risked her own life doing something that unfortunately a lot of people today wouldn't have done. Ms. Rogers, for your heroic actions, the Shreveport Fire Department recognizes you with the highest civilian honor, the Citizen Commendation. In recognition for your lifesaving actions on March 21, 2009, we and I the Fire Chief commend you. When you saw a man whose clothes were on fire, you stopped and offered lifesaving assistance by

removing his burning clothes. Because of your willingness to become involved, the victim's life was spared, and further injuries minimized. According to the firefighters at the scene, and the physicians who later treated this patient, if it had not been for the swift and heroic actions of Mrs. Rogers, the chances of this man surviving were minimal. So, once again, I congratulate you and the Shreveport Fire Department appreciates your actions that day. Thank you Ms. Rogers.

Mayor Glover: She's shy?

Chief Crawford: She's not Fred, Fred would have jumped up here and said something.

Ms. Rogers: Thank you all. I do appreciate it.

Mayor Glover: We appreciate you. Ladies and Gentlemen, she's heroic, but she's shy. We understand. Next, I want to bring up an old war horse of the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Shyne: Amen.

Mayor Glover: An individual who I believe right now holds the record along with Methuselah Jones.

Councilman Shyne: Ah, come on.

Mayor Glover: For the longest serving City of Shreveport employee. And Methuselah, I think last Christmas called it quits, and said he was going to yield the race to Mr. Fred Williams. Fred, come on up here.

Councilman Shyne: Fred Williams.

Mayor Glover: I promised the Council, I would share with you the story of my recollection of you celebrating your 5th Anniversary as a Shreveport City Employee by coming out and teaching us 1st Graders - - -

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, you tell me you were only 1st Grade?

Mayor Glover: I was only the 1st Grade, and it was that new fangled thing that they were starting back in the 1970s called 'Earth Day.' And so Fred ventured up to the Cooper Road to tell us young Cooper Roadians about Earth Day, and preservation of our planet and what have you, and had his 5 year employee button on that day. So, we're glad to have him here with us at this particular point and time, to recognize him for several reasons. Fred Williams has been recently recognized by the Louisiana Solid Waste Association at it's most recent state conference in Louisiana. He was awarded their most prestigious as well as their highest honor, and it is the Bently B. Mackey Jr. Award for outstanding service, professionalism, innovative ideas, community service, and promotion in the industry. We take this time today to salute one of our own, an outstanding certified solid waste and environmental manager, and a shining example of the quality and caliber of employees who take their jobs seriously and work tirelessly everyday to do what's needed to make this City a great place to live. Fred in recognition of the receipt of the Mackey Award as well as your many, many decades of excellent service to the City of Shreveport, I am privileged to present to you this Mayor's Award of Excellence. Fred or Butch, as we affectionately call him, also was in a (inaudible) December romance not too many years ago, and won the heart and the undying affection of his lovely wife, who is here as well. I'll let him make a few comments and bring her up also, and present her to the Council.. Fred, your award.

Mr. Williams: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Mr. Chairman. And by the way, Joe Shyne was my 1st Grade teacher, I just wanted y'all to know that.

Councilman Shyne: Butch, you didn't have to - - - you didn't have to say that.

Mr. Williams: I know you'll be calling me one day next week. I appreciate the recognition. First of all, I'd like to introduce my wife Cheryl. I saw John Hubbard come in, you know she works for SWEPCO, and I told John, don't be surprised if he saw one of his employees here. He didn't worry about. Anyway I appreciate the recognition. But what I would like to do is echo something in the prayer that Councilwoman Bowman sent up for one of our employees. Richard Ferguson was very seriously injured today. And this morning at the hospital, Mike Strong and I were visiting with his family, and his wife informed us that one of his legs had to be amputated. So, please in your prayers, (inaudible) for Richard and his family. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Next it's my brief privilege to bring up two gentlemen that we also want to recognize who've achieve excellence in their own regard. Eugene Mosely and Ron Johnson, would you all join me up here please? April is Jazz Appreciation Month, and we're also being joined by the outstanding Bill Sharp, also by his (inaudible) name, Mr. (inaudible), there are some folks out there who didn't know that.

Ms. Sharp: And I'm not running for Mayor to be the 2nd Largest Mayor.

Mayor Glover: That'll work. I am honored to have these two great men here today, to present to them proclamations for a collective body of work that they both have achieved here, in the City of Shreveport, and throughout the country and throughout the world. First of all Mr. Eugene Mosey is one of the preeminent artist anywhere, any time, at any place. He has developed and cultivated a serious dedicated to great musicians, from Cab Calloway to Sammy Davis, Jr., and so many, many others. He has also broadened his entrepreneurial endeavors over to involve the largest retailer in the country. He has a series of products that are now being distributed to the WalMart chain. And so for the collective work that's been done by Mr. Eugene Moseley, it is my great privilege to present to him this proclamation today, this day April 14th as his day. Now in addition to Eugene, we also are graced by an individual that many of us who have lived in Shreveport, Louisiana over the years have known, have loved, have listened to, we have danced, we have partied, some of us have fallen in love listening to the music that he has been the master mind of. And that music has spread far beyond the confines of our cozy (inaudible), to the point to where he was once essentially the creative force behind a series of local bands, to the point to where now, his genius can no longer be enveloped within one particular group that now stands out in singular fashion. To where he is now a solo performer, Ron Johnson, today, I'm glad to present to him this proclamation for the excellence that he has achieved in the pursuit of music here in Shreveport, throughout Louisiana, and again, throughout the world. You want to have some expressions? Bill Sharp is going to come up.

Mr. Sharp: I'm the official taster for all of Eugene's products. First of all Council, it's my first time to be here, and certainly my privilege and honor to be in front of you. We want to express again our appreciation to you Mayor in appreciation to Shreveport at large, and Bossier

as well, for this. Mr. Eugene Mosely is the only Black owned distributor for XO and VSOP Celebrity Jazz Cognac. You'll find that it's very, very well received, and accepted along with his salad dressings and barbeque sauce, and also being associated with Mr. Ron Johnson, as I'm on the board of their company here as a musician, part echelon who is also going to be considered at the 51st Grammy Awards. So, this is a big thing coming from the Next Great City of The South, right here in Shreveport, Louisiana. We'd like to thank you all so much for your time, and again Mayor, thank you very much.

Mr. Mosely: Thank you Council for having me here today, and thank you also Mayor for letting me come up, and say what I have to say. You mentioned earlier today with the Sammy Davis, Jr. estate. I've been with the Sammy Davis, Jr. estate for eight years. If anybody knows, Sammy Davis, Jr. was the greatest entertainer along with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Joey Bishop with the Rat Pack, and doing everything else. But just recently, his wife Altovese Davis just passed, so she's no longer with us, and the Rat Pack and everybody really misses them, and all the fans. But also today, this cognac is the world's best cognac in France. So we're talking about Shreveport, LA, and now France knows about Shreveport, LA. Because I go over there twice a month to do what I have to do to represent Shreveport, LA, and also having the world's best cognac with my signature. And I'd like to present this bottle of XO, and I'd like to let you know that the Republic Distribution Company is carrying my cognac throughout Louisiana, and also State Representative Roy Burrell, couldn't be here today, but he was the one who went over to France with me to witness me signing my contract over in France, as being a state representative of Louisiana to represent the State of Louisiana with France. Thank you very much.

Mr. Ron Johnson: I'm not a talker, but I just wanted to say thanks to everybody, and God bless.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Eugene.

Councilman Long: I just wanted to say that you mentioned all those things about Ron. Some of us have had the opportunity to play with him and a pleasure and a privilege to play with him as well.

Mayor Glover: Danny Fontaine.

Councilman Long: And he is a good guitar player, I assure you.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. Thank you Council Members, and lastly, here before I join you all in making reference to city workers today, I'm proud to welcome here, the members of Boy Scout Troop No. 10. Where are you young men? Come on up here please. They are sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church, Charles Williamson is their Scout Master. You all recognize Charles from IT. Was just a couple of weekends ago where they - - - how many pounds of chicken? 2,200 pounds of chicken halves. They cooked and grilled as a part of their fundraising as well as public service effort, and I'm very proud anytime that we have young people here in the chambers for our Council Meetings, but I'm always especially proud being a former Scout Mater myself, to be able to have Boy Scouts here with us today. We also are joined by their parents of several scouts as well. Parents would you all stand up please? These scouts are here today working on their Citizenship and Community Merit Badge. And so we are

very proud to be a part of helping them earn that very, very worthy, worthy badge. And Charles, I want you to help me by handing them out, we're going to give them official Deputy Mayor Pins. And so, we're going to start with Andrew Davies, Kyle Dockendorf, Weston Graham, Tymothy Hensley, Jackson Jinks, Vijay Letchuman, Andrew Lukacs, Phillip Mathis, Brian Nims, Jacob Phagan, Andy Seneca William Sirven, William Slocum, Nathan Thrash.

Alright Charles, would you share a word or two on behalf of these scouts.

Mr. Williamson: Well, I wasn't really ready for all this, but they worked real hard. I think they're great kids. They're working - - - this is an Eagle required merit badge, and they all did a really good job. As the fundraiser, we cooked 2200 lbs of chicken, that was 1800 dinners. Out of that 1800 dinners, we had 600 donation dinners. We took 80 something dinners to Christian Services, it was 50 something to Providence House, and we took 220 to Holy Angels. So, these guys worked hard. They worked hard all that day. Thank you. Keep up the great work. And lastly Council Members, I want to join you all as well as Fred Williams in expressing my appreciation for the service of our two employees on yesterday, on today rather, who were injured. There were two. Mr. Robert Scott who was also involved in this morning's accident. Thankfully, he at this point is suffering a little more than a concussion. But obviously, he's being watched to make sure that it does not develop into anything more serious. And as Fred just shared with you, and as I discovered as well in visiting with the family today, Mr. Ferguson who has worked for the city since 1978, and is some 54-56 years old, unfortunately has had to have the lower portion of one of his legs amputated. But thanks be to God, that he is in stable condition. His wife and his brothers, and his sisters, and the rest of his family are with him. He is presently in ICU right now in stable condition. They will be working on him to make sure he stays stable, obviously, over the next several days. And at some point, he will be transported to a general patient's bed. But it was a very tragic set of circumstances. It is a clear indication that it is not only the men and women of the Shreveport Fire Department and the Shreveport Police Department whose lives are potentially in danger, when they go out to render service on behalf of the City of Shreveport, but every person who puts on a uniform, and goes out whether it's sanitation, or water and sewerage, or streets and drainage, or parks and recreation, or any of those folks who populate any of the other areas of the city, all of them could find themselves in circumstances that their lives could potentially be at risk. So, we thank you for the prayer rendered on behalf of Mr. Ferguson. We will extend the same to Mr. Scott as well as to their families. And know just as we do, with all of our employees, we will be there, sticking with them by their sides to see them through their most difficult hours. Thank you all for your acknowledgement of their service. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Communications of the Mayor relative to city business other than awards and recognition of distinguished guests.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Does any Council Member have anyone they wanted to recognize?

Councilman Lester: Yes Mr. Chairman, but I yield to Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I was about to suggest to Councilman Long after this session, I think Greg Morrison might be the bus driver for this group, and his driver's license expires in about 30 minutes. So, if Councilman Long wanted to bring his piece of legislation up, you know suspend the rules, bring him up, we vote on it, and - - - you know before, because it's going to be way off in the agenda.

Councilman Long: She's working on the amendment for that right now. Joe, I appreciate your effort, but we do need a little bit more time.

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, the amendment is drafted. I was just going to get Lynette to link it, so that everyone can see it. That's the only thing that's left. But if Council Members are happy with us just reading it, we could go ahead.

Councilman Long: Pleasure of the Chairman, we still need to do Public Comments. I've got some cards, people do want to talk.

Councilman Shyne: How about you have a favorable recommendation?

Councilman Long: Well, we'll get it worked out. Why don't we do this? Why don't we proceed on to Public Comments.

Councilman Shyne: That's fine.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, if I could ask John Hubbard with SWEPCO to come down real quickly. Afternoon Mr. Hubbard. Thank you for coming down.

Mr. John Hubbard: Thank you for the invitation.

Councilman Lester: And accepting our invitation. On yesterday, Mr. Chairman and members, I asked that we get in contact with Mr. Hubbard. I've had a number of calls, and I'm sure others may have had several calls relative to the construction that people are seeing going up and around in parts of Allendale, parts of Lakeside, and things of that nature relative to power lines and things of that nature. And I've answered some of those questions. But I've asked Mr. Hubbard to come and speak authoritatively on what's actually going on, so that our constituencies are better informed. So Mr. Hubbard, can you kinda enlighten us as to what's going on and what the people are saying.

Mr. Hubbard: Certainly, I believe the line in question is a 69,000 volt line. It - - - our system is complicated, but this is a transmission line that comes out of Arson Hill facility, and it goes to the water works. And that line was in need of an upgrade, and that's what it's getting. It's been a while. There are a few changes. It's following the same rights of way. There are a couple of situations where there was fiber in gas lines, and water lines in the ground, where we had to purchase little plots of right of way to be able to get the footprint, to be able to get our poles erected. But what we - - - a transmission line is in essence our interstate system, to move big bulk power to where it's needed, and certainly water works is one of those points. It's a newer style, more recent style standard, but we're using metal poles, used to be wooden poles, that were somewhat much shorter than what's currently being put in place. So, you had to put more poles and we're putting taller poles, metal poles that will last a real long time. And assuming we don't get some kind of tornado coming through there. Beyond that, the one thing I think we'll miss is the garage sale sign being nailed to those, because nails don't penetrate. But

beyond that, there are pre-shaped transmission. We will have and do have a distribution system which serves all our homes and businesses that will also be there. But we'll have some older wooden poles that are currently serving those homes and businesses through there that will remain in place. But we're upgrading that transmission system to facilitate. There's one that was mandated by our Southwest Power Approval, which is a group that we're a part. You may have heard in the national media, and President Obama speaking about upgrading the national grid. This is an upgrade of part of that master grid. Does that help at all?

Councilman Lester: That helps a lot Mr. Hubbard, and I appreciate the Council's indulgence, because I know that I've gotten a number of questions from constituents in and around those areas who want to know what's going on, and so I think that this information will give them some comfort to let them know exactly what is going on. And many times when people don't understand exactly what is, they will assume something nefarious or something worse. And hopefully we have put that to bed. So I appreciate it.

Mr. Hubbard: Well I trust so, and but don't ever hesitate to call. If there's any way that we can help, or we can meet with individuals on a specific issues and try to resolve that for them.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Hubbard, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Hubbard, y'all have a little project going in my district, is that correct?

Mr. Hubbard: We seem to always have projects.

Councilman Walford: What's the dollar value of this one on Common Street, N. Common?

Mr. Hubbard: On Common, the original estimated cost, I haven't heard it updated, was \$325,000,000. I understood at one time, it might be the largest project inside the city. At the time anyway. So, I appreciate you enjoying it being in your district.

Councilman Walford: Everyday, going and coming.

Mr. Hubbard: But it's moving along quite well, and we thank the city and the state, and all the opportunities, that we've been able to work through. So, thank you.

Councilman Webb: Councilman Walford, just for the record, is 500 of Neuron your district?

Councilman Walford: No sir, that's Councilman Long's.

Councilman Webb: Michael's? Okay, Councilman Long. I had somebody ask me before the meeting. I didn't know, I knew it was one of the two of you. So anyway, we passed up Item No. 4. I need a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Bowman to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, March 23, 2009 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Reports: Property Standards Report

Mr. Holt: Good afternoon.

Councilman Webb: You have nothing?

Mr. Holt: I'll be glad to take any concerns you have.

Councilwoman Bowman: Jim, how is the project on 70th Street looking?

Mr. Holt: The last I heard, that man was making good progress. He'd hired a contractor, I'd have to check tomorrow, and see how far he's gone. A lot better than it was.

Councilwoman Bowman: One of my constituents did say that she saw a lot of improvement over in that area, so I just wondered if it was completed yet or not.

Mr. Holt: I'll find out for you.

Public Hearing: None.

Adding Items to the Agenda, Public Comments, Confirmations and Appointments.

Adding Items to the Agenda (Clerk reads items into the record - public comments allowed on items proposed to be added, then items can be added only after unanimous vote [See Act 131 of 2008])

Councilman Webb: Mr. Thompson, is there any legislation to be added today?

Mr. Thompson: We have one ordinance by Mr. Wooley.

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 30 of 2009:** Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of ordinances to create the Planning and Infrastructure Committee (including a Geographic Information System), A standing committee of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Wooley may want to speak to that, or I can explain.

Councilman Wooley: You can do head on Art.

Mr. Thompson: This combines two existing committees of the Council into one, the GIS Committee, and the Infrastructure Committee. And it increases the size of the committee from three on each of the two, to five on this one. So, just combines those two together, and those are the basic changes in the current statutes, ordinances.

Councilman Webb: Do we need to vote for that?

Mr. Thompson: We need to determine if any member of the public wants to speak for or against adding this to the agenda.

Councilman Webb: Are there any members in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor of adding this to the agenda? Or speak against adding it to the agenda. If not.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to add Ordinance No. 30 or 2009 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Public Comments (*Comments on items to be adopted*)

Mr. John Settle: (1915 Citizens Bank Drive, Bossier City, LA) I'm speaking on the appeal of Zoning on Dillingham, that's Case C-1-09, and I know that you'll make decisions today based on facts, not emotions or orange shirts. Our appeal really wants to clarify three issues that need to be clarified. One that the ordinance itself refers to the East side of Dillingham, which we're really doing the West side of Dillingham, and I think that's probably being taken care of by Mr. Long, but the property is on the West side of Dillingham. Secondly, I met with the MPC staff two meetings prior - - - before the MPC along with my clients, and each time there, the nursing home and at the MPC agreed that the way that they would construct would be out of vinyl and landscape blocks, versus cinder blocks. Mr. Gilliam has sent you all a detailed letter, but he did not have the good fortune of being part of those processes, and maybe was not at the MPC hearing, nor the other meeting. So, we want the wall to be in accordance with what the nursing home agreed to at the MPC which would be landscape blocks. Also at the MPC, the nursing home agreed that they would extend this wall onto a track that they owned on the northerly side of the property, actually replacing an existing brick wall. That was part of their agreement in the meetings at the MPC, and we would also like that to be affirmed as a part of your decision or by the nursing home. Lastly, the main thing we would request is that the parking lot be reduced from 69 spaces. Presently the nursing home has 60. I think they have 60, they stated the minimum was 60. Their plans are to have 69, so that the parking lot really runs south, all the way, almost all the way across this lot, and we have requested that it be reduced by four slots to 65. This would give some break, and not have it looking at a constant wall. It also provides more parking than they presently need. They have not made - - - despite what the T shirts may say, there was never any representation at the MPC meetings, that they couldn't build the facility, or the renovation with 65 slots. Also they brought out that they would be reducing the nursing home population by about 30. So, I don't know where those residents will go, but they'll need less parking for that. The City of Shreveport is the one who actually required the drainage project be put in, and the wall. So, I think that we've come a long way. We want clarifications on the construction of the wall, the location of the re-zoning from West to East. The agreement to continue the wall northerly, and we would request a reduction of the parking lot that would break up a solid wall provide a more aesthetic viewpoint, and seemingly would not threaten this project as maybe portrayed to you, because it never was indicated that they had to have more than 60 parking spaces. That's basically it. Three clarifications, and a reduction in the parking lot. There's never been any mention that a parking lot of 60 spaces or 65 would threaten their renovations. And we're not opposed to their renovations.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Settle, let me ask you a question real quick, so that I understand, and I've had conversations with Mr. Long. What's the linear distance that you want to reduce. You're talking about a number of parking spaces. Is this like five feet, or what?

Mr. Settle: Well, I think a parking spot is 10 feet wide, I don't know, I hadn't looked at their plan, we're trying to just reduce it by 20 feet maybe the wall. It would follow - - - we want the parking lot to follow the present footprint of the house and therefore would also preserve more trees.

Councilwoman Bowman: No, the question is not directly to Mr. Settle, but to the people sitting there in orange, I do want you to know that this is a democracy, and when I walk in the Chamber, and I saw all of you there in your orange, like you are, I got excited, because this is what I'm here for. This is what this is all about, to sit here and see everyone so together for one common cause. It doesn't matter what that cause might be, but that is your right to be here, and to be unified, and it excites me. Thank you for wearing your shirts, and being in support of whatever you're here to support. That's the good thing. I want to thank you Mr. Chairman for allowing me to say that.

Stefanie Hubbard: (7 Foxtrot Cove, Haughton, LA) Good to see all you guys again, thanks for letting us come. First I just want to talk a little bit about why we're here again. I want to thank the Council for granting me an opportunity to speak. I'm here with my extended family, a very large extended family, some of them. We come before the Council today, so it's in great anticipation of the vote for the expansion of the parking lot. I just want to simply remind the Council, that we're here because the parking lot (inaudible) the rehab gym, that we so desperately need. Currently we don't have enough room, we don't have enough room for the therapists, the equipment, and the residents is just not sufficient. If you've seen it, it doesn't work anymore. We don't have room for parallel bars which allow residents to get up and walk. We don't have room for a mat, where we could set 'em and get their trunk strength ready to go back and have the activities and the daily living that they deserve to have. They don't get that anymore now, because we just don't have the space. But one of the big things that strike me with my residents is when I had the meeting with them and explained what we were going to do with the renovations, I had a surprise for them. They didn't realize that with the renovations, the gym, they were going to finally get a chapel. Now right now, we don't have a chapel. We hold church services in the dining room. We will have a dedicated area for church services, and worship that they've never been able to have. So, they're going to get to have the whole church experience just like every citizen in Shreveport gets to have when they step out of the door on Sunday to go to church. So, it's very exciting for them. In order for us to build this, we have to have parking. Now, let's go back to the parking issue. Currently, if you've been in our building, we don't have enough parking the way it is. We don't. The City said, if you want to have your gym, fix your parking, and get the parking off the street. If you came on our busiest times, when we have our staff members, our visiting families that come to see their loved ones, we just don't have enough. They park on the street, they park across the street, they have to walk across - - - it's just not sufficient the way it is. Mr. Settle is right. I'm asking for an additional nine parking spots. Nine. If you come and count the cars that are on the street, you have about seven.

If you count the cars that are across the street, you have about five at peak times. So, I'm not asking for a football field. We're asking for nine parking spots, so that my elderly that come and visit their family don't have to walk across the street to come visit. That's unsafe. They walk in the rain, they walk when the weather is bad, and they have something to say about it when they get there. So, I just wanted everyone to realize we're willing to work with our neighbors. We are neighbors. This is their home, that is our neighborhood, we are a part of it, we'll do whatever. You want the wall brown, we'll paint it brown. You want flowers, I'll plant flowers. We're going to do the underground attention, we're going to fix the drainage problem in the neighborhood. Because we want to be part of the neighborhood. We want to help. We want to be accepted, we want them to come to our door when they have a problem. We want to be treated just like every other single dwelling living family in that neighborhood gets treated. So, that being said, I hope the Council will support the zoning and let us have our nine parking spots, let us have our rehab gym, and our beautiful chapel, and come and visit us and support us on this decision. Let them have their Extreme Home Makeover that they are so excited about, and they so deserve. Thank you very much.

Councilman Webb: Stephanie, I had a question for you. I think Mr. Settle was mentioning five parking spots instead of nine. What would that do or not do - - -?

Ms. Hubbard: It's not going to include your Mitchell Lane Street. It's not. I can't be more honest with your guys than to say it that way. That's why we're only asking for nine, because we were asked to get the cars off the street. And nine is a good low round number that we can do that's going to get them off the street, and that's going to also keep family members from parking across the street. So, we kept it as low as possible, but sufficient enough to meet the needs of what we want, and what we need to make successful.

Mr. Mark Gilliam: (400 Travis) I'm the attorney for Pierremont Healthcare. I want to address a couple of issues raised by Mr. Settle. First of all, when this plan first came about through (inaudible) and MPC process, Pierremont has gone through great lengths to work with all the residents out there. There's a long list of issues, concerns, and problems. Some of which had nothing to do with the expansion, they were just issues that they didn't like about the nursing home being there since 1940. But anyway, those were addressed by Pierremont. Everything from putting up curbs on the edge of the yard to make sure trucks don't run in the yard or cars. Just a long list of items. The only one remaining is Mr. Welch, and his claim that he want's his wall shorter. And this wall runs - - - there's an existing wall there that's coming down. It's going to be replaced by this new wall. Mr. Settle referred to it as a cinder block wall. It's not, it's a concrete architectural stone wall which is totally different from cinder block with vinyl fencing going on up. So, it's going to be very attractive. I sent out a color photograph of the artist rendering of all that if you saw it. And it is a much better view than what Mr. Welch here, who is the complaining party has right now. (Inaudible) has the side of the nursing home, and this house which is unoccupied. Right now, it's okay, but the owner lives off in another state, and it's destined for dilapidation probably, and without this project, that's what they're looking at. To reduce this fence, what they're asking for about 10 feet, first of all, it's already been reduced by 10 feet. Ms. Richardson, who lives immediately to the side of this, she

complained that the fence was too close to her property line, and she wanted it moved back. So, we moved back, and it is now roughly 10 feet away from the property line. It was moved back to add green space in there and plant bushes and that sort of thing. So, Pierremont's done everything to make this thing look good, aesthetically pleasing. The Welches they are directly across the street from this house to be torn down, so all they're really asking - - - there's a wall running the length of that property. They're asking - - -and this parallels with the south side of their house too. They're asking it be moved 10 feet. They're still looking at the fence. If they look this direction, it's 10 feet shorter, but what significance is that compared to the necessity of parking for all these workers and residents, and their families. And parking there is really critical, the parking on Mitchell Street, it's the City Engineer Department that want's those cars off Mitchell Street. That's the reason for these needed spaces as well as getting them off the other areas wherever they have to park when they come in there and the parking lot is full. So, the bottom line is it's just a simple balancing test to me. It needs all these residents and the families and the workers as opposed to one house across the street, and that's Mr. & Mrs. Welch who are going to be looking at a wall anyway. They're going to be looking at this nice architectural fence looks a lot better than they have now, but to reduce it by 10 feet, it just doesn't accomplish anything. So we request that the Council approve the fence as shown in the MPC plan, which by the way the MPC did approve (inaudible) they had no problem with it, and so with it moved once, we ask that it not be moved again.

Confirmations and Appointments: None.

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

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 73 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CURTIS M. LOFTIN BUILDER, L.L.C., LOCATED AT 5943 BUNCOMBE RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Curtis M. Loftin Builder, L.L.C. 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 Curtis M. Loftin Builder, L.L.C. be authorized to connect the proposed building to be located at 5943 Buncombe Rd. to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: Councilmen Lester and Walford. 2.

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

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

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR POLICE HIRING GRANT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, has invited the City of Shreveport Police Department to apply for grant funding under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program; and

WHEREAS, the award, if approved, will provide up to \$12,454,800 over a three year period to hire one hundred full-time entry-level sworn law enforcement officers. The City of Shreveport will fund the initial cost of pre-employment and equipment necessary to increase our overall strength by 100 officers over a four year period with an annual cost of approximately \$1,153,125. At the conclusion of the grant, the City of Shreveport will be required to retain the law enforcement officer positions created under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program at an annual cost of approximately \$4,100,000 per year for at least twelve months.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport Police Department shall make application to receive funding as part of the COPS Hiring Recovery Program for the addition of one hundred full-time law enforcement officers. The additional positions will be implemented and assigned as enforcement strength to the patrol bureau of Uniform Services Division. Adding additional strength to patrol will assist and enhance the department's ability to positively impact community policing response, problem solving capabilities and crime-prevention efforts to our

existing community oriented policing strategies such as Operation T-Bone, and work by the Community Liaison Officers (CLOs).

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 apply and receive funding established within the COPS Hiring Recovery Program administered by the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

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 Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt.

Councilman Wooley: Just quickly, I am going to be voting 'NO' on this. I am concerned that the City of Shreveport does not have the financial capabilities to supplement this. I know the Administration and I spoke about this the last Council Meeting, and I asked the Mayor with the plan in place, to take care of this, because ultimately, over a period of three years with a one year extension, so I guess four years, it would cost us in salary and benefits, about \$4.1 (million) if we were to obviously be awarded the full grant that we're applying for, and possibly applying for a 100 additional officers. So, in increments of 25, which is my understanding is how it would come about, that would be over a million dollars each year we have to find in our budget to take care of salaries and benefits, not including police vehicles, uniforms, and equipment. I don't think it's prudent at this time, I don't think we have the funding to compensate for that. It's just that simple. So, I'll be voting 'NO' today.

Councilwoman Bowman: Dale, Mr. Sibley. If we hire an extra 100 officers, will this increase the amount that we pay out into the retirement system?

Mr. Sibley: I believe it will Ms. Bowman. If I'm not mistaken, and Duane please correct me, after three years, it will be added to the amount that's paid.

Councilwoman Bowman: Do you have any idea about how much?

Mr. Sibley: No as a matter of fact, we received some information that those percentages are going up beginning next year which is causing us a bit of concern. We haven't received any official notification, but according to both Chiefs, the information within their respective associations coming from the state is that we can expect a - - - what scares us is a fairly significant increase, and obviously every number you add to that, would cause that number to go up a little bit higher.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Mayor, Chief, when we get the grants, I want the police in my district. Okay, as many as you can get to patrol my district. As soon as you can get them. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Long: Mr. Mayor, I have some of the same concerns that Councilman Wooley has about - - - you know I'm for getting the money, and getting the police now, but I'm also concerned about what happens at the term of this grant, and how we're going to pay for this. I mean, that's my big concern. Do we need to have some sort of an in-gain here especially when you start looking at a reoccurring expense of this type, and this amount, what do y'all envision? Do y'all see another grant coming down the pipeline here? What's the deal?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Long, there may be the possibility that these funds may be extended. That possibility does exist. However, I think that what we have here is an opportunity to be able to get a good start on what has been I know one of the expressed objectives of this Administration, and that is increasing the number of law enforcement officials that we have in the City of Shreveport, and giving ourselves a window of opportunity to be able to draft our specific strategy in terms of how we go about doing that. I make no qualms when I say that public safety is the No. 1 priority for this Administration. The need to be able to do something about that is something that we hear on a constant basis. We've made some significant strides. And if it boils down to it, I think it will just simply come down to us having to make some hard decisions about where it is that we end up placing our priorities as a city. I'll give you an example. We right now receive some \$13,000,000 per year in Riverfront funds from our casinos. We right now (inaudible) those funds into any number of given things that don't necessarily represent the core focus and responsibility of the City of Shreveport, and if push comes to shove, I'm willing to make the hard decision that says that as Mayor, I think we need to focus on making our citizens safe. Making our streets drivable, making our drainage system work properly, those types of core nuts and bolts types of things that we have the challenge of fulfilling before we focus on some others. And so I don't think it will come to that, but in the event we had to, those are some of the decisions, as Mayor, I'd be willing to step forward and ask you all as the Council to make, and be willing to stand with you on those. And I can point out why this is such an important priority for us. It was not two months ago that we had Mr. Jay Murrell who stood here before us and expressed frustration at the fact that based upon some of the law enforcement initiatives that we sometimes undertake, we end up directing resources toward some of our higher crime areas which sometimes unfortunately leaves us with less staffing in some other areas of town than we would like being able to increase those numbers overall gives us that ability to not have to have a shifting of the pieces around the table, but will allow us to be able to do more progressive, more aggressive policing on an ongoing basis. Now, I also would add that policing in and of itself is not the entirety of the answer, but we also know that there are some long ceded demographic and societal issues that we won't necessarily be in a position to solve and address as the City of Shreveport, but what we can do is handle the end of the bargain that we have, and that's addressing our law enforcement needs. I think with the kind of use of our law enforcement resources, that we made use of over the last 2 + years, we've seen that we can make a difference by having those additional numbers to be able to do more

things simultaneously is why it's also something that's very important to us. For instance, we're going to be obviously having an increased presence within the Allendale area based upon what transpired yesterday at the Canaan Village Apartments, and that's a necessary thing to do in light of what's transpired. 1) We want to catch the individuals who committed that crime, but we also want to be in a position to send the message that we don't want to see that type of activity rekindle and restart. Now, that means that there may be some parts of this city that may not be as well patrolled as we would like for them to be, which will end up increasing the opportunity for what we call 'Crimes of Opportunity,' to take place, and certain other areas of town that may not traditionally high rates of crime. And so that's a situation I'd like to see us be able to more effectively move away from by having a chance to be able to get these numbers up. And this particular situation gives us a chance to do it. And it's essentially, I think year 7, Chief Huddleston? I think it's year 7, if I'm not mistaken before we end up having the responsibility for stepping forward to pick up the full responsibility. It's kind of like going on Price is Right and winning the household full of new furniture that you really, really need. The furniture is free, but you do have to pay the taxes on it. That's a bargain that I think that we don't mind having from the administrative side. Having these officers at no cost to the City of Shreveport for the first three years and then accepting the challenges of making the decisions of where we come up with the dollars to pick up that responsibility is a situation that we welcome. And I also would point out not to belabor the point, but it was something that was used with great success. When Mr. Shyne and I were both on the City Council, back during the years of the Clinton Administration, when the 100,000 police officers through the COPS program was initially put in place, and you began to see a lowering of the crime rate in places like Shreveport. You go back to 1993, we got almost a hundred homicides in 1993. We had hundreds more armed robberies, hundreds more aggravated assaults, dozens more drive-by shootings than what we've experienced over the last years, and a good bit of that was attributed to the fact that we were able to increase our law enforcement presence, do more progressive policing, and be able to do it on a more consistent basis.

Councilman Long: Okay, thank you for that. I agree and understand that the need and desire to have more police presence on the street, there's more doubt about that. I'm still concerned about at the end of the day, at the end of three years, four years, how are we going to pay for this? That's my big concern right now. I'm still thinking it through.

Councilman Walford: Actually, I was planning to save this for my comments at the end of the meeting, but I think they're very appropriate right now. I sent each of you an email suggesting that you should be angry.

Councilman Webb: I was.

Councilman Walford: You should be. But it's the answer to what we're talking about right here, right now. Unpaid property taxes as of the 2nd of this month. \$5,040,017 unpaid. Unpaid interest that's due to the City of Shreveport just on those property taxes. \$3,044,096. Cost that are due associated with this, what we've paid to send out the certified notices and so on, \$426,132. Unpaid Code Enforcement charges on these properties, \$12,777,699. So there's \$21,000,200 that we should be collecting. Now Mr. Lester and I have worked over the last six

years with several people scoffing at us, that they don't have to pay their taxes. They're going to get the city services, they're going to own their property, they're going to rent it out, but they don't really have to pay us. One of them got on TV and boasted that he owed us \$42,000 and he wasn't going to pay it. Correct Mr. Lester?

Councilman Lester: Yeah.

Councilman Walford: You're wondering where money can come from? Maybe it's time we start aggressively working to collect the money. And this is only for immovables, for property taxes. There's more and more bills out there. But that \$12,000,000 and the \$426,000 is taxpayer's money that we have spent. We've spent it for Code Enforcement. We spent it for demolition, security, mowing grass, because the owner just abdicates his responsibility. It's time we go after it. Here's a list of adjudicated properties, just in my district. Now, there's a lot of reasons why property gets adjudicated. But I've got to tell you that when I find out that 90 of them have current water meters, and they're inhabited, there's something wrong with this process. So, you want to know where the money is? There is it, and we need to aggressively go after it, and I like seeing your head going up and down Mr. Mayor, because we do. And there's some people I would like to make examples of. There's names I would like to say. There is a book. Look how thick. See the printing. That's the adjudicated properties, I'm sorry, the delinquent property taxes due to the city right now. The names in there will really surprise you, the names in there will make you angry. Because these people are living well, and scoffing at us, one whose name occurs in there over and over made the terrible mistake of saying something to me the other day about his airplane. Okay? He can afford his airplane, but he's not gonna pay us, and it's a name that I know Mr. Lester could rattle off very quickly, because it's one of our top ones. I didn't mean to go into this right now, my point is there's money out there. We need that money for public safety, we need that money for other services for our citizens. It's our citizens' money and Mayor, there's your answer. We've got three years to come up with a way to get it, but I'm voting 'YES' on this. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Did I sound like I was preaching?

Councilman Webb: Almost. Mr. Mayor, one question I wanted to ask about was the deficit for the police pension, the \$3.4 (million) per year. How many more years do we have, or maybe Dale can answer that before this is cleared up?

Mayor Glover: I'll yield to the Chief and - -

Chief Huddleston: It's been a while since I've looked at that Mr. Chairman. I want to say it's like eight - nine years out. I can verify it and email you. But that was from the merger that the city did with the state retirement system back in what would have been the late 70s, and we've been paying on it every since. At some point, it does pay off, but I want to say it's five - six years out minimal.

Councilman Webb: That's my concern. We've got that many years left to pay on this. I'm all for hiring more police officers, and Lord knows we need them. I hated that you vetoed the bill when we tried to get a pay raise to the others, and that was one of the arguments that a few of the Council Members had as well as you, that the pension percentage was going to go up in everybody's opinion, and not really knowing, we had to wait and see, and now here's it's

gone up from 9 ½ to 11, so not knowing what it's going to be next year, next year, and next year, and we've got 7 or 8 more years to go, if we don't find a way, like Councilman Walford is saying to collect some of this money, saying that we may get an extension is one thing, but it's all prayers and hope. Hard to plan and budget on hope. That's just my thoughts on it.

Mr. Sibley: And we'll get that number for you Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: One question about that before we - - - if it's \$3.4 (million) that's in the deficit portion, you all expect that to basically be that next year?

Chief Huddleston: It remains fairly constant for the last few years. Yes Ma'am.

Councilwoman Bowman: When did this start?

Chief Huddleston: I don't recall the exact date. It was in the late 70s. It was when the city's retirement system for police merged with the state retirement system. There was a gap there, and the city signed some kind of contract to pay it out over the years.

Councilman Webb: Any other questions or comments? I guess we'll vote then.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Shyne, and Bowman. 4. Nays: Councilmen Long, Wooley, and Webb. 3.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman? Chief, just before you leave. Mr. Mayor, I stepped out on faith, and now I know the crime rate in my area is low, but don't take the officers from my area and send them over to Councilman Lester's area. We still need them over there, although we are a praying area, we do a lot of praying over in that area, but we still need the police over there.

Chief Whitehorn: And if I could just make a comment.

Councilman Lester: Before you make that comment, Mr. Chairman? I think the record will reflect the crime in my area is actually lower than the crime in Councilman Shyne's area, that notwithstanding. We still want the police, so.

Councilman Shyne: I do disagree on that now.

Councilman Lester: I'm not surprised, but the numbers will bear it out.

Councilman Shyne: We'll finish this discussion up later on, but I'll have to deny that.

Councilman Lester: Well you can deny it, but the numbers don't lie.

Chief Whitehorn: I want to thank y'all for your votes, and your vote of confidence as well. You know Shreveport Police Department, we're a great crime reaction police department. This is going to give us an opportunity to really become a crime prevention police department, and that's what it's all about. It's preventing the crime before it happens. And the study that we did in December of 2007, showed what our patrol staffing should be, and this is going to give us an opportunity to reach that goal, and to really be a police force that our citizens can be proud of. You get the calls, just like I get the calls about not being able to respond in a timely manner, and it's because of those shortages. So, with this, I think we're going to be moving to where you want us to be as a police department. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I just want to say thank you as well to members of the Council who voted in favor of this as well, and we certainly look forward to working with you all as we move forward with (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: I appreciate that. I accept that as a personal thank you, from you to me.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 67 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND ROSENWALD III & IV, L.L.C., HEREINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH MARK TURRENTINE, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE ROSENWALD SUBDIVISION UNITS 3 & 4 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Rosenwald III & IV, L.L.C., represented by Mark Turrentine, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on March 24, 2009.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 68 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND SOUTHERN TRACE, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP BY SOUTHERN TRACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HEREINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH JOHNSON RAMSEY, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE SOUTHERN TRACE SECTIONS XX & XX-A AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Southern Trace, A Limited Partnership by Southern Trace Development Corporation, represented by Johnson Ramsey, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on March 24, 2009.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: Councilman Bowman. 1.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 69 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND SOUTHERN TRACE, A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP BY SOUTHERN TRACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HEREINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH JOHNSON RAMSEY, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER AND SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE SOUTHERN TRACE SECTIONS XVIII & XVIII-A AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Southern Trace, A Limited Partnership by Southern Trace Development Corporation, represented by Johnson Ramsey, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on March 24, 2009.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: Councilman Bowman. 1.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 70 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND HUFFMAN BUILDERS SHREVEPORT, INC., HEREINAFTER CALLED "OWNER" AND ACTING HEREIN THROUGH JERRY HUFFMAN, MANAGER, FOR THE PRIVATE WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE VILLAGES OF BERT KOUNS UNITS 1 & 2 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Shreveport a Donation Agreement with Huffman Builders Shreveport, Inc., represented by Jerry Huffman, Manager, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the draft of said agreement which was filed for public inspection with the original draft of the resolution in the office of the City Council on March 24, 2009.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: Councilman Bowman. 1.

RESOLUTION NO 71 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY RELATIVE TO HOLDING IT'S DISTRICT MEETING IN SHREVEPORT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Calvin Ben Lester

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity proposes to hold it's district conference in Shreveport on April 9th through April 12th, 2009, provided the City provides the use of Princess Park Gym, Cockrell Tennis Court and Independence Stadium Club Level (inclement weather only) at no cost. The conference will be held at the Shreveport Convention Center and the Hilton Shreveport will be the headquarters hotel; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,000 persons will attend the conference, with 1,500 out-of-town overnight visitors staying for two to three nights; and

WHEREAS, according to the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau the 2,000 persons in attendance will generate approximately \$3,630 in hotel-motel taxes for the City of Shreveport, and provide an economic impact of approximately \$484,040 for the City; and

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

WHEREAS, it is in the economic interest of the City of Shreveport to contract with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to hold it's district conference in Shreveport and to provide the use of Princess Park Gym, Cockrell Tennis Court and Independence Stadium Club Level (inclement weather only) at no cost as consideration for the economic benefit the event will provide the City of Shreveport and the merchants and citizens of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to execute an agreement with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, substantially in accordance with the draft agreement attached thereto.

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

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

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

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, just to briefly say that the brothers of Omega Psi Phi, Inc. was here in the City of Shreveport this past weekend. I think there were somewhere approaching 1,000, if I'm not mistaken Mr. Lester?

Councilman Lester: That's correct.

Mayor Glover: And they spent quite copiously here throughout the Shreveport area, and we were very delighted to have them here.

Councilman Shyne: Calvin was that why it was hard for me to find any bread on the shelves? Bread and lunch meat?

Mayor Glover: I think they may be more of a rib and steak kind of a crowd.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, okay.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I would like to take the opportunity to express our appreciation to the City of Shreveport, to Shelly and her staff for making things available to us, and for the Brothers here and the ones who came from out of town, you will know that our District Marshall, Henri Wesley received rave reviews, and the city received rave reviews, and everybody was very pleased with what was going on, and pleased at the growth of the city. This being the second time it was in the city in the last 10 years. So everyone was impressed and had a good time, and brought the thunder and lightening on the weekend. So, that was us. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

7. **Resolution No. 74 of 2009**: A resolution establishing a moratorium on new connections of properties located outside the city limits to the City Water and Sewer System, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

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

Councilman Long: So, we're going to do this moratorium, what's the next step?

Councilman Lester: The next step is to impanel and get some information relative to environmental impact fees. With the idea of moving forward with some legislation to have environmental impact fees for future water and sewer connections in the city. And so that's the end game. This is not a scenario where we are talking about a moratorium for an infinite period of time. And I think that we've already gotten some information from several municipalities, and we'd just like to have this moratorium, so that we can complete that work and provide an actual ordinance to the Council.

Councilman Long: Then I would suggest that we also in the same discussion, we need to talk about having some sort of annexation policy as well. But of course, all this can be relative to some sort of a master plan that's in the works at this time. But I'm just a little concerned, because my understanding about outside the city, sewer and water connections is that they - - - as far as the revenue issue, we do make twice the money for those connections as we do as a regular in the city limits. So I mean are we somewhat cutting off our noses to spite our faces, or how long you think this process will take?

Councilman Lester: First of all to answer your question, I would suspect that we could get some information that we've already been gathering and come forward with a resolution or an ordinance by the next Council Meeting, that's No. 1. No. 2, while it is true, that when someone is outside the city limits, you pay double the water rates, the question you have to ask yourself is, is paying double the water rates enough to offset what basically is the subsidization of the city's sprawl? And what happens is over a period of time, rather than to deal with the infrastructure need that you have in the parcels of the city that have been preexisting and have been there for many years, you are constantly putting the new and best and latest equipment further, and further, and further out to people who aren't even taxpayers, or even bearing the

burden. So, the question becomes do we want to basically have the citizens on the inside of the City of Shreveport subsidize the sprawl of the city for the benefit of the people who don't pay taxes? And what do we get for that? We get twice the water rates. Or do we have a scenario that says, 'Hey if we're going to extend the city services to people outside of the city, then there should be some counter balance for that, and we have the ability to monitor that over a period of time, and collect it up front. It's a choice that I think we need to make. But I think in good conscious, one of the jobs that I think that we have on this board, or on this body of City Council, is to bring things to the table, and to bring legislation. It's not enough for us to continue to vote in a particular manner, and not actually bring some legislation. And so, rather than to continue to have these situations where when these things come up, the vote is a specific way, I've chosen to move forward with this idea and to bring to the Council's attention. Either the Council is going to vote for the moratorium, or it's not. Either we're going to vote for impact fees or we're not, but that's why I brought this. And that's where it's coming from.

Councilman Long: Well my last comment, and I yield. I appreciate what you're trying to do, whether it goes up or down today, I think we need to start the discussion and do the research. So I agree with that. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I, from years of experience, I think you need to bring legislation, but I think you need to bring good legislation. I don't want you bringing anything to me that's not good. I mean, just because you're bringing something to me, I think this is a very bad piece of legislation. I think the Mayor has talked about Shreveport becoming the Next Great City of The South, that we're a regional city, and we reach out to people. I would hope that we vote this piece of legislation down. If the Councilmen and the Administration want to do some further study on this, then do the study and bring it back to us, and let us make the decision. I don't believe in making decisions before I've had an opportunity to really look at something because you brought it to me. I truly believe that this is a bad piece of legislation. And we do not need to start enacting bad pieces of legislation, and we know it's not good. So, I would ask the Council to let's look at voting this down. If you want to study what the Councilman brought up, let's study, and let the administration bring it back to us and we'll take another look at it. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Councilman Walford: Thank you Mr. Chairman. It really is only bad legislation if you think that the citizens that have been paying into the water and sewer enterprise fund should subsidize those from outside the city. It's just that simple. It's not like it's a no cost thing. Granted, they pay more. They don't pay city taxes. So we are actually the citizens that are paying into the system now, are paying for the meter that's going to be set there for those people. So Mr. Lester is exactly right. We need to look at what is costing us, costing you to pay into the water and sewer enterprise fund every month. What it's costing to connect those people from outside the city. Let them pay it, not you pay it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Just one other comment. Subsidize is not a bad word, and I don't think that we're really subsidizing it. I mean, we have not had any information that we can look at to say what we're subsidizing. I still think that this is a bad piece of legislation, and I still think that we need to vote this down. If the Councilman wants to look at this and bring us some

information back, and bring us some facts to see what's best for the City of Shreveport, then I think at that particular time we need to do it. At this particular time, I think we need to vote this piece of legislation down.

Councilman Webb: For once Councilman Shyne, I agree with everything you said.

Councilman Shyne: Oh my God!

Councilwoman Bowman: For once.

Councilman Webb: I agree that - - - I think it would be embarrassing if we cut off the growth of our city. And that's exactly what you're doing. And I agree with Councilman Shyne. If they want to bring forth some stats, and everything we can look at it then, but I don't think it's necessary to implement a moratorium at this time until we have all those facts.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to say that obviously this would be a very good subject matter to bring up since we are combining the GIS Committee with the Infrastructure Committee. Definitely some information that we can look at, research further, and then come to a very comprehensive conclusion. I think this legislation is the cart before the horse, and definitely not the right timing. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman? As someone who has proposed more legislation than anybody up here, I don't necessarily have a problem with that. It is what it is, and I appreciate Councilman Shyne's opinion as to what's good and bad. Unfortunately, he is not the paragon of virtue to decide what is good and bad on the Council.

Councilman Shyne: Wow. I haven't been in the newspaper lately.

Councilman Lester: Well, and I've never been - - - well I'm not going to go there. Suffices to say the Council has a choice to make, and we can do what we want to do. I have no problem bringing this to the Infrastructure Committee. Again, the purpose of us being up here is to be legislators, instead of talking, instead of talking and saying what we think is good and bad. I would hate to be in a situation where I bet on a particular place for a period of time, and it is what it is. And I would also I guess say to the Chairman, I don't understand how you would say this is impeding the growth of the City because by definition, the people that are adding onto the city are not inside the city. So, how is it growing the city, when you're allowing people outside of the city to connect and get benefits? But that being said, I move for adoption, and lets vote. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, and Walford. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 75 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES U.S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Justice has invited the City of Shreveport Police Department, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and Vivian Police Department to file a joint application for grant funds under the Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the award, if approved will be for a total of \$1,272,227 and requires no cash match by the City of Shreveport. The funds will be split with Shreveport Police Department receiving 52.50% and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office receiving 47.50% of the total funds allocated between the two agencies, the City of Shreveport will receive \$660,920 and the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office to receive \$597,975. Vivian Police Department will receive the full amount allocated to their individual agency of \$13,332.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport shall make a joint application to receive an award as part of the Justice Assistance Grant Program to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions. The funds received by the Shreveport Police Department will be used to purchase law enforcement equipment and address crime trends throughout the City of Shreveport through the use of personnel overtime. The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office will use their funds for the purchase of law enforcement equipment to include vehicles and marine equipment. Vivian Police Department will use their funds for the purchase of equipment for their vehicles.

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 apply and receive funding established within the program administered by the United States 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 Webb, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None

RESOLUTION NUMBER 76 OF 2009

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 said properties as authorized in R.S. 47:2201 et seq., and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-300 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:

- 1) Geographical #171411-067-0029-00, Legal Description: Lot 29, Lincrest Subdivision, Municipal Address: 1645 Fulton Street, Council District "B"
- 2) Geographical #171424-081-0016-00, Legal Description: Lot 8 and S/2 of Lot 9, Block 14, Dixie Drive Place Annex, Municipal Address: 6304 Willard, Council District "C"
- 3) Geographical #171424-060-0116-00, Legal Description: Lot 116, North Cedar Grove Subdivision, Municipal Address: 6500 Lexington, Council District "C"
- 4) Geographical #181426-070-0232-00, Legal Description: Lot 232, Patzman Subdivision, Municipal Address: 638 Dowling, Council District "A"
- 5) Geographical #181426-070-0233-00, Legal Description: Lot 233, Patzman Subdivision, Municipal Address: 638 Dowling, Council District "A"
- 6) Geographical #181421-001-0200-00, Legal Description: Lot 83, Jones Mabry Subdivision, Municipal Address: 21283 None, District "A"
- 7) Geographical #171410-121-0046-00, Legal Description: Lot 6 and Lot 7, Block 6, Ingleside Subdivision, Municipal Address: 2923 Quinton Street, Council District "G"

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOUISIANA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act For the 21st Century provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire , develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Assembly and Recreation ("SPAR") intends to apply for a \$75,000 grant from the Louisiana Recreational Trails Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be used to fund a path from the end of Preston Avenue to the Red River Bicycle Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Recreational Trails Program has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana does hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Louisiana Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Appoint the Mayor as agent of the City of Shreveport to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents required by the State of Louisiana or such other appropriate federal agency for the grant application process.

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

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: *(Not to be adopted prior to April 28, 2009)*
The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 78 of 2009**: A resolution approving the application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for SPORTRAN, the City's mass transit system, provided by the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds for bus and bus related facilities, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 79 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and E & L Development, Inc., hereinafter called "Owner" and acting herein through Kenneth G. Lawler, Manager for the private Water and Sewer Main Extensions and related facilities to serve Hideaway Harbor Subdivision Units XIII & XIV, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
3. **Resolution No. 80 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and SDI Shreveport, LTD., hereinafter called

“Owner” and acting herein through Charles Shears, Manager, for the private Water and Sewer Main Extensions, and related facilities to serve Regal Court Shopping Center, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

4. **Resolution No. 81 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Southern Home Builders, Inc., hereinafter called “Owner” and acting herein through Edward W. Gaiennie, Manager, for the private Water and Sewer Main Extensions and related facilities to serve Riverbrooke Subdivision Units 1 & 2 to otherwise, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. ((D/Wooley)
5. **Resolution No. 82 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of \$6,130.94 Cash from Red River Desk & Derrick Club to purchase bullet resistant vests for the Shreveport Police Department in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
6. **Resolution No. 83 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with Fit for Life, Inc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
7. **Resolution No. 84 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a right of way and easement with Southwestern Electric Power Company for the construction and maintenance of electric lines and related facilities on city property, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
8. **Resolution No. 85 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by the Department of the Air Force-Barksdale Air Force Base, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
9. **Resolution No. 86 of 2009**: A resolution establishing the City of Shreveport Film Industry Incentive Policy, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (C/Lester)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Bowman to introduce Resolution No(s). 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, and 86, of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: *(Not to be adopted prior to April 28, 2009)*

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 22 of 2009**: Ann ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 90-287 of the Code of Ordinances relative prohibitions on parking, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

2. **Ordinance No. 23 of 2009**: An ordinance amending the 2009 Capital Improvements Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2009**: An ordinance declaring the City's intention to acquire full ownership of certain adjudicated properties, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
4. **Ordinance No. 25 of 2009**: ANNEXATION – TAG NO. 07-03: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – a 31.539 acre tract of land, being Cottage Ridge Unit No. 1, Phase 2 Subdivision, located south of Flournoy Lucas Road and East of I-49 in Section 12, (T16N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
5. **Ordinance No. 26 of 2009**: ANNEXATION – TAG NO. 09-01: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – a 20.446 acre tract of land, being Bienville Path, Unit 1 in Twelve Oaks Subdivision, located in Theoretical Sections 4 & 9, (T16N-R13W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
6. **Ordinance No. 27 of 2009**: An ordinance correcting errors in Ordinance No. 18 of 2008 for the closure & abandonment of certain street right of ways in the Country Club Heights, Unit No. 6 Subdivision, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 28 of 2009**: An ordinance clarifying the extent of the closure and abandonment of Clark Street as set forth in Ordinance No. 35 of 2008, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
8. **Ordinance No. 29 of 2009**: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute agreements with telecommunications, cable, and data transport providers for the use of the City right of way and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
9. **Ordinance No. 30 of 2009**: Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of ordinances to create the Planning and Infrastructure Committee (including a Geographic Information System), A standing committee of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Ordinance No(s). 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 15 of 2009**: An ordinance authorizing the purchasing agent to dispose of surplus real property, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Postponed March 24, 2009*)

Having passed first reading on March 10, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 18 of 2009**: ZONING: C-90-08 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by re-zoning property located on the SE corner of Dupont Street & Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-2, Urban Multi-Family Residence District to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Having passed first reading on March 10, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

3. **Ordinance No. 19 of 2009**: ZONING APPEAL: C-1-09 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by re-zoning property located on the east side of Dillingham Avenue, 225 feet south of Mitchell Lane, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One Family Residence District, to R-1D-E, Urban, One Family Residence/Extended Use District with Site Plan Approval, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Long)

Having passed first reading on March 10, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 19 of 2009 Relative to ZONING APPEAL: C-1-09: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by re-zoning property located on the West side of Dillingham Avenue, 225 feet south of Mitchell

Lane, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One Family Residence District, to R-1D-E, Urban, One Family Residence/Extended Use District with Site Plan Approval, Amend the title of the ordinance to read as follows:

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 DILLINGHAM AVENUE, 225 FEET SOUTH OF MITCHELL LANE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO R-1D-E, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT WITH SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND LIMITED TO "A PARKING LOT" ONLY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Councilman Long: I think Mr. Chairman, the amendments relates to the next ordinance or would it be to the appeal, or to the - - - we have both ordinances addressing the same piece of property, the same zoning case.

Ms. Glass: The amendment is to Ordinance No. 19.

Councilman Long: Is it? Okay.

Ms. Glass: If you refresh your machines, you'll be able to access the amendment in addition to the Clerk reading it.

The Clerk read the following:

In Section I, in the first sentence, delete the phrase "east side of Dillingham Ave." and substitute the phrase "west side of Dillingham Ave."

In Section II add stipulation 1(d) to read as follows:

d. Two parking spaces shall be removed from the site plan and the eight foot tall "no maintenance" screen fence shown on the south end of the parking lot shall be moved north ten feet.

In Section II, in Stipulation No. 4, after the word "concrete", insert the word "landscape".

Explanation: Moves a fence further from the property line, and specifies that concrete landscapes blocks shall be used in the screen fencing.

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Lester to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 19 of 2009.

Councilman Long: Well I think that there's been a lot of work done on this case to get it to the point where it is at this time, and I just feel like that the appellants' requests to lose four parking places is too much. I think the compromise would be to lose two, and then that way, they end up with seven more instead of nine. And that way, most of what they want, which in this case is the complete redo of that whole area from removal of that house, the expansion, so

they can build the gym and the chapel. I just think that two - - - having visited the site today, which I did, and I have pictures in my cell phone, but I wouldn't be able to print them out or bring them (inaudible), I just think that the extra 10 feet would give it a better position and look in the neighborhood. The wall would be a little bit closer into the site edge line of the main building. I just think it would be a good compromise for the situation. And I think Mr. Welch, his attorney have agreed to the compromise. And I know Mr. Gilliam and the nursing home folks would love to have as much parking as possible, and I understand that. And maybe at some point, they'll be in a position to acquire more property for more parking. But right now, I think this is the best solution in this situation, and I would appreciate your support.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman? This is not really my district, but I guess I can sympathize with you all more cause I'm getting closer to the ages of some people that I see out in the audience. And this is why I kinda wanted to move this up. Because I know how it is when I'm sitting in church for two hours, and the preacher is preaching. Sometimes I get to coughing on purpose, so I can get up and tip out. But I'm concerned about how it looks, but I'm also concerned about whether - - - I'm concerned about you all's needs. Because I don't know, I might wind up there in a couple of years, and I don't want to be voting on something that looks pretty, but it's not practical. It's not functional, if I'm making any sense. And maybe the person who want's it to looks so pretty, and so functional, they might not be there but a couple of years, and gone somewhere. And then you all are left holding the bag with something that's pretty, but it's not functional. And I think if the MPC proved it, and they had a chance to go out and look at it, and I hope my colleague doesn't think very bad of me, and I hope he doesn't take a shot at my character like I got shot at a while ago, but I'm a big boy, and I can take it. But my vote is going to be against this amendment. Because I think you all should have the practicality, and I think what you're asking for should be functional. You didn't spend all this time and come down here to get a pat on the head, and say, 'Look, lets compromise with this, because it looks good, but it's not functional.' So, you know I would ask my colleagues, as I look around, I don't see but one that's probably kinda - - - well, naw. I don't know whether I want to bring Monty in either that's probably close to my age.

Councilman Webb: You better quit while you're ahead.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Mr. Chairman told me to stop while I'm ahead, because I don't want to make anybody - - - but my vote will be 'NO' on the amendment.

Councilman Webb: Councilman Long, I had a question. The No. 20 is tied into No. 19?

Councilman Long: Well I thought it was. I may be wrong about that. Arthur was bringing that to my attention, but I thought that, and I was thinking of something else. So, no, this is the only action today concerning this case. Is that right Julie?

Ms. Glass: That's correct.

Councilman Long: So, this is it. I thought that once the MPC approved the original deal, they would have to go through us for a rubber stamp, but evidently that's not the case.

Councilman Webb: Well let me ask you this question. How many residents were in opposition?

Councilman Long: Mike, come on up if you will. If I could bring Mike Welch up.

Mr. Mike Welch: I'm Mike Welch, I'm the resident who lives directly across the street from the wall. To directly answer your question Mr. Webb, 60 some residents in the neighborhood provided the MPC with a petition requesting that this not happen. They were disturbed, and they thought there were other alternatives that had not been adequately explored. Following a very good effort by the MPC to create opportunities for cooperation between the residential neighborhood, and the commercial neighborhood. We had maybe a dozen folks meeting two or three times, trying to arrive at a more workable solution. And the MPC and its staff contributed significantly to improvements to the original plan, for which we were all very thankful. But the bottom line is that there is a significant concern in the neighborhood that this not be allowed to happen, but that it be done in the most appropriate way possible. And I think that's where we stand.

Councilman Webb: The reason why I asked that is, the compromise that they're looking at is going from nine spots to seven spots, versus the five that the residents (inaudible) a compromise in the middle. If he can live with seven, why can't you live with nine?

Mr. Welch: Okay, because I'm here in the spirit of cooperation instead of fighting. I still have an interest. I mean, if I had my druthers, it would be much smaller. And if we look at what's required, what's needed, and what's desired, based upon comments made at the various public meetings, the required could be as small as 30 spaces. The needed is somewhere around 60 spaces, and the desires has been stated all the way upwards to 200 spaces. So, the reason I'm here, the reason I'm still interested in this is that we would like to have the job done as well as can be. And the issue of splitting hairs, obviously I'm simply cooperating. I'm not - - that's not my goal. I didn't come in here today going, 'Gee, I'd like to have two slices of the pig.' I'd like to have the pig, everybody would. But I recognize the decisions that we make as a community and I'm trying to cooperate with that.

Councilman Webb: Thank you I appreciate that. Whose here from the MPC today? Can you tell us about the public hearing the MPC and how they arrived at the 7-0 vote, and what y'all sought for on it?

Mr. Jean: We actually had this case in front of us twice. It was deferred and continued so that we could work with the various residents. We had two separate meetings where we met with several of the people who actually spoke at the hearing. They were represented by counsel. We looked at various issues such as at the beginning of this case, we had an open detention pond along Dillingham. The applicant agreed to take that and move that to another ground attention. So there's a number of issues that occurred that mitigated a lot of the issues that were initially there. The fence did move approximately 10 feet to the north to allow for more landscaping on the plan today. That is an improvement. There's numerous other items that were improved and reflected also in this plan you see today and on the stipulations that are listed within the ordinance.

Councilman Webb: Okay, so the MPC though approved it with nine parking spots.

Mr. Jean: They approved it as you see with nine. Yes. There was some discussion during the hearing that was - - - matter of fact, it was during deliberations. That I personally talked to the opposition, wanted to see about having these spaces, these additional two spaces

removed and have it revised at that time while it was being deliberated. And spoke with both the Chair and one other member of the commission who wanted not to pursue that. Wanted to go ahead and vote on it as it was drawn.

Councilwoman Bowman: Where is - - - Mr. Gilliam? Sir, were you all willing to accept the compromise from nine to seven?

Mr. Gilliam: No. Never. It's always been the goal of the nursing home to get the full 69 spaces. The fact is - - - some of that was before my time because I wasn't here at the MPC level. I've been brought in since that point and time, but I've reviewed everything, and of course discussed it with (inaudible). My understanding was they really need more than 69. That's really the minimum that's acceptable. Because they still will need overflow parking with the 69 on occasions, no doubt. But as I stated earlier, the wall's already been moved back 10 feet, and they're asking us to move it another 10 feet. And all the 60 people that he mentioned which were on that petition, they've all been satisfied. They're not here today. Nobody else is objecting it, except Mr. Welch. And again, he's looking at a wall that's 100 feet across that lot. And he wants it to be 90 feet. What difference does that make as opposed to these people having to give up two parking spaces, which they definitely need.

Councilwoman Bowman: After speaking with Councilman Long, and of course the fact that he had tried to work some type of compromise with it, Mr. Welch and the other neighbors, have you asked them (inaudible) with you all, with you. And that was from the nine to the seven.

Mr. Gilliam: Well there's been numerous compromises which the nursing home has made from putting in a water retention area, and then going underground with that retention area, underground drainage. Right now there's no underground drainage on Dillingham, this is just one of the items that the nursing home is paying for. They're going to put in a detention facility, so the rain water will collect and not runoff in the neighborhood, and they're going to put an underground pipe to a concrete ditch. So, they're helping resolve the flooding problem by paying for it themselves to help the neighborhood. So there's all those positives, and there's a long list I could go down, why all the other neighbors are all satisfied. And sure there's some apprehension over ways it's going to look like, and what's the ultimate result. But it's going to be a lot better than what's there now, without a doubt.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir Mr. Settle, I have a question for you.

Mr. Settle: Ms. Bowman, I'd like to respond to that. Yes Ma'am.

Councilwoman Bowman: The seven spots in comparison to the nine. What's the big difference with that as far as you are concerned.

Mr. Settle: We're trying right now, the nine puts this lot wall within 10 feet of the neighbors lot. And we're trying to preserve the footprint of the house and to maintain as many trees as possible. And I think that they have said that they needed 60 minimum, and then they go to 69. What they haven't mentioned is they're reducing the number of their residents which is in their documents by 30. Yet, they won't give any justifications of the reduction of parking needs. So this renovation which I support and think is great. It's going to reduce their resident facilities by 30. They've said that they'd have 30 less residents which theoretically means less

employees or something. But a compromise is just that. The city required them to put the underground drainage system. That wasn't a compromise. Mr. Gilliam wasn't part of it. The City said you've got to do the underground drainage. The City said you have to do the wall. We're just trying to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood, and the present looks. We've asked for two lots, approximately a short distance of footage. And that's all. And considering that everything else, they're reducing the number of their residents. I don't know where those 30 are going to live, but they're reducing that. It's part of the plan, I think it's an appropriate compromise. Two slots. It will make the neighborhood look the same, and the looks are important in that neighborhood Ma'am. I think that's important.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, so by two slots, there's going to be a tremendous difference, that's what you're saying?

Mr. Settle: Yes Ma'am. From a viewpoint of view. It's the same as looking at this pen, it goes all the way to the wall or given this much space. And I think it does from an aesthetic point of view. If you're looking across there, if you have a little more green space. I really do.

Councilwoman Bowman: And Mr. Gilliam will this facility be reduced by 30? Is that the plan?

Mr. Gilliam: My understanding is it will not have a reduction of beds. It's licensed for 190 beds. It will maintain 190 beds. There may be some reduction in the number of residents there over some period of time, but it can fluctuate. So, you have to have parking for the full use of the facility.

Councilwoman Bowman: Stefanie?

Ms. Hubbard: Yes. Let me answer that for you. Currently we are licensed for approximately 190. To appease Mr. Settle, our current in house census is 126. And currently at 126, we don't have enough parking. So at this point and time, even with the census that I have, yes we are reducing our beds after the final renovation to 150 licensed beds. But I'm at 126 right now, and I still don't have enough parking. So, when I add additional census, therefore in turn we add additional staffing to care for those residents needs. So, when I do get to max capacity of 150, I need the parking. Right now, the parking I have, I have 126 residents, I don't have enough parking. When I hit capacity of 150, could you imagine if I stayed where I am right now? With the additional staffing and loved ones that come in and visit. We need nine parking spots to clear the street and make it safe for the visitors, and the families that visit. Nine parking spots. I have 60 now, it's not adequate. 69? We can do it. I can clear the street, I can make it safe, and I'll plant all the pretty trees and plants that need to be put on that fence, if I have to do it myself. Okay?

Councilman Wooley: Stephen Jean, can you come back up? Thank you. Correct me if I don't say this correctly. The compromise was 10 feet off the fence line, and the amendment is asking for an additional 10 feet to 20 feet? That's one thing I wanted to get clarified. So, they already gave up 10 feet off the fence line for parking, is that correct?

Mr. Jean: It was revised from the original plan, yes.

Councilman Wooley: I hear conflicting stories from the attorneys in reference to the drainage system. One is saying that the City is requiring them to do it, and one is saying it was a compromise. Which one is it?

Mr. Jean: It was a recommendation from Ali Mustapha to go underground.

Councilman Wooley: But not a city requirement?

Mr. Jean: Wasn't a requirement. It was a recommendation.

Councilman Wooley: (Inaudible) mandates him to do that?

Mr. Jean: I discussed that with Mr. Mustapha after the hearing, when this was brought up, and he confirmed for me that yes, it is a recommendation, and not a requirement.

Councilman Wooley: So basically that's a voluntary expense that they're going to incur for this?

Mr. Jean: Yes.

Councilman Long: I appreciate everybody's discussion on this, because that's what this is all about. And also Stefanie, I want to thank you and your extended family for coming out today. I appreciate that. Councilwoman Bowman indicated earlier, and just because you're wearing orange T-shirts, does not mean that necessarily is going to cause me to vote anyway or however this thing. I'm glad you're here, because y'all do represent what you're trying to get accomplished, and that's a good thing. Again, I would ask my fellow Councilmen to please consider that this is a challenging situation right now. Even at her current census level at 126, they're still almost (when I say busting at the seams), not inside the facility, but as far as the environment around the outside. If they were to expand or add more residents into the facility, that would require a bit more parking, which is not available now there anyway. And over time, they're gonna probably have to hopefully at some point, from somebody acquire more land so they could have more parking, so it would be a much more convenient situation. I also wanted to mention at this point too, that I did attempt to try to put their folks together with the property owners who own the property right behind them, which unfortunately used to be part of the nursing home property, but was sold off by one of the prior owners some years ago. So it's unfortunate that that occurred, because had that land still been in tact, we wouldn't be having this discussion right now. But all that's in the past, and we've got to deal with the present and the future. I would hope that you would consider the compromise with the two extra places. I realize that they need everything that they can get, and I acknowledge that. But I also acknowledge the neighborhood, and I think that by granting 67 places, everybody gets something out of this deal, it's not just a one sided deal, and I think that there would be the best solution in my mind, so I would appreciate your support, and vote for the ordinance as amended. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Alright, lets vote on the amendment.

Ms. Johnson: Ms. Bowman?

Councilwoman Bowman: I know Bea, I'm praying over this one.

Ms. Johnson: I'm sorry. Excuse me Lord.

Motion to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 19 of 2009 failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Lester, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, 4. Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, and Bowman. 3.

Ms. Glass: The amendment that just failed also had a technical amendment in it which I'll explain. Mr. Jean just noticed that there was a place in the title which said the 'east' side of Dillingham, when it should have said the 'west' side of Dillingham. Now the property descriptions were correct and everyone knew what piece of property we're talking about, but as a technical matter, we think that the title should be corrected, and then motioned to postpone and I believe Mr. Long is in agreement with this, that it should lay over with the corrected title, so there won't be any question about that. So we have prepared another amendment that just makes that technical change.

Councilman Long: Alright so moved on that amendment to make this technical correction.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, just before he makes a move, there's no way that we could correct that at this particular point as a typographical error?

Councilman Webb: That's what they're doing.

Councilman Shyne: I mean without having it to lay over.

Ms. Glass: Well the reason why it should lay over is that the Charter says that the title is supposed to tell what the subject matter of the ordinance is. When you said it was the 'east' side of Dillingham, when it was really the 'west' side of Dillingham, obviously it was a technical error, but we do think that that is something that should be corrected, so that it cannot be challenged at some later point.

Councilman Shyne: I don't want to practice law at this point. So, if that's what you say, I'll go along.

Councilman Webb: That's what we got her for.

Councilman Shyne: Right. I want y'all to know that I do practice little law from time to time.

Councilman Webb: So, what are we voting on now?

Ms. Glass: This will just be the amendment to correct - - -

Councilman Long: The revised amendment.

Ms. Glass: It's Amendment No. 2, so all of the rest has been deleted, and all this does is change the word 'east' to 'west.'

Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 19 of 2009 Relative to ZONING APPEAL: C-1-09:
Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by re-zoning property located on the West side of Dillingham Avenue, 225 feet south of Mitchell Lane, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One Family Residence District, to R-1D-E, Urban, One Family Residence/Extended Use District with Site Plan Approval, Amend the title of the ordinance to read as follows:

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 DILLINGHAM AVENUE, 225 FEET SOUTH OF MITCHELL LANE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO R-1D-E, URBAN, ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT WITH SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND LIMITED TO "A PARKING LOT" ONLY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

In Section I, in the first sentence, delete the phrase "east side of Dillingham Ave." and substitute the phrase "west side of Dillingham Ave."

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 19 of 2009.

Councilman Long: Julie, there was another issue in my first Amendment No. 1 relative to landscape block, and the - - -

Ms. Glass: Well we did take that out since the other amendment failed. But if you plan to postpone, I will fix that before the final adoption, if you want to do it that way.

Councilman Long: Okay, that would be great. Well lets do it that way, I would appreciate that.

Councilman Shyne: Do we just have to postpone? I mean, I mean - - -

Councilman Webb: It'll be alright Joe.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Shyne, Mr. Settle is here, and there could be a challenge to the whole thing, and that would take much longer.

Councilman Webb: Exactly.

Councilman Shyne: Well I mean, I want it to be legal, I mean I know Mr. Settle is here, but I know how attorneys are, they all have opinions. And I've dealt with that before.

Councilman Webb: But we want to do it legally.

Councilman Shyne: Right, but that's what I'm saying. I want to do it legally. That's why I'm asking if we have to. If you say yes, then I'm okay.

Councilman Webb: So we're voting for a postponement?

Councilman Long: No, no. We're voting for Amendment No. 2.

Councilman Webb: We're voting for Amendment No. 2, which is?

Ms. Glass: Just to change 'east' to 'west.'

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

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to postpone Ordinance No. 19 of 2009.

Councilman Long: Alright, let me explain to everybody what's going on.

Councilman Webb: Yes, please do.

Councilman Long: We had a technical problem in that the original ordinance description had the east side of Dillingham, instead of the west side. So legally, the way we do our ordinances here requires for us to do this properly. We have to reshuffle the cards, and kinda play them again. So that's what we're going to do. But essentially what's going to happen is that this ordinance will be brought up at our next meeting. It will pass with no problems, and move forward. So your mission today has essentially been accomplished.

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

4. **Ordinance No. 20 of 2009**: ZONING: C-15-09 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning property located on the east side of Wallace Lake Road, 350 feet south of Dalton Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to B-2A, Business Park Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Having passed first reading on March 10, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I can understand how some of these people feel. So, could we just pause for a second maybe and let you all - - -

Councilman Webb: They may want to stay.

Councilman Shyne: No, if you all need to leave. Anybody need to leave? Okay.

Councilman Webb: Well lets finish the vote.

Councilman Shyne: I thought we had finished the vote, because I hadn't voted on it.

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

Councilman Shyne: See you all haven't gotten my age yet. I know how it is to be at church.

Councilwoman Bowman: I like the orange.

Councilman Shyne: Dale, we know how it is to sit n church.

Mr. Sibley: And not have a break.

5. **Ordinance No. 21 of 2009**: ZONING: C-16-09 An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by re-zoning the

north 430 feet of Lot 174, Suburban Acres Subdivision subject property located on the west side of Linwood between Mt. Zion Road, and McCarey, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from B02, Neighborhood Business District to B-2A, Business Park Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on March 10, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 2009

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

WHEREAS, the property described in Exhibit "A" is excess to City needs and no City department has need for the property; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 99 of 2008 previously declared the property described in Exhibit "B" to be surplus property and authorized its sale by competitive bid after public notice; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance inadvertently omitted the property described in Exhibit "A" from the property intended to be declared surplus property and authorized for sale by the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the property described in Exhibit "A" was included in the City's Invitation for Bid Number 08-401 and the City received an acceptable bid for purchase of the property on October 14, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the property described in Exhibit "A" is hereby declared to be surplus property no longer needed for a public purpose.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Purchasing Agent be and he is hereby authorized to sell the property described in Exhibit "A" to the bidder submitting the acceptable bid on October 14, 2008 in response to City of Shreveport Invitation for Bid Number 08-401.

WHEREAS, LSA-R.S. 33:4712 requires that notice of this ordinance be published at least three (3) times within fifteen (15) days, one week apart.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 18 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SE CORNER OF DUPONT STREET & HEARNE AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-2, URBAN, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the SE corner of Dupont Street & Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described as Lots 381-383, less and except the west 10.23 feet, Claiborne Subdivision, Lots 384-389, Claiborne Subdivision, and Lots 467-474, Claiborne Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, be and the same is hereby changed from R-2, Urban, Multi-Family Residence District to B-2, Neighborhood Business District.

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

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing the relocation of the dumpster to be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director, with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Planning Commission.
2. Approval shall be subject to written confirmation from the Shreveport City Engineer's office that both Dupont and Regent Streets are of sufficient width and design to allow safe ingress and egress from Hearne Avenue.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 20 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF WALLACE LAKE ROAD, 350 FEET SOUTH OF DALTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO B-2A, BUSINESS PARK BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the east side of Wallace Lake Road, 350 feet south of Dalton Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described as Lot 2, Forbing Annex Home Sites Unit 2, and the west 30 feet of Lot 1, Forbing Annex Home Sites Unit 2, be and the same is hereby changed **from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-2A, Business Park District.**

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

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Planning Commission.
2. The 5' rear yard setback for Lot 2 and 15' rear yard setback for Lot 3 as requested by applicant is granted.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 21 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING THE NORTH 430 FEET OF LOT 174, SUBURBAN ACRES SUBDIVISION. SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF LINWOOD BETWEEN MT. ZION ROAD AND MCCAREY, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO B-2A, BUSINESS PARK BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of subject property located on the west side of Linwood between Mt. Zion Road and McCarey, legally described as the north 430 feet of Lot 174, Suburban Acres Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed **from B-2 Neighborhood Business District to B-2A, Business Park District.**

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Webb: Any unfinished business Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: None that I know of.

Councilman Webb: Okay Mr. Thompson, I have some unfinished business. I would like to bring off the table Ordinance No. 122 of 2006.

1. **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*)
2. **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*)
3. **Resolution No. 51 of 2007**: A resolution supporting the Employee Free Choice Act, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced March 27, 2007 --Tabled May 8, 2007*)

Motion by Councilman Webb, seconded by Councilman Shyne to remove Ordinance No. 122 of 2006 from the table.

Mr. Thompson: Would you like for me to read it?

Councilman Webb: Yes, please.

The Clerk read the following:

4. **Ordinance No. 122 of 2006**: Amending portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to traffic and vehicles and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced August 22, 2006 - Tabled September 11, 2007*)

Councilman Lester: Discussion?

Councilman Webb: Okay.

Councilman Lester: I'll ask Mr. Chairman as to his reasoning for moving this particular agenda item.

Councilman Webb: The reason why I'm moving this particular item off the table is I feel Councilman Lester, that you're playing mind games with the citizens. And we've been discussing red light cameras since 2006. It was brought to my attention by, what's the lady's name, Markey? Contacted all Council Members at the Public Safety Meeting that we would be

discussing red light cameras, and that you would be bringing it off the table. So in that very meeting, I made a notation along with Councilwoman Bowman that we were very concerned that the citizens were not going to be informed about this, if it was coming off the table. So I asked for a press release to be given to all the news media so that the public could be informed. In today's newspaper, it was quoted by you that you felt that my press release was to get the media attention versus the assertion that action would be taken, as to say that you had no intention of doing this, which I believe you did. And frankly, I think that we've been dealing with this long enough and discussing it long enough, and I think it's time to bring it to the table, and nip it in the bud or whatever we're going to do.

Councilman Lester: Okay, well can I respond to that?

Councilman Webb: Absolutely.

Councilman Lester: First of all, if you would have asked me.

Councilman Webb: I didn't have to ask you.

Councilman Lester: Hold on. You've said your piece, I've let you make your statement, I would appreciate the opportunity to do the same. Okay?

Councilman Webb: You got it.

Councilman Lester: Alright. Your statement is wrong for several reasons. 1) You said you spoke to someone named Markey Washington, okay? The last time I checked Markey Washington is a spokesperson or a lobbyist for ATS.

Councilman Webb: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: Markey Washington is not a spokesman for Calvin Lester. That's No. 1. 2) Calvin Lester is not in control of the Public Safety Committee and scheduling things at a Public Safety Committee. I'm not the Chairman of that particular committee. I don't control what gets heard, what gets scheduled, the whole nine yards. I don't know why it was placed on the Public Safety Committee. I didn't ask for it, and certainly I would say Mr. Chairman, if you had a question or a concern about a piece of legislation that I crafted, the simple thing would have been to do is call me. You have my cell phone number, you have my email, you have the staff's number. You could have asked. If you would have asked me, I would have said to you, Councilman Webb, I have absolutely, positively, no intention of moving forward or bringing this off the table, and that would have been a wrap. Now your choice is to move forward and take this off the table and vote, hey that's your right as any person up here has the right to do. But I think it's bad form for several reasons. 1) Ordinance No. 4 is on the table. There are twelve items that are on the table including one of yours. No. 9. I think it's again, bad form as it relates to the Council if you are not the person who has taken the time to craft a particular piece of legislation for you to decide summarily that you decide when it gets taken off, I think that's bad form. Again, every thing that you have said is predicated on an assumption of what someone else that is a lobbyist for a particular company said. The best evidence of that Councilman, would have been to call me. As simple as that. Or ask. When we were at the Public Safety Meeting, you didn't ask me if I was going to take it off the table. You did a press release, and you sent the press release out to everyone. I got a copy of it. I got a comment or a question from the reporter from *The Times* that asked me, 'Are you

taking it off?" I said no. I never said that I was. So I mean to say that I'm playing mind games, that's not accurate at all. If you want to vote to take it off, fine, let's deal with it. But do not. Do not say that I said that I was going to take it off and that's not true. And when you did not even do me the courtesy of asking, that's just plain and simple bad form.

Councilman Webb: Well let me ask you one question.

Councilman Walford: Point of Order.

Councilman Webb: Yes.

Councilman Walford: He's got the floor, you've already spoken.

Councilman Webb: (Inaudible) I think he's through talking.

Councilman Walford: Before he gets his debate.

Councilman Webb: I think Councilman Lester and I are in discussion right now, I'll give you the floor in the moment.

Councilman Walford: Well I'm going to call Point of Order again, and then Council can vote on it then.

Councilman Webb: Okay.

Councilman Walford: I think you're out of order addressing questions. He can address them to you, but not vice-versa. You will get another opportunity.

Councilman Webb: Okay, let's vote on it then.

Councilman Shyne: Let's vote on Monty being out of order.

Councilman Walford: I'm not out of order Mr. Shyne, and let's make that real, real clear.

Councilwoman Bowman: What are we voting on?

Councilman Webb: We're voting on if I'm out of order.

Councilman Shyne: Okay.

Councilman Walford: You're voting on my Point of Order.

Motion by Councilman Walford, for Point of Order. Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 4. Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Long. 3.

Councilman Webb: And your Point of Order's been denied. Go ahead Councilman Lester.

Councilman Lester: I said what I wanted to say.

Councilman Webb: I only have one other comment, then I'll turn it over to Council.

Councilman Walford: Well I'm going to call a Point of Order again. You've had a debate, I would like the same.

Councilman Webb: Well, I'm going to over rule you, I'm going to make this statement.

Councilman Walford: Well then I'll ask the Council to vote again. You get a debate, each member of the Council gets a debate, and then it comes back to you.

Councilman Webb: Well - - -

Councilman Walford: If you don't know Robert's, we can ask Ms. Glass.

Councilman Webb: Okay Ms. Glass, is that true?

Ms. Glass: I think Council rules do say that each person should get a debate once, and then each person can have two debates. (Inaudible).

Councilman Webb: That's fine, I'll come back. Go ahead Councilwoman Bowman.

Councilman Shyne: But you can't over rule him though.

Councilman Walford: No he can't.

Councilman Shyne: Yes he can.

Councilman Webb: Go ahead, I will come back with my comment in a moment.

Councilman Walford: He cannot.

Councilman Shyne: Yes he can.

Councilwoman Bowman: Point of Order.

Councilman Webb: Councilwoman Bowman has the floor.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, I just want to clarify one thing. The Council Meeting prior to this one, I received a phone call trying to see how my vote will go because I was informed also that Councilman Lester was going to take this off of the table. And at that particular time, that is when I said we needed to have a Public Safety meeting in order to discuss it again because I did not want the public to feel that we pulled something over on them by it being on the table that long. That was the only reason I wanted to make sure that this was discussed again. Now, during the course of that conversation, I was told that the votes were being gathered so that this could be pulled from the table on Tuesday. And I think that the majority of the Council Members were told that. I wanted to clarify that.

Councilman Walford: I just wanted to say Mr. Chairman that this to me is taking the Council procedures here to a new low. This is Mr. Lester's legislation, I don't understand why others feel the need to take his legislation off the table, but every time I go to a neighborhood meeting, I'm asked about your door-to-door peddler that's been on the table. Would you object if I take that off the table?

Councilman Webb: If you so desire.

Councilman Walford: That's all I have Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lester: I want to get something real clear. I think Council Member Bowman said she received a phone call from someone. That someone was not me. Is that correct?

Councilwoman Bowman: Markey Pierre called me and said that she had talked to you, and your intent was to take that off the table on the next day, which was that Tuesday.

Councilman Lester: My question is and my statement is Markey Pierre is not me. Simple as that. Listen, what I object to is the inference, the subtle inference that I'm trying to pull the wool over somebody's eyes. And that's not accurate. Whether you like me or I don't, whether you appreciate me or I don't, if I have a particular piece of legislation, I put it out there, I have my discussion, and we move forward. If you want to bring this off the table and vote it up or down, then fine. But do not, do not get out here with this inference that I am pulling the wool over people's eye, because that's not true.

Councilwoman Bowman: Are you talking to me?

Councilman Lester: I'm talking to anybody. I'm saying it for what it is. Because at no time have I heard anybody say anything about what they heard, that either Councilmen say that Councilman Lester called me and said, I'm going to pull this off the table, or Councilman Lester said, I plan to do this, or Councilman Lester planned to move forward. And at no time did anyone that was so aggrieved or concerned ever think to call Councilman Lester, and we all have my email, we all have my cell phone, the whole nine yards. This idea that I'm trying to pull the wool over the public's eyes, Mr. Chairman is not accurate, and it's offensive. And it's the second time, this is the second time while I've been on this Council, I've had to listen to you assuage my character based upon something that you have heard that was not based upon fact. I would not do you that way. And I would not treat any other member of this Council that way, and for you to say that, 'Well I'm just concerned because the wool over people's eyes,' or 'I would want to have the public have the right to vote or know what we're voting on,' all you had to do Mr. Chairman is ask me. Just like you sent out a press release to *The Times*, and you sent out a press release in an email, you could have very easily sent an email to me, and asked, 'Calvin, are you going to pull this off?' You assumed, you didn't do me the courtesy, or lets take me out of it. You did not do a courtesy to the 15,000 people that I represent here by contacting and speaking to their representative. You put your position above everything else based on something that you heard. An assumption. And that's wrong. And it's bad form, completely disrespectful for any of us to go and deal with someone else's legislation that they have not touched, just because they say they're tired of it. Your position on the red light cameras is clear. In fact when this issue came up about the red light cameras, I didn't assume what your position was, I talked to you. I called you up, we went to lunch, I told you what my position was, I gave you facts. You said you would study it, you came back later and said, "Calvin, I'm not for it, and these are my reasons." And I told you what? "I can respect that. I think we should do it," and I outlined the reasons that we could. I said, "We agree to disagree." When I've had other issues on the table, I'll give you an example. There's an issue that relates to some land in Allendale, that was on the table for quite a while. Before I decide to move on that, what did I do Councilman Webb? I called you. I said, "Listen, I want to do this, I would like to get your support." And I said, "Lets go out and take a look at it." I gave you the respect as a member of this board to tell you what I was going to do, asked for your support, and take the steps to show you. And we went out there. You said, "You know what, based upon this, I can move forward." I called you. Twice. You could have short stopped this whole thing by saying, "Councilman Lester, do you plan to take this off?" It's a 'YES' or 'NO' question. Yes or no answer. You did not do that. You went straight to the media with another press conference with the idea that, 'Hey, I don't want the public to be fooled.' And you went off half-cocked. Because had you asked me as late as yesterday, I would have told you, no. And as it relates to the Public Safety Committee, again a committee that I'm not even a member of, that I have no control of, if there was an issue, pose the question. Call me. Ask me. When we have issues, we become very territorial about our districts, about our people, about our issues. Everyone wants to draw the lines in the sand as this is what I represent, this is what is important to me, and I don't want anybody touching it, or dealing with that. I just feel it's bad form for

someone to have taken the time to craft a piece of legislation that have worked hard to get it passed, to decide arbitrarily and capriciously, I want to pull your legislation that you have worked on off the table to vote it up or down without even asking. I think that's disrespectful to that particular person, regardless of who that person is. And to do it under the guise, to do it under the guise that I don't want to have the public to be fooled, that's not accurate. And if you wanted to believe what the quote was in the paper, I made it clear that I never said that I was going to do that, even now. And for what it's worth, when it came down to Unfinished Business, the Chairman said, 'Is there any unfinished business?' I made a point to say no. So again, you're the Chairman, you set the tone, but I think it's a bad tone, and I think that it's completely disrespectful, not just to me, to the people that I represent. And it could have been avoided. All you had to do is just like you sent out the press release, you could have made a phone call. Simple as that.

Councilman Webb: Are you finished?

Councilman Lester: Yes.

Councilman Webb: Let me say this. You were in that meeting, I'm not a member of that committee either. The discussion came up between Councilwoman Bowman and myself, that if this was going to be voted on Tuesday, we felt that the public should be informed. I made a point at that time to say lets send out a press release, not a press conference to inform the public that they could come down and have the opportunity to speak for or against. At that time, I could have picked up my cell phone and called you on the other side of the table.

Councilman Lester: I wasn't there.

Councilman Webb: You were there.

Councilman Lester: No I wasn't. I left that meeting early.

Councilman Webb: You were there when that was brought up.

Councilman Lester: No, I left that meeting early. In fact, I left that meeting and went back and forth several times with phone calls, and I told Councilwoman Bowman the reason why I had to leave early. Because my mother had a hospital appointment, and I apologized that my mind was focused on something more important than the red light cameras, when once again, you sent a press release out.

Councilman Webb: Well (inaudible)

Councilman Lester: And, and again Councilman - - -

Councilman Webb: I thought you were through, and I was talking.

Councilman Lester: Well go ahead.

Councilman Webb: As I said, you knew the intent in that meeting, and why the meeting was called, and you had every opportunity to say, I don't know what the fuss is all about, I'm not going to be bringing this up tomorrow. But everyone in that room, I think was under the assumption that this was going to be taken off the table today. And for that reason alone, as I said, I feel that you're playing mind games with the people and I'm ready to bring it to a vote.

Councilman Lester: Well, I will say again - - -

Councilman Walford: I call a Point of Order again, Ron's got the floor.

Councilman Webb: Councilman Shyne, I'm finished.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I agree with you, I was under that same scenario. That this was going to be brought off the table, because nobody never said that it was not going to be brought off the table, and if I had been the author of this piece of legislation, and I would have said at the beginning of the meeting, 'Ladies and gentlemen, we can discuss this, but I'm not about to bring this off the table.' I agree. I think we need to bring it up and we can do the vote that we need to do.

Councilman Webb: Any other comments from any other Council Members?

Councilman Lester: I want to have one more before we wrap it up.

Councilman Webb: Councilman Walford, did you have a comment? I think Robert's Rules of Order only allows two turns, is that not correct?

Councilman Walford: Council Rules of Procedures (inaudible).

Ms. Glass: Correct.

Councilman Webb: Okay.

Councilman Shyne: You want to tell the other members to come back in so we can vote on this?

Councilman Webb: So Art, what would be the procedure in voting? How many amendments are on this?

Mr. Thompson: Well, it's not - - - I don't think we voted to take it off the table yet.

Councilman Webb: Okay we haven't voted to take it off the table yet.

Councilman Walford: That would be the vote now?

Mr. Thompson: Right.

Councilman Shyne: That would be a 'YES' vote, correct?

Councilman Webb: Correct.

**Motion to remove Ordinance No. 122 of 2006 from the table failed by the following vote:
Nays: Councilmen Lester, Walford, and Long. Ayes: Councilmen Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Bowman. 1.**

Councilman Webb: That's 3-3.

Councilman Walford: Failure.

Councilman Webb: Okay, and we move on.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Thompson, I believe that if you - - - since neither side won, and we have one person that's out of the Council, I mean out of the Chamber, can I bring it back up at this particular point? Since I'm really not on the losing side. I mean, if I was on the affirmative side, I know I could. I think Councilwoman Bowman is back in to bring this off the table, if you wanted to vote to bring this off the table.

Councilman Long: It's a moot vote and there's no action.

Councilwoman Bowman: No action?

Councilman Long: Right, and Joe's trying to bring it back up again.

Councilman Shyne: So we can get another vote where we can get it (inaudible)

Councilwoman Bowman: So the ball's in my court?

Councilman Shyne: Yes.

Councilman Webb: What's the rule?

Ms. Glass: Since it was a split vote, the motion failed. So in order to reconsider, it takes a person from the prevailing side, so the prevailing side would be the 'NO' votes.

Councilman Shyne: No, not necessarily.

Councilman Long: That's right. That's legal.

Councilman Webb: Say it again?

Ms. Glass: The motion failed.

Councilman Shyne: I should have brought my law book.

Councilman Webb: The motion failed so what?

Ms. Glass: If the motion failed, I would think the 'NO' votes would be the prevailing side.

Councilman Shyne: Well can, can - - -

Councilman Lester: Point of Order Mr. Chairman. Lets move on.

Councilman Webb: That's what we're going to do. We're going to move on.

5. **Ordinance No. 32 of 2008**: An ordinance to amend and reenact portions of Division 3 of Article V of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Retained Risk and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced – March 25, 2008 - Tabled April 22, 2008*)
6. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2008**: Amending Chapter 42 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to add Article XI relative to operation of a rendering plant or transfer center within the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced March 11, 2008 - Tabled May 13, 2008*)
7. **Ordinance No. 58 of 2008**: ZONING - C-25-08: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of N. Market, 3,322 feet north of Martin Luther King Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-1, Buffer Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced May 27, 2008 - Tabled July 8, 2008*)
8. **Ordinance No. 83 of 2008**: ZONING: C-35-08 Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Hilry Huckaby, 1800' south of North Lakeshore, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-3-E , Community Business/Extended District, to B-3-E, Community Business/Extended Use District **Limited to “an office, equipment storage yard, with the addition of stockpile materials (wood chips/recyclable wood products” only**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced July 22, 2008 - Tabled August 26, 2008*)

9. **Ordinance No. 97 of 2008**: An ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances relative to itinerate vendors and to otherwise providing with respect thereto. (E/Webb) (*Introduced August 26, 2008 - Tabled October 14, 2008*)
10. **Ordinance No. 115 of 2008**: An ordinance requiring a permit for use of municipal property for business operations in the City of Shreveport; requiring the provision of certain information prior to issuance of such permit; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Introduced September 9, 2008 - Tabled October 14, 2008*)
11. **Ordinance No. 166 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 98 of the Code of Ordinances relative to vegetation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced November 25, 2008 - Tabled January 27, 2009*)
12. **Resolution No. 24 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing Arzeria R. Wilkerson, located at 5407 South Lakeshore Drive, to connect to the Water & Sewer System of the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced February 24, 2009 – Tabled March 10, 2009*)

13. **PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:**

HBO0700145 – 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) *Ms. Carolyn Miller*, 424 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA 71105 (C/Long) (*Tabled August 25, 2008*)

PSD0700058: 557 Egan Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) *Mr. Daniel Markulus*, 853 Place, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) (*Postponed January 12, 2009 until April 27, 2009*)

PSD0700214: 2732 Logan Street. Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Willie Roberson*, 6915 Quilen Rd, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) (*Postponed February 24, 2009 until April 27, 2009*)

PSD0700131: 1530 Arlington, Good Samaritan Funeral Home, Inc., Shreveport, La (A/Lester) *Mr. Winnifred Jackson*, 2200 Laurel St, Shreveport, La (A/Lester) (*Tabled June 9, 2008*)

PSD0600413 – 2330 Darien Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) *Ms. Thressa Lovelace French*, 2401 Darien Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) (*Postponed February 24, 2009 until April 27, 2009*)

CAB0700310, CAB0700309, CAB070023: 8600 N. Emerald Loop, Shreveport LA 71106 (D/Wooley) *Ms. Ollie D. Harper*, 8600 N. Emerald Loop, Shreveport, LA 71106 (D/Wooley)) (*Postponed February 24, 2009 until April 27, 2009*)

HBO0800039: 7221 Bethany Street, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) *Mr. Ellis Pope*, 11085 Sandwood Drive, Keithville, LA 71047) (*Postponed February 24, 2009 until April 27, 2009*)

HBO0900005: 241 Wichita Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Walford) *Ms. Deborah McCauley*, 241 Wichita Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Walford) (*Postponed March 9, 2009 until May 11, 2009*)

NEW BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES: None.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:38 p.m.

//s// Ron Webb, Chairman

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