# Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana June 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Ron Webb at 3:03 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2009, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Wooley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Long.

Councilman Webb: Want to welcome everybody. I would ask please if you have a cell phone, if you would turn it off or put it on vibrate, so it doesn't interrupt the meting, including Councilman Shyne.

Councilwoman Bowman: He didn't hear you.

Councilman Webb: He didn't hear me? Okay, roll call Madam Clerk.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester (Arrived at 3: 05 p.m.), Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

Motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Bowman</u> to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Friday, May 22, 2009, Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 2009, Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings – May 12, 2009, and Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings – May 26, 2009.

<u>Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings of May 12, 2009</u> (as published on May 19, 2009, in the Official Journal, on page 12B, column 7), approved on May 26, 2009 is amended as follows:

Amend the May 12, 2009 minutes in the section styled "The adopted ordinances and amendments follow" as follows:

Remove

Ordinance Numbered 36 of 2009 as published, and

Insert the following Ordinance numbered 36 of 2009

#### ORDINANCE NO. 36 OF 2009

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2009 Capital Improvements Budget to shift project funding and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 129 of 2008, the 2009 Capital Improvements Budget, be further amended and re-enacted as follows:

### **In Program F (Sewer Improvements):**

Decrease the appropriation for **Wallace Lift Station Improvements (01-F003)** by \$400,000. Funding source is 2005 URB. Increase the appropriation for **Hardy Lift Station Improvements (05-F008)** by \$400,000. Funding source is 2005 URB.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 129 of 2008, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Explanation: Ordinance No. 36 of 2009 was adopted, but was inadvertently omitted and therefore it was not published in the minutes of May 12, 2009, nor the official journal May 19, 2009. The ordinance published as No. 36 of 2009 was incorrect. This amendment corrects that

error.

<u>Amendment No. 1to the May 26, 2009</u> City Council Minutes as published on June 2, 2009 in the Official Journal on Page 8B, columns 1 and 2.

Amend the May 26, 2009 minutes relative to the introduction of Ordinance No(s) 38, 40, 41, 42, and 43 of 2009 as follows:

Remove the statement:

Having passed first reading on <u>April 28, 2009</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading.

and insert the following:

Having passed first reading on <u>May 12, 2009</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading.

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Explanation of amendment:

The date of introduction is incorrect, and this amendment corrects that error.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester: 1. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

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

# Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by the Mayor, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, we'd like to as usual extend our welcome and appreciation to all those who are here in attendance today, anybody who is here that takes the time out of their schedule to attend a Council Meeting, we consider to be a special guest. And also Mr. Chairman, at your request, we have members of our local Emergency Preparedness Office here who are prepared to give us a presentation on the upcoming hurricane season in our area of preparedness, and we're prepared to that at this particular time. Could we have Mr. Fulco? Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, Sandy Davis is on vacation.

Councilman Webb: Oh, he needs one.

Mayor Glover: Exactly. He had reservations already for Branson in place prior to the request coming forward, and of course being the understanding, kind, and generous folks that I know that you all are, we told him not to cancel those, but to send his best seconds, and so here they are.

Councilman Webb: We appreciate you coming down. I know hurricane season just started, and that was the reason I wanted your office to come down, because of all the things that took place last year, we're hoping that we'd make some head way. So give us your name and address for the record, so they can put it on our record, if you don't mind.

Mr. John Fulco: (4927 Old Oak Drive, Benton, LA) Just for the record, H hour this year is at 102, as it stands today. H hour is the time set that's projected for the onset of tropical force winds to strike the coast of Louisiana. So at that point, when we reach hour, 102 hours out from that expected time, programs are activated, transportation contracts are activated. As you know, I think we had like 400 buses in the state that were contracted last year. All of those things, all of those wheels begin to roll and those operations are in place and ready to go. The tracking system that they used last year was the Phoenix tracking system, that was the patient tracking system. There were some problems with that last year, as some of you may well know. They had supposedly made some improvements on their operations and we don't expect to experience the same problems this year that we did have last year. In addition to that, we locally will be using another tracking system called EM Track, which we do utilize last year at the Riverview Shelter, and it worked very well. We've ordered five more scanners for such use at those shelters, so we will have our own tracking system as well as the Phoenix tracking system that will be utilized by DSS. Buses this year, they're all equipped with GPS equipment. DOT will have a representative which is this is something an improvement Mr. Webb, from last year, DOT will have a representative at every site, every shelter, in addition to the EOC where we will be in operation there as well, and that will be 24 hours a day, so that we can much better coordinate the buses and coordinate the use of the buses, we will know the bus number, the bus destination, how many persons are on board, what their location is, and any problems that arise, we'll be in contact with them. So, it will be an improvement along those lines and all the bus coordination and movement will come through the EOC, through our office. And that'll be directly with DOT. So that, I think - - - I thought it worked pretty well last year, in fact, it did work pretty well. But I think we improved on that with what we have in place now. The bus

staging will be at the State Fair Grounds, and there will be a bus station at each shelter, 24 hours a day for convenience or transportation need, if they need to make a WalMart run or that sort of thing, then we'll have a bus in place for them as well. A list of the shelters, we have had some change in the shelters. State, CTN and DSS supported shelters - - - of course, we have 8810 Jewella which is the old Sam's Club building. It will be DSS shelter, critical transportation needs. It will be completely supported by DSS. They'll have total wrap around services with DSS. We'll have a - - we're in the process of having a fence built around that facility, and as we speak, there are showers in place in that building right now. So that was an issue as you well know. In addition to that, another CTN shelter, we have 7455 Atkinson Drive. This site is a site that adjacent to GM. It was a vendor that was building radiators for GM. They have since gone out of business and the building was up for lease. We went out there and toured that with DSS, and it is an excellent location. So that building will be used in lieu of the CNT shelter that (inaudible) utilizing at the outlet mall. It has kitchens in it already, it's got loading docks, it actually has it's own generator in the building, it is in my opinion, a much better suited building for such use. The capacity on that as well as the Jewella building, Mr. Mayor, we had 1500 on Jewella and we have a capacity of 1500 in this new facility. The Hirsch Coliseum, we have a different twist on that this year. We're going to still utilize that as a CTN shelter. The state of Oklahoma has graciously provided themselves available to come here and completely man that shelter, instead of us bussing our residents to Oklahoma, they have said, 'Hey, what if we come down here? We'll come to the Hirsch Coliseum, we'll man that shelter, we'll give you complete wrap around services.' We're talking medical, they shower facility, anything that we need, and we have met with them a couple of times, and we'll probably go up to Oklahoma to lay our eyes on what they are bringing with them. But they're a complete wrap around service. So that's going to be a plus for us in the way of what resources we have to expend here locally. That building will be 1600 in capacity. The outlet mall that we used last year, we will be utilizing for billeting of workers and National Guard and people or volunteers who come in. So I think it's much better suited for that. I know - - - I'm sure probably Chief Whitehorn would attest to the fact that it would be a much easier security issue, if we didn't have to deal with the outlet mall. Special medical needs shelter will be the Bossier Civic Center, which can house approximately 100 patients and their caregivers. Our general population shelters will be the Riverview with a population of approximately 800. LSUS with a population of 800. Southern University with the same population and CenturyTel, all which will be supported by Red Cross with the exception of Riverview and DSS has agreed to support that shelter. Now CenturyTel last year was open, they opened up with the intention of just being a general population shelter, but as it worked out, buses began to show up, so they accepted those people there as well. So I know that Bossier is still in the process of discussing exactly how that shelter will be utilized, but it is available. Currently the repopulation plans, that was an issue when we tried to start getting out people back to their homes, we had some challenges there, and the repopulation plan with the state is currently being finalized. They're putting the final touches on it right now. So that information will be forthcoming shortly. The 30<sup>th</sup> of June Mr. Mayor? Sandy had asked me this morning if I could possibly secure the Chambers for this? All of the ESF Agencies from the State are coming here and they want to give a four hour detailed briefing on all of the shelter operations on each ESF function to present that to the city officials and department heads and such, and I was instructed to ask you today sir, if that might be a possibility if we could utilize these Chambers.

Mayor Glover: Without objections from the Council, we'll make that request.

Councilman Webb: Yes we will, and I know we'll have to get permission from the Commission won't we as well?

Ms. Pilkinton: And if MPC or Zoning has a meeting that day.

Councilman Webb: Is that a meeting date for anybody?

Ms. Pilkinton: I don't know I'll have to research it tomorrow.

Mr. Thompson: What date is that?

Mr. Fulco: The date is the 30<sup>th</sup> of June from 0900 to 1:00 (1300).

Mr. Thompson: We'll see if we can get you an answer in a few minutes about whether or not anything is scheduled.

Mr. Fulco: And with that said, I'm open to any questions.

Councilman Webb: Okay, the only question I have, the showers at the Jewella Avenue, you say they're in the process of - - -

Mr. Fulco: They're in place right now sir.

Councilman Webb: Okay, how many do we have installed?

Mr. Fulco: There are 20 handicap heads there.

Councilman Webb: Alright, that's good. Any council member have any questions? Okay, thank you so much for the update.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you John. If memory serves correct, John is a former member of the Shreveport Fire Department, and has now since gone on to the Office of Emergency Preparedness. Also Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Council, we have prepared a briefing on both the status of our efforts with regard to the stimulus that we can share with you now, or pass out as a handout for you all to review. And answer any questions that you might have. We also are prepared to brief you with regard to the current status of our efforts in Baton Rouge at the legislative session, but again, in answer to time, that's something that we can do either here today, or we can do it on an individual basis.

Councilman Webb: What kind of time are you talking about to discover this.

Mayor Glover: Well now, you know both myself and Mr. Seaton can be rather longwinded Mr. Chairman. So - - -

Councilman Webb: Well okay, well we'll do it at later time then.

Councilman Lester: Would it be proper to ask for the briefing at that portion of the meeting where it's not being transcribed, because if we could do that, I know I would like to get that information, and those that are watching would probably want to get the benefit of it.

Councilman Webb: Okay, lets do that towards the end of the meeting.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: And the last two things I have Mr. Chairman, that I'd like to share with you, a letter that we just received here from Mr. Henry Mouton who is one of the leaders and organizers of the Louisiana Honor Air Effort that I know Mr. Chairman you and I went out on at least one occasion. I was privileged to have a chance to be there for the return of all four flights, and the letter essentially is to express appreciation, specifically to the Shreveport Fire Department, and in particular the paramedics who accompanied these flights. For those of you who are not aware, the Honor Air effort was one that sought to take WWII veterans and fly them for a full day in Washington, D.C. It was quite an experience to think of individuals in their late 80s to 90s waking up at the crack of dawn, boarding an airplane somewhere between 4:30 and 5:00 flying to Washington, D.C. and spending the entirety of the day going around the city of Washington, and in particular to the new WWII Memorial. And then flying back to Shreveport and setting foot back here as roughly 8:30-8:45. It was quite a day, quite stressful.

The interesting thing was to be able to see some flights depart where you saw maybe only four or five individuals who were wheelchair bound, and as you saw them return that number and many time has quadrupled simply based on the strain of the day as many had to be assisted to come off the planes, but we're happy to say that every individual made that flight safe and sound due to the efforts of quite a few individuals, in particular paramedics from the Shreveport Fire Department on these flights were Rick Gunn, Tim (inaudible), Robert Haggard, and Daniel Maher. We want to thank them in particular for their contribution for this effort. And I think it's also worth mentioning,, that based upon the last reports that I got and the City of Shreveport and the State of Louisiana had the second highest number of individuals who had actually gone to participate in the Honor Air visit of the entirety of the United States of America. And the South Louisiana flights are now just mentioned. So it was an outstanding program, something I was honored to have a chance to be a part of and just wanted to thank Mr. Mouton and Oliver (inaudible) and all of the other folks who were actively involved in helping to make this an outstanding effort. The last thing I want to leave you with Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council is that you know you have to have missed the last two years or so sleeping in a cave, somewhere in the south of France to not have heard at some point the mantra that I weathered in terms of the vision that we have for the City of Shreveport, and for us to become 'The Next Great City of the South.' And you know there are some who have said that why would we just want to simply limit ourselves to the south? Well the thing that I want them to know is that there is not a limitation in my opinion, but if you're going to become the champion of the world, you first have to become champion of the your box, and of your neighborhood, and of your city and your region, before you go on to take those next steps. And so we certainly have a hope and a vision of Shreveport becoming one of the great cities of not only America, but of the world. But I think path towards that efforts starts by becoming the next great city of the south. And some of the folks have asked me, how in fact do you know whether or not you're making movement towards that goal, or towards that objective. And I told them I guess it's kinda like I heard a Supreme Court Justice say once about a rather interesting hard to define subject, and that is to say I don't know how to define it, but I know it when I see it. But I think one of the other ways in which you can make a determination as to whether or not you are making progress towards becoming that city that we all envision Shreveport becoming is when you see yourself making movement upwards on some of the goodness and downward on some of the badness. With regard to movement upwards on some of the good list, it was several weeks ago, when it was revealed that Shreveport made a phenomenal 51 position movement up the Forbes' Best Mid-sized American safe for jobs, where we went from 59<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Also for the first time, the City of Shreveport has broken the top 100 on the Forbes' list of best places for business. Where in 2008, we were ranked 162, and in 2009, we are ranked no. 93. A 69 point movement. Again, the first time in the history of that Forbes' list that we have broken the top 100. Obviously, you and lots of other folks all across this city have put forth a great deal of effort to help push this region in that direction, and we hope that we will go even higher. Another statistic that just recently came in was one though that comes from the FBI. And that list has to do with violent crimes and the murder rate. For often time, you know that we have focused whether it's Operation T-Bone or Operation Closed Market or any of the other efforts that we have moved towards propelling the city towards, we have often times talked about how the perception and the reality of crime weighs heavily in terms of how we go about trying to deal with our situation here in Shreveport. But one of the things that you also have to do is deal with what the cold hard numbers are. And Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council, I'm very proud

to be able to say that the hard work of the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department, in conjunction with all of the people of the City of Shreveport, our neighborhood leaders, our property standards folks, you as members of this council, and even people within the local media who help to spread the word in a positive way, we are making some significant movement up some - - - or downward rather, on some of those bad lists. And here's what the numbers tell us. Shreveport right now is ranked as the safest large city in the State of Louisiana. The City of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Lafayette, all have violent crime rates that outrank the City of Shreveport. In 2007, the City of Shreveport still at No. 43 on the most violent cities in the entirety of the United States of America. In 2008, we went down to No. 58. A 15 place movement, which I find to be significant. For the murder rate, again, unfortunately the City of New Orleans is ranked No. 1. The City of Baton Rouge is ranked No. 7, last year, or rather in 2007, the City of Shreveport was ranked No. 29, in 2008 while Baton Rouge and New Orleans were 1 and 7, the City of Shreveport sits at No. 43. And so, while as Chief Whitehorn has put it, if you are the victim of a crime, then without question in your mind, the crime rate is without question completely out of control. But when you look at the larger picture, and you truly attempt to objectively measure the work that's being done collectively across this city on so many fronts, then the one thing that's apparent is that we're making progress. And so Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, I want to commend you all for your efforts and support. I want to thank and commend everyone across this city whose been a part of this effort as we continue to try and figure out how we push ourselves up on the good list, and down on the bad list, and ultimately make progress towards becoming The Next Great City of the South. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you members of the Council.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor, is that figure from 43 to 58, that's a national ranking, and New Orleans was 1 and Baton Rouge 7, was that this year or last year or?

Mayor Glover: The numbers of the FBI reflect in 2007 and 2008. For 2007, we were No. 29 in terms of the top number of homicides, the highest number of homicides, we fell from 29 to 43 between 2007 and 2008. And in terms of violent crimes per 100,000 in 2007, we were No. 43 and in 2008, we fell from 43 to 58. So that's the list that we want to go down on. The Forbes' list is the one we're proud to be going up on.

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

Councilman Webb: I want to recognize Rebecca Wilson, who is the District Director for Congressman Fleming. Allow her to come up and - - - yes, go ahead Councilman before she comes up. Hold on one second.

Councilman Lester: I just wanted to basically echo what the Mayor was saying relative to those statistics. I think it speaks to good leadership and good team work not only from the executive branch, but from the Council and the people on the ground, the police department, the men and women out there who are on the front lines as well as citizens that are working within the program to take ownership of their neighborhoods, taking back our neighborhoods everyday. That are engaging the police department and seeing when things are wrong and calling folks in. And certainly, you know you would almost think that we were having a funeral up here, but I would suggest and you kinda say that while you can control what's being said in terms of our minutes, but I would suggest that if you know, the situations were reversed, and we were going down on the Forbes' list and up on the crime list, that would be a whole lot of gnashing of teeth

and criticism, but the fact that things are going relatively well, at a time where nationally, we're having some serious economic challenges speaks to the fact that a number of people are doing some positive things. And so, I didn't want to let that moment go by, without suggesting to the general citizenry the fact that we are working together and doing a good job, and specifically to the men and women of the Police Department because they are out there working hard and making things happen in the positive direction that we take. So kudos to those folks, to the Chief Whitehorn as well as Chief Crawford. Because those guys are doing an outstanding job and making things look well. And certainly we are appreciative of the Administrations efforts. Folks like Brady Blade, and Arlena Acree, that are working in terms of the economic development of the City. I think it's not an accident that when crimes goes up, economic development goes up. I think it's an inverse proportional situation. And when you do things in terms of making an area safe, it makes it that much easier for us to have invested and brokered in that area. And the only thing that I would like to see happen and I've said this on more than one occasion, and I'm encouraged by what I've been hearing in meeting with Brady Blade relative to this particular issue, bringing systemic economic development to areas like Martin Luther King and Cedar Grove and Hollywood and Mooretown, and Allendale where we certainly need economic revitalization and bringing investment into some of those areas of the inner parts of our city so that our citizens don't always have to go to Youree Drive for everything, whether it be food or recreation and everything. I don't have anything against that part of town, because you go where opportunities are, but I think in cities our size, it doesn't make sense that when you want to have a nice meal and when you want to do certain things, you always have to go that part of town, and we need to be a little bit better than that, and I'm excited that if we continue these trends in terms of safety, that the reality will start to change the perception so that we can start to get some investment in these areas. Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me an opportunity to speak.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, let me just comment on that before she comes up. I just want to thank the Chief, the program on Stop the Violence, these kinds of enlightenment programs because you know you can't cut out crime by incarcerating nobody. And you have to have programs in place that will enlighten people, and people in the community are going to do more about stopping crime, and you understand that than the first department. I appreciate the new ways and the new methods that you've brought into not only the police department, but into the city and the general area from an educational standpoint. And I appreciate the school systems that have begin to buy into that they are a part of Mr. Mayor, of making sure that our streets and our neighborhoods are safe. I think the more that we enlighten people, the more people understand how important it is to work to help the police department in order to keep down violent crimes. I think we can continue to move up on that list. I would also like to thank the ministers, because we do have some ministers who are a part of making sure that our community is safe from the standpoint of enlightening our people about how important it is to -- - if you see any information or if you see anything, be nosey, call the police department and let them know. So you know it's just a comprehensive approach with all of our agencies within this area and I think everybody has begun to realize that you have a better quality of life, whenever the crime rate is down. So, Chief, I want to thank you for the leadership from the police department's angle of enlightening people. And this is where we have to get to. This is why education is so, so important. People need to be enlightened. So, again Mr. Mayor, we need to keep it up, and I guess you see the Parish, and the School System has begun to work together to look at problems that you and I are about the same age, and we've been out a long

time, and you know this is the first time, that we've actually had these three agencies, these three governmental agencies coming together and talking about problems. Talking about kids who are walking the streets, talking about how we can better educate, because if we better educate, then we can get better jobs in here. So you know we need, and I appreciate the leadership that you've been giving down this line, and this is what we have to do if we're going to continue to grow. Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, very quickly but I appreciate Mr. Shyne making the comment that he just did. Hopefully, I certainly intend to live to be as old as he is, but - - - and so I take it as a compliment. But I think my mother may be sending me a text message here in a minute or two - - -

Councilman Shyne: You're supposed to let that slide now.

Mayor Glover: Well, if I'm as old as you are, then that adds a few years to my mother. I'm not sure how well she might take it.

Councilman Shyne: Well Mr. Mayor, we'll discuss this after Council Meeting.

Mayor Glover: There were a couple of other things Mr. Chairman, before we leave it. I just wanted to stop and publicly recognize we had an outstanding week in Shreveport this past week, and in particular this past weekend. I want to recognize the folks with the Red River Rumble, that was an outstanding event that took place here in Shreveport this past weekend. Had a chance to go down on Sunday, and it was a great, great, great activity, so I want to compliment the organizers and leaders behind that effort and also Bonnie Moore is here and I'll only call Bonnie Moore's and Marcia Nelson's name, because I don't want to have to try and remember or offend anybody else for not calling theirs. But Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport this weekend was an outstanding success. Some 53 homes with 53 teams of outstanding individuals who gave their Saturdays and who blessed just dozens of folks all across this city. And so I just wanted to say thank you to all of the staff as well as the volunteers who helped to make that an outstanding effort. And also today Mr. Chairman, I want to commend Mary Alice Roundtree and the folks at the Council on Aging. I didn't get a chance to be a part of it today myself, but I hope that they will be able to extend an invitation to these individuals and have us honor them at our next council meeting. Today for the first time, to my recollections, you know we have taken on occasional opportunities to issue proclamations recognizing centenarians. Individuals who have reached 100 or older here in the City of Shreveport. Well today, the Council On Aging recognized some 15 individuals in our community. One as old as 120, I'm told. I'm not quite sure that's correct, but that's what the email told me. And I'd like to be able to have us at our next Council Meeting invite those folks to come down here and be a part of our gathering. I know that Mr. Lester will hit this probably before the meeting wraps up today, but I know we won't meet again before this event, but coming up will be the 'Let The Good Times Roll Festival' put on by Rho Omega and Friends, and so we want encourage folks to be able to come out and support it. And I think I may have gotten ahead of the Chief, because I think he just handed out to you copies of the final May Crime Statistics for the City of Shreveport, and as you will see, again, the bottom line is that we have another 9% reduction in terms of May numbers for 2009 in comparison to the May numbers for 2008. And almost another double digit reduction. So Chief, keep up the great work and we certainly appreciate you.

Councilman Webb: Okay. Come on up Ms. Wilson and we'll let you get started this time.

Ms. Rebecca Wilson: (6425 Youree Dr) Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to come and speak to you today. I

just wanted to briefly give you an update from Congressman Fleming's office. He is currently pursuing applicants to come on board and be our Grants Coordinator. This position would help Shreveport and help other municipalities in obtaining grants and grant money and also small loans and things like that. Just basically he's really pursing getting money into our district, and trying to get creative in getting some of that money into our district. And so just wanted you to know that that will be free of charge that'll be open for municipalities as well as small businesses as well as non-profits, etc. That person will help with figuring out the need and figuring out what possible monies are out there to meet that need. And so they will be doing research and helping in that way, so please contact our offices. Hopefully, they'll be on board in about two weeks, and so we're very excited about that. Also Congressman Fleming one of his top priorities is funding I-49. He has requested money through the appropriations process, and I hope we will be hearing back from that pretty soon. In fact that is a top priority for him. I just wanted to let you know that our offices are always open to you and any of your constituents. And anything that we can do to help you, we want to be there for you. Congressman Fleming says all the time, we are here to serve you, so please allow us. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Thank you. Where is 6425 Youree Drive?

Ms. Wilson: It's the Belmeade Center.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, we have somebody here from the Shreveport Times, would you come forward, we can give him a minute or two.

Councilman Webb: Yes please do sir. Give us your name and address for the record. Mr. Pete Zanmiller: (President and Publisher of The Times) The Times is located at 222 Lake Street, Shreveport. I'm calling on you today on behalf of the Times regarding the official journal. I understand there were some discussions yesterday at the Council Meeting, and some confusion on some recent news with some changes that we are doing. I wanted to make it perfectly clear to the entire Council, that we are and will remain a local newspaper. We will continue to cover religiously Shreveport and Bossier and also Desoto and Webster Parishes as well. That is our core market. Last week or week before last, we did announce that we do have an operational change in our newsroom, and that we are consolidating our copy desk functions. And that those functions will take place in Monroe, which is the sister paper of ours. The copy desk are those editors that take the stories from the editors after they've received them from the reports and place them on the pages. They design the pages and place them on the pages and then send the pages for printing. All of the reporter will continue to report here. The editors will continue to be here, the only thing that is moving to Monroe is the copy/editing functions. We're doing that for efficiency purposes similar to what we did in our accounting and operations last year when the accounting and operations of all four of the Gannett papers in Louisiana moved here to Shreveport. So again, this is just a function of putting the stories on the pages and sending the pages to printing, but I do understand in talking to Adam yesterday after the Council meeting that there was some confusion, and I know there's - - - I've seen some rumors out there that all of our operations, you know were going to be based out of Monroe, and I wanted to make sure that you knew that wasn't the case. I thought it might be helpful just to again go over the numbers, the Times is still the primary way to reach an audience within the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish. In total, our circulation as of the last ABC Report was 60,765 copies per Sunday and 49,159 copies for the weekdays. Circulation within Caddo Parish is 33,371 on Sunday and 26,495 on the daily. More importantly the readership number, obviously, papers get passed from person to person, and our last readership survey which was

concluded at the end of 2007, we had more than 169,000 adults in Caddo Parish reading the Times at least once every seven days. So we will continue to report on the events in the city, both good and bad. But we feel that we are the official news source of the Parish and of the City and we hope that you will consider us as the Official Journal for your legal advertisements. I open up to any questions that any of you may have, I'll make myself available.

Councilman Webb: I have one question. Are there any plans in the near future or in the future that you know of to go from a 7 day paper to a 3 or 4 day paper? I know several states --

Mr. Zanmiller: Several states have done that, Michigan is probably the leading state in regards to that, they had papers that were actually losing money. I'm happy to report that we are not losing money. At this time, we have no plans to reduce our publishing cycles. In reality, we are trying to and we have been trying for the last two years, and we're getting very close, to making progress on in purchasing and installing a new press for this which would give us a much higher quality. We've actually bought the press, and we've continued to make payments on that. We're just trying to design the building to fit within our budget.

Councilman Webb: Okay, Mr. Thompson the Clerk had a question for you.

Mr. Thompson: Not really a question. As we mentioned to you yesterday, I'm working with Ms. Glass to try to come up with an amendment to the contract with the Times concerning the date of publication of the minutes. As you know the Charter requires us to publish the minutes within seven days of the Council Meeting. Because we do verbatim minutes, it's very difficult for our staff to get the minutes done before Friday of the week after the Council Meeting. And therefore we've had an informal agreement with the Times that if we got the Times to them transported by electronic means by 12:00 on Friday, they would publish them on Monday. And if there would be some problem with their operation, by Tuesday which would still meet our deadline. So, we're trying to - - - we're looking at an amendment to our contract to put this in the contract. Because we don't think that we want to make sure that no changes will affect what we're required by Charter to do. And so we'll be getting with the people that we deal with at the Times and we can send you a copy also. And we hope to have a proposed amendment for you to look at very soon.

Mr. Zanmiller: Absolutely and we'd have no objections to that whatsoever. That's one of the benefits of being a 7 day publication (inaudible) very quickly.

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

### Reports:

Property Standards Report

Councilman Webb: Mr. Holt?

Mr. Holt: Mr. Chairman, anything you'd like to - - -

Councilman Shyne: Mike, I beat you to it this time. I was a little faster. I learned that when I was working on the Cooper Road. If you wanted something you had to hurry up and get it done. Isn't that right Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: Okay. I really appreciate and I think you and your department has done a fantastic job with the resources that you had in order - - - in eliminating some of the

crack houses and some of the old abandoned houses that really has a bad psychological impact on our communities. And I don't think people really realize the psychological impact. I could see it when I was a school teacher. You could almost tell kids who tell kids who came out of a neighborhood that was run down. The kids who came out of a neighborhood where everybody kept their grass cut, wasn't a whole lot of old junk cars on the street, you didn't have a lot of old beer cans and this kind of stuff. It might sound bad to say that, but that's the truth. Neighborhoods have a psychological impact and not only on the crime rate, but on how you feel about your self and how you feel about the city. And I will have to say that you all have done a fantastic job in eliminating a lot of those blighted areas. It has gotten to the point, because I think we kinda discussed it yesterday, where because of the amount of rain that we've had, and I guess this kinda goes to my half brother sitting in the back, back there Mike, we have to always smile when we say that. But the grass has begun to just get out of hand, and I know we're working as hard as we can, and I've gotten a lot of phone calls from people who are saying, Joe what are you all doing? And I try to explain to them, and say look, we've had a tremendous amount of rain and we're running hard to try to catch up. So, I'll be looking for you all to help me to do some running over the next couple of weeks, and especially in District F, and see if we can get some grass cut. But other than that you all have done a fantastic job, and I appreciate it. And I'll be calling you in some addresses, but I do know that we have on Bethune Street, we have about four or five lots, one of them is a lot where we had the problem with - - - I don't want to be like the judge that's getting ready to be confirmed, that I might say something to come back to bite me, but you know we were having a little problem with Mr. Capers there on Bethune, where we demolished that house? That lot has just grown up almost into a jungle. And I would hope that we could get somebody out there in the next couple of days and Mike on the corner of Cleveland Street and Broadway, we need that cut. Because you know when you all put down a couple of those houses right there, and that looks nice, but we have not been able to get in there and cut the grass. I want to appreciate you and let you know that we thank you for the fine job that you are doing.

Mr. Holt: Thank you Councilman Shyne, we have 32 contractors working full time with a whole list of adjudicated lots to cut. As you are aware on lots like Mr. Capers', they're still privately owned, we still have to send legal notice that takes 30 to 45 days. That's not something anybody wants to hear when the grass is high, but that's reality. So - - -

Councilman Shyne: I've been seeing him coming in and out of the neighborhood. I didn't know that he owned the lot, the next time I see him, I'll try my best - - - I'll get maybe me and one of my boys, we'll try to flag him down. And Chief, if we get run over, you'll know what happened.

Mr. Holt: Sometimes that does work.

Councilman Shyne: I was trying to do the duty of the City, so you all just pray for me. But I see him coming in and out of the neighborhood.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman and Councilman Long. Jim, if you could take a look at - - - I want to say it's the 300 block of Oregon and School Park. There are some issues relative to cleaning off the fence line. That fence lines borders the Middle School and the Golf Course. And I need you to take a look as well as the Chief, for T-Bone purposes, Dowling Street in the Allendale community. We've got a couple of challenges down there. You know we were down there in March for the Code Enforcement sweep, and some of those houses that were contracted at least for demolition, I know in one instance, the asbestos has been removed from the house, so that lets me know that work is being done, but they've pretty much stopped.

And there is still some of those abandoned cars over there that need a little attention. So, if you guys could run up and down Dowling Street over there in Allendale, it's a (inaudible) street, it's a dead end. So we'd appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Long: Jim, I've put in a call about the person that we discussed earlier, I will report to you as soon as I get back.

Councilwoman Bowman: Are we still on for Steeple Chase? I don't want (inaudible) here.

Mr. Holt: Well the list is still on my desk. I still have to get with you and CLOs to schedule a date.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, thank you.

### Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report

Councilman Webb: Jim, I think that's it. Okay, I guess we'll have Resolution No. 113 of 2009 concerning Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report. Do you have a comment or - - - I thought I'd ask you to read the resolution for the record.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I can if you want me to, but the resolution is the one that was adopted at the last meeting and it's simply a part of it that requires the Administration to give a report of their revenue collection efforts at every regular Council Meeting. You will recall that yesterday a report was passed out as sort of a beginning document for those reports, and the resolution requires for it to be done at today's meeting, but I don't know whether the Council will accept what was done yesterday or whether you want to hear something else from Mr. Sibley, or anybody that they would like to do that.

Mr. Sibley: That's correct Mr. Chairman, we assumed that the report was on yesterday, because normally you do Property Standards on Work Session, and our intention is to at every subsequent, you know every two weeks, provide updates to that report with the one that we gave you yesterday, the idea was to - - - have y'all had a chance to look at it, if you had any specific direction or any specific question that you wanted us to address in the interim, we'd take those and go back, but otherwise, we're going to go forward and be prepared at the next Work Session, or Council Meeting, whichever you prefer to update you and take it further than what we've done.

Councilman Webb: Okay, that's fine. We'll move on then.

**Public Hearing:** *The Chairman read the following:* Ordinance No. 38 of 2009: Amending Chapter 14 of the code of ordinances, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)

Councilman Webb: I declare this public hearing now open. Do we have a presentation from the Administration?

Mr. Sibley: No we don't Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Okay, do we have anyone here in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor or in opposition of Ordinance No. 38 of 2009? You want to come forward please?

Ms. Brenda Foggin: (1122 Janther Place) A lot of cities in the United States, because of the severe economic problems that we are experiencing are changing their ordinances so that families can raise chickens, they can have hens to lay eggs, to help them in these hard times. I hate to see a city as great as Shreveport do the exact opposite of what most of the cities in the

United States are doing today. I as a child had chickens in my backyard. It was a great joy to learn to care fore biddies, to collect eggs, and I think it would be a good thing for children of this city to be able to experience what I did. I think I turned out pretty darn good. And I hope that you will take this in an educational mode of mind that we do need to do some things for our children and it starts when they're young. And I think to care for chickens, to collect eggs, it might seem a small thing, but it has a big impact on the way our children see how we do, and by the examples that we set. I thank you very much Mr. Mayor, Council Members. Thank you very much. I'm sorry Ms. Bowman that we agree to disagree, but in my heart, my soul, the right thing is to allow citizens to have that right. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Now before you leave - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Just before you leave, there is one thing. And I do appreciate you coming down, that's why the public hearing was scheduled. It's always my intent to give the citizens the opportunity to speak.

Ms. Foggin: Yes Ma'am, I appreciate it.

Councilwoman Bowman: On the issues that affect them personally, and an ordinance was not required for a public hearing on this issue, but because I wanted to hear what you had to say, that is the reason that it has been called.

Ms. Foggin: Thank you.

Councilwoman Bowman: And I understand perfectly how you feel. One of my main issues is not just educating the children, but protecting them as well. And one of the things that brought this about, was two huge boars (inaudible) these would knock the fence over, and get out in the street, and then that would have been something entirely different. But you're absolutely right, we'll just agree to disagree. And I accept that.

Ms. Foggin: I believe in destiny, I believe in faith. If something is going to happen, it's going to happen no matter what we do.

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh yeah, it is and in addition to that, I have had the opportunity to earlier maybe an hour, well now a few hours ago, I had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Kirkland, and some of the folks with Zoning. And what we're more than likely going to do on this ordinance, since you are the only person here to speak for or in opposition - - -

Ms. Foggin: I'm surprised.

Councilwoman Bowman: Right, what we're going to do is have our zoning folks look at it and try and coordinate what we have here with what's already on the books. And they had some pretty good ideas and I'm willing to accept that. And more than likely this will be postponed today, in order to allow them to get with Ms. Glass and give us the opportunity to work this.

Ms. Foggin: In my backyard right now, I make a home for birds. I even have a 'possum, which visits quite frequently and has caused not damage. And the birds leave droppings, and it would not be any worse with the chickens and we can use it as fertilizer. And I would like to make - - - may I make another comment?

Councilman Webb: Go ahead.

Ms. Foggin: Okay, on the problem that we seem to have with all these adjudicated lots in the City of Shreveport, is there any way that we could possibly plant wildflowers and turn these into wildflower lots? Like the beautiful flowers that we see on the levy at the corner of Youree Drive and Kings Hwy?

Councilman Webb: Well you need to get with Mike Strong or Jim Holt on that one. Ms. Foggin: I will. Thank you so much.

Councilman Shyne: You mentioned about chickens. What other types of I guess Joyce, if I'm using the right words, farm animals do you - - - that we could call a chicken. (Inaudible) that's when you and I were growing up, would you call a chicken a farm animal?

Ms. Foggin: A domesticated animal. But you know I've had a lot of roosters chasing me around, so I don't think they're too domesticated.

Councilman Shyne: I mean, you don't have any - - - you know like maybe a pig? You do have some pigs?

Ms. Foggin: I don't have any pigs, but I see nothing wrong with it. People have them in their homes as pets, and they're supposed to be cleaner than dogs. The only reason that I will ever say that we need to keep horses again is with the price of gas going up as high as it is. Then I might consider a horse, otherwise no.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, okay. I was just wondering what other kinds of farm animals because some people do keep them for pets.

Ms. Foggin: Well, I don't see anything wrong with having a little sheep to help cut - - - they keep the grass down. We might want to consider it for these empty lots. I'll have to talk to Mr. Strong about that too. You know I've got a lot of solutions for a lot of problems I think, you know, but I don't feel like I have a big enough voice to take care of the whole world.

Councilman Shyne: But you do. You'd be surprised at what one little light can do, one little voice can do.

Ms. Foggin: Well I'm speaking from my soul, and that's the way I feel goes with my heart. And I thank you. Thank you for all your service to the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Shyne: We appreciate you coming down.

Mayor Glover: Ms. Foggin, I know that Councilman Lester may be a little bit too young to remember this, but Councilman Shyne maybe - - - might remember since you mentioned the hard times that we're in the midst of.

Councilman Shyne: I'm young too now.

Mayor Glover: If times get much harder, you may want to keep an eye on that 'possum. Mr. Shyne - - - because with a few potatoes, that might end up being on the table as well. God bless you.

Councilman Webb: Is there anyone else in the Chamber that would like to speak for this ordinance? Is there anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in opposition of this ordinance. I did want to make one comment, and I'm sitting here looking at the amended ordinance, and it goes on to say, 'with the exception of on premises of these livestock and fowl, that are properly zoned for such purposes, such as ....' I know I've got people that live inside the city limits such as on Bert Kouns, (inaudible) subdivision that has five acre lots, ten acre lots, and they have these animals. But those areas are zoned R-A correct? And as I was telling everyone, that's not going to affect them at all, because I don't look for us to ever change that, so I just wanted them to know that for the record.

Councilwoman Bowman: There are zoning ordinances that basically cover a lot of these issues, but I what I feel is best and after talking to Mr. Kirkland and that we kind of coordinate what we're trying to do here along with what he has. And we have to keep in mind that there're not any ordinances in the Parish of Caddo, nor in the City of Shreveport that directly address within the city limits. So that's where we are.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Councilwoman, and that's why I'm sure we're going to do this right, and we're going to take our time to make sure it's exactly right. Okay, we don't

have anyone else to speak, then this public hearing now is closed, and we'll move onto item no. 7.

#### 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])

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we have on matter that you can consider if the Council wishes to, it is to - - - well we have several, but one is adding the confirmation of the Parking Hearing Officer, Paul Glanville. Do you want to take these - - -?

Councilman Webb: Yeah, lets do this one at a time.

# <u>City of Shreveport Parking Ordinance Hearings Officer</u> <u>Paul Glanville</u>

Councilman Lester: So moved.

Councilman Long: Second.

Councilman Webb: Is there any discussion about this or - - -? We're voting to add this to the agenda then, is that correct?

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, if this is being added to the agenda, you need to go through that extra step where you make sure there are no comments.

Councilman Webb: Oh, okay let's do that. Thank you Julie. Is there anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor or against this being added to the agenda? Okay. We need to vote now then to add this to the agenda.

Motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to add the confirmation of Mr. Glanville to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Absent: Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1. Councilman Walford. 1.

Councilman Webb: A motion would be in order for approval.

Motion by Councilman <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to confirm the executive appointment of Mr. Paul Glanville. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Absent: Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1. Councilman Walford. 1.

*The Clerk read the following:* 

- 1. **Resolution No. 123 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.
  - 2. <u>Resolution No. 124 of 2009</u>: Authorizing the submission of an application for a formula grant from the Department of Energy under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act,; Authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents related thereto;

Authorizing the Mayor to execute all contracts or agreements relative to receipt of the grant funds; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Webb: Is there anyone in the Chamber that would like to speak in favor or in opposition of adding this to the agenda? If not, I'll accept a motion to add these to the agenda.

Motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Shyne to add Resolution No(s). 123 and 124 of 2009 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I think that the laws also requires us to tell why they were being added. These were just regular items, business items that were not prepared in time to be put on the regular agenda, but we need to do as soon as we can. So that's why the Council added them to the agenda. Nothing extraordinary, just the course of business.

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

Councilman Webb: Ms. Perkins, did you just arrive?

Ms. Perkins: Yes.

Councilman Webb: Okay, I wanted to let you know that we voted, had a public hearing already, but I'll allow you to go ahead and say what you want to say about this. And it's going to be - - - we'll be voting later on in the meeting to postpone this and do some further talk, but go ahead and give us your name and address.

Ms. Perkins: So, you're going to vote later on, and then you'll let us know?

Councilman Webb: We're just kinda in the preliminary stages of looking at this, and we'll be getting with the Metropolitan Planning Commission to come up with some ideas. But as far as residential areas that are zoned R-A like Green Terrace is, this will not affect at all in what we're trying to do in the way of an ordinance. But go ahead and make your comment. Give us your name and address.

Ms. Alma Perkins: (3242 Bert Kouns) I'm shocked to read the lead line in the Times this morning, about today's Council Meeting stating that 'Swine and Equines may be limited time in Shreveport.' You know Winston Churchill once said the outside of a horse is good for the inside of man. As property owners for 34 years, our home on 7.3 acres in city limits where we have some horses for our pleasure as well as that of our children and grandchildren. We want you to consider the benefits to the city. We maintain a pleasant green space. With the same city services, we pay a much higher tax bill than the household living on an average lot. The average size of a lot in our block of Bert Kouns and south of us on Green Terrace is a long and narrow 165 feet x 1320. The length of over four football fields. The houses are built close to the road, and that leaves a long strip of land behind the houses. The owners of the houses would have never bought them, if they didn't have a use for the land. If livestock were restricted, then they'd be forced to take up some other type of farming to maintain the land. It makes sense to restrict farm animals from residential areas of small lots in the city limits. I'm sure that there already are ordinances on the books that restrict owners that do not properly take care of their animals. Therefore, I see no need for the Council to panic about the hog in

Queensborough, or the boy riding a horse on the city street. These incidents were reported by neighbors and the city took care of it. In fact, I wish to commend Mayor Glover on his push to enforce property standards, and continuation of the neighborhood watch program. Our government can only do so much. But as citizens, we must join forces with our neighbors to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean. Get involved. Join your neighborhood watch group and your local homeowner association. You know Mayor Glover was a Magnet High School classmate of my son Tom, during the first graduating class of Magnet High School. He may remember coming to a huge party at our house which spilled over into the pastures behind the house. Do you remember Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Yes I do.

Ms. Perkins: Did the horses bite?

Councilwoman Bowman: Ms. Perkins, we've come back because you were not here earlier when we actually had a public hearing and we discussed this. We only had one other person to speak in opposition. And so, we need to explain to you why we - - -

Ms. Perkins: I'm sorry, I was late - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Oh, it's okay.

Ms. Perkins: Well Ron Webb advised me that they wouldn't get to this until after 4:00. And he's right.

Councilwoman Bowman: He'll be right back.

Councilman Lester: Wonk, wonk, wonk, wonk.

Councilwoman Bowman: But the problems was, No. 1, we didn't necessarily have to have a public hearing on this, and because of people like you and the other lady that was before you, I wanted to hear what you had to say. And this does not affect people in areas where you live with 7 acres or even 2 or 3 acres. The problem was to try to address issues with people who lived on lots. And we're going to - - - and I mean they're so very close together.

Ms. Perkins: I'm in favor of that, as you know.

Councilwoman Bowman: But that's what the goal is. That's what my intent was - - -

Ms. Perkins: Are there not ordinances on the books?

Councilwoman Bowman: No Ma'am, there were not any to address this as far as the Parish or the City was concerned. So that is part of the reason that an ordinance was put in place. However, it is my intent to allow Mr. Kirkland and his folks with the zoning board along with Ms. Glass to try to work out this situation for us and we will postpone it today. And believe me, I'm not in a rush to force people to do anything.

Ms. Perkins: Okay, just let me know what happens.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes Ma'am, we'll be glad to do that. Our Chairman is back.

Ms. Perkins: Thank you for letting me speak.

Councilman Shyne: Ron has made it back, I think he kinda eased out because he told you to come in kinda late.

Councilman Webb: No, that's not true. But I do appreciate you coming down. I know I talked to her earlier on the phone today. Okay, we'll move on. That's all the cards I have on items to be adopted. So, we'll move on to Confirmations and Appointments.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry but before Ms. Perkins leaves, I'd like to just say Ms. Perkins, wonderful to see you, please tell Dr. Perkins and your wonderful husband, both that I said hello. Dr. Perkins is my classmate, Tom as she pointed out. Go Mustangs, Class of '83. And she is absolutely correct, they were an outstanding host family for the class of 1983

Senior Party, and it was a wonderful, wonderful occasion, one that 26 years later, I still remember, and we thank you all for your great hospitality.

Ms. Perkins: Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Okay, confirmations and appointments.

# **Confirmations and Appointments:**

#### Assistant City Attorney

Ms. Katherine E. Gilmer

# Motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Bowman</u> to confirm the executive appointment of Ms. Katherine E. Gilmer.

Councilman Shyne: I'd like to give her an opportunity to come up and at least say hello. I thought she was some college student that the Mayor had gotten to come in and do some intern work. I know Dale over there has been trying to get more college students that's going into law to come in and so I thought maybe she was one of those Dale, and come to find out. Huh hmm.

Ms. Katherine Gilmer: You'd like to know a little bit about me, I guess?

Councilman Webb: Yeah.

Ms. Gilmer: I graduated from LSU just last year, so I'm close. Graduated from the University of Tampa in 2005 with a degree in criminology and for the last approximate year, I've been working in central staff at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, doing research and criminal law, and decided I'd like to take some of that and put it into practice.

Councilman Shyne: Were you one of those persons that the Chief called to bring on staff since you have a degree in criminology?

Ms. Gilmer: No, I asked very politely if they would put me on staff.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, I think you made a wise choice, if that was your.

Chief Whitehorn: It wasn't my idea, but I'll take the credit.

Councilman Webb: Okay, thank you so much. We'll vote now if there are no other questions.

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

CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION

TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

**RESOLUTIONS:** None. **ORDINANCES:** None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

**RESOLUTIONS**: None. **ORDINANCES**: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OR WHICH

REQUIRE ONLY ONE READING

The Clerk read the following:

**RESOLUTION NO. 107 OF 2009** 

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SMG TO MANAGE AND OPERATE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport ("City") is the owner of the Municipal Auditorium (the "facility") located at 705 Elvis Presley Boulevard, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and WHEREAS, the City has solicited Requests for Proposals to manage and operate the facility; and

WHEEREAS, based upon the responses provided, the proposal submitted by SMG was determined to be more closely aligned with the City's goals for operation and management of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to engage SMG to manage and operate the facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a management agreement with SMG substantially in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on May 12, 2009.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>. *The Clerk read the following:* 

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO RESOLUTION NUMBER 107 OF 2009

Substitute the Management Agreement originally attached to the Resolution with the attached Management Agreement.

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Explanation of substantive amendments

- 1. Amends Section 1 of the Agreement to define certain terms.
- 2. Amends Section 2.1 to add language requiring SMG to inform the City of contemplated material changes in policies with respect to operation of the facility.
- 3. Amends Section 3.1 of the Agreement to change the effective date of the Agreement to July 1, 2009.
- 4. Amends Section 4.2 of the Agreement to state that SMG shall be paid a concession fee within 30 days after the City's receipt of SMG's quarterly report showing food and beverage gross revenues and expenses incurred in connection with food and beverage service at the facility for the immediately preceding quarter.
- 5. Amends Section 4.3 of the Agreement to establish the Revenue Benchmark at \$500,000 for purposes of calculating the annual incentive fee.
- 6. Amends Section 5.1 of the Agreement to require submission of an annual operating budget and annual cash flow budget for the facility to the City no later than October 1 of each year.

- 7. Amends Section 6.3 to require quarterly submission of a report detailing anticipated activities and financial condition of the facility for the upcoming quarter as well as activities and finances for the previous quarter.
- 8. Amends Section 7.1 of the Agreement to provide that SMG shall consult with the City regarding the qualifications of a general manager for the facility prior to appointment of the general manager.
- 9. Amends Section 8.1 of the Agreement to reduce the commercial general liability insurance requirements to \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury, property damage, and comprehensive automobile bodily injury and property damage.
- -Adds a requirement that the contractor provide evidence of liquor liability insurance coverage 10. Amends Section 12.2(f) of the Agreement to add correct contract information for the contractor.
- 11. Redesignates the current Section III of Exhibit A as Section IV and adds a requirement that the contractor provide box officer services for the facility as a part of the contract.

# Motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 107 of 2009.

Councilman Webb: I'll have to say that's the longest amendment that I think you've read since I've been here.

Councilman Lester: Just a couple Mr. Chairman. On Section 8, where it says 'Amend Section 7.1' regarding the qualifications of a general manager for the facility. I guess to Sam and Terri and whoever, or Shelly. Are we anticipating the general manager of the facility being someone that is currently in the employ of SMG or are we talking about a new position? How is that going to work in terms of the hierarchy? Because I know that for us, and I think Councilman Shyne kinda mentioned it yesterday, for many of us, we have constituents that will use the facility. And one of the problems that we have had heretofore, is when there are issues associated with things that go on at Municipal, finding a responsible and responsive party with which to go direct your questions and correspondence. So how do we - - -?

Ms. Ragle-Stone: I think they added this amendment in the event that they decided to. At this point, Sam will serve as the General Manager of both facilities. But we wanted that in there in the event that there would be one added, for some of the same reasons that you're talking about.

Councilman Lester: And I guess this question would be to Sam. If a person is going to be designated for that, how is that decision going to be made? Is it going to be made on the basis of the revenues generated from - - - because what I don't - - - my concern is that the Municipal should be able to operate in and of itself. We don't want to have a position where the Convention Center has to subsidized the Municipal and consequently the reverse being the case. We want to make sure that every tub sits on it's own bottom, and so - - - when I saw that, that kinda gave me pause in terms of how we're going to handle that.

Mr. Voisin: I think that's more of the legalese. I will be the General Manager of both facilities, and that's really the beauty of this. We have a lot of synergies between employees that we are utilizing at the SCC and the Municipal with some of the same talents. So the cost of doing business is quite low in that aspect. I think that is maybe - - - anything that may happen in the future, give you the power to go ahead and authorize who would be the General Manager,

because right now we foresee it would be myself and my team utilizing both facilities with the synergies.

Mr. Sibley: And Councilman Lester, I think one of the things you were getting to, the accounting on the Municipal although we're using common administration in a sense to try and gain some synergies and save money, the accounting will be totally separate.

Mr. Voisin: Two separate books.

Mr. Sibley: To the point where we had some discussion about them costing people, and so we're trying to deal with that in a very efficient way. But it will be separate accounting so that we won't have, I think the concern that you're raising.

Councilman Lester: And the other question as it relates to food and beverages, are we -- relative to Section 4.2, SMG paid a concession fee, is that concession fee separate and apart from the actual agreement to operate the facility? Or is that all - - - how does that work, because it was my understanding that one of the things that we were dealing with was someone was going to give us I guess for lack of a better term, a turn key solution where they are responsible for everything under the roof. Are we - - -?

Ms. Ragle-Stone: No they are responsible for all of it. The way this was written, we wanted to clarify how they would get payment for performing that. So now we have - - - we amended the contract in order to allow this to be a turn key operation.

Councilman Shyne: Sam, I think you're an extremely fine person, and Mr. Sibley, I want you to be in on this too. But from time to time, I've been getting some calls and I hope that I won't be getting anymore, but in case I do, in relation to people who have problems with the Municipal, Shelly, I'll also be calling you and Dale, I'll also be calling you because as a Council Person, Sam, don't mean no harm, but I'll be looking at the two of you all as the Head Coaches so to speak, and to make sure that the team runs smooth. So anybody who might have a problem with what's going on, Dale and Shelly, I'll still contact the two of you all and lets sit down and see what we can do. And Sam that doesn't mean that I don't support you. Just like I tell my boys sometimes, I support them, but I might have to get on them. And I hope that I won't be getting the calls, because Dale, you know you and I and Shelly, we've had this in the past with others, and sometimes the people who are calling in, could be the problem. But as an elected official, I can't tell him, you know that you're the problem. You know I have to say well look, lets sit down and we have to have some diplomacy, and this is the way government works. And the bottom line is they could be totally wrong. But we want to at least sit down and discuss it. And then bottom line too, that management could be totally wrong. So this is why we may need to sit down. And it doesn't have anything to do with me not supporting you, because I love you and I think you're doing a fine job, but you and Shelly, I'll still be looking at the two of you all to make sure that wagon run smooth.

Mr. Sibley: We understand Mr. Shyne, and we will proceed in that manner.

Councilman Lester: Thank you, and just two real quick hits here. Given the fact that we are now so, I guess for lack of a better term, sourcing this deal, and certainly I don't expect an answer unless you have one. On this particular issue, how are you going to deal with Fair Share compliance? That's a concern, and the second is has there been any discussion or thoughts given to having a meeting with the local promoter community, so you guys can get some familiarity between yourselves, so that that's one less phone call that we have to have on the front end, and certainly I would make myself available, because I would like to know myself, so that when they call and say, 'Well the people or Sam said, da, da, da, we would all be on one page, because there is a finite group of individuals that use that facility a lot. And more often

than not, when there has been confusion, and we know who they are, and they know our numbers, they have them on speed dial, and more often than not, that call comes Friday at about 5:30, there is something that's supposed happen at 6 or 9, and there is - - - you know, all Hades has broken loose, and it generally comes down to you had a contract, you really didn't read the contract or you didn't understand what the contract said, and there was not a meeting of the minds within the party. So those are the two issues that I would hope that you would give some thought to, you know obviously moving forward trying to ameliorate some of those issues now before we get there.

Mr. Voisin: On the first item on the Fair Share, Exhibit D of the Management Contract, does state that we're bound by contract to meet the Fair Share requirements of the city, and the minimums, as we have done at the SCC. In fact, minimums 25% at the SCC, we run 52% this last report. So, it is a strong indicator of what's going to be happening at the Municipal for us. But on the second thing, we have already started those meetings. I've reached out to some of these promoters already, one namely, and we've gone into detail about some of the issues that are presently happening out there, and I can tell you, everyone is going to get a fair shake. And we're going to run the facility with the best interest of the city, the taxpayers, of any socioeconomic status in mind whenever we book events, we want to move this thing forward, we want to restore it to it's former glory. So I pledge you that.

Mayor Glover: One thing that I think also needs to be a part of the discussion and the dialogue here, so that the Council and the public in general is aware of is one of the things that is going to be necessary because we think this going to be a great fit for us today to put this particular relationship together, once we expand on it, you know we looked at the other groups and individuals that have responded, had some compelling individuals who had submitted and that might have been a great job. But the economy of scale that's achieved here in being able to associate this facility like SMG was something that we thought was too great of an opportunity to pass up. But one of the things that's going to be necessary in order for us to be able to see the full and true potential of this relationship come to fruition, is that we've got some capital work within that facility that we've got to do. There are some issues, and I know being a performer Mr. - - - or at least the Denny Fontaine dimension of Mr. Long might be able to better enumerate to you some of the issues and limitations that we have right now from a venue standpoint in terms of being able to go out and promote it to some of the folks that we want to try and book there, but that's a discussion that needs to be a part of the ongoing dialogue as we go forth. Because from things as basic and fundamental as the condition of some of their seating areas and chairs and what have you that needs to be addressed, that facility has an official number of about 3250. That's not the actual number, because there are certain areas of it that we can't allow people to sit because of the condition of the basic seating. All the way down to the condition of the stage, the lighting, the electronics, the sound and what have you, you know all of those are things that as a city, we've got to stop and figure out where we begin to address that with some of the other capital issues and challenges that we face for the city as a whole. But we think that this is a great step down that road and at some point, we look forward to discussing with you all, maybe some scenarios on which we look to try and address how we go in and get those dollars that we need to make sure that we keep this facility in a decent condition and also take a couple of steps that will allow us to be able to make even greater use of it and get an even greater return on it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

Motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt Resolution No. 107 of 2009 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 115 OF 2009**

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE WAIVER OF BUILDING RENTAL FEES FOR USE OF RIVERVIEW HALL ON MAY 15, 2009 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Captain Frankie P. Nelson died on May 10, 2009 in the line of duty and was buried with all rights and honors befitting a firefighter who dies in the line of duty; and WHEREAS, Captain Nelson served twenty-eight (28) years with the Shreveport Fire Department. Throughout his years of service, he provided or assisted in providing fire and emergency medical assistance to countless residents of the City of Shreveport. WHEREAS, funeral services for Captain Nelson were held on Friday, May 15, 2009 in Riverview Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the waiver of building rental fees use of Riverview Hall on May 15, 2009 is hereby ratified.

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

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 116 OF 2009**

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE ROBINSON FILM CENTER BIRTHDAY STREET-BASH LOCATED IN THE 500 BLOCK OF LOUISIANA AVENUE IN DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT ON JUNE 6, 2009 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Michael Long

**WHEREAS,** the Robinson Film Center celebrated one year of education, entertainment, and economic impact on Saturday, June 6, 2009 in the 500 block of Louisiana Avenue in downtown Shreveport.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Birthday Street-Bash was from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., and included live music, never-ending piles of hot crawfish, cold beer, and Elvis Presley in the classic film *King Creole* on our huge outdoor screen; and

WHEREAS, the Robinson Film Center dispensed and allowed the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the 500 block of Louisiana Avenue in Downtown Shreveport; and WHEREAS, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to dispense alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance, Section 10-190(a) prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of a business or on other property of a business where said property is open to the public, Section 106-130(6) provides that unless otherwise excepted, all uses shall be operated entirely within a completely enclosed structure, and Section 10-81 provides that Section 10-41 (requiring a retail dealer's permit) shall not apply to a bona fide nonprofit event meeting the requirements of this section, only when it is held within the confines of an enclosed building; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this resolution would ratify the dispensing, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the 500 block of Louisiana Avenue in Downtown Shreveport, on June 6, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for the Robinson Film Center Birthday Street-Bash celebration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the suspension of Sections10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and 106-130(6) on June 6, 2009 for Robinson Film Center Birthday Street-Bash celebration between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. in the 500 block of Louisiana Avenue in Downtown Shreveport is hereby ratified.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the 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 <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Lester</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 117 OF 2009**

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO "THURSDAY NITE TROLLEY TOURS" AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Walford

WHEREAS, several local organizations, agencies, and venues, including the City of Shreveport, have collaborated to launch trolley tours and other events in downtown Shreveport as a means to reinvigorate activity and renew interest in the area and to highlight the entertainment, food, art, history, film, trivia, science, and culture found in the area; and WHEREAS, participants may engage in a number of activities while on the tour including but not limited to outside dining and consumption of alcoholic beverages at area café's and other venues and locations, public street(s) or sidewalk(s) within the tour area, or while a passenger on a trolley while moving from location to location on the tour; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the "Tours" has prompted event organizers to express a desire to continue the event from time to time until the end of the current calendar year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances relative to prohibitions on outside dining and the consumption, dispensing, possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages on a public street or sidewalk within the tour area, or the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages while a passenger on a trolley while moving from location to location on the tour are hereby suspended between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. each Thursday beginning July 2, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in connection with the "Thursday Nite Trolley Tour" and related events and activities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 shall remain in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the 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 <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 118 OF 2009**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN UTILIZING NEW NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY, SUCH AS TWITTER OR SIMILAR TECHNOLOGY, TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Lester

**WHEREAS**, it is very important for city government to be able to communicate with its citizens and provide information about city services and programs, cultural and recreational opportunities, economic development, and other matters of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the city should make use of new technology as it becomes available in order to enhance such communication.

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

- 1) A task force is hereby created to explore the issues involved in utilizing new networking and communication technology, such as Twitter or similar technology, to enhance communication with the public.
- 2) The task force shall consist of the following: Two City Council members appointed by the Chairman of the Council, the Chief Administrative Officer or his designee, the Information Technology Administrator or his designee, and the City Attorney or her designee.
- 3) The task force shall work to determine the legal, technical, financial and policy issues raised by the use of new networking and communication technology, such as Twitter or similar technology.

4) The task force shall provide a report of its progress or conclusions to the City Council when requested by the Council or when the task force deems it appropriate.

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

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

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

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Thompson, if you will please read this resolution? Mr. Thompson: Yes Ma'am. I've already read the title and it's by Ms. Bowman.

# The Clerk read the following:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 119 OF 2009**

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH POLICY RELATIVE TO THE DELAY, COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT OF PROPERTY STANDARDS CASES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILWOMAN BOWMAN

**WHEREAS**, Section 4.33 of the Charter reads: "... the Council shall be deemed the governing authority of the municipality ... this authority shall be exercised by resolution or ordinance ..."; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4.01 of the Charter reads: "all legislative powers of the city...shall vest in and be exercised by the council"; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 8.03 of the Charter reads: "He (the City Attorney) shall <u>represent</u> the city ... in all litigation, including prosecution of ordinance violations in the city court. (emphasis added)"; and

**WHEREAS**, the council has adopted the property standards code, and Section 38-2(a) of said code reads as follows:

The city council finds and declares that there exists in the corporate limits of the city, deteriorating conditions of residential, non-residential, and other premises which are detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the general public. The conditions of deteriorating premises and the structures located thereon create a haven for criminal activity, reduce tax revenues, decrease social values and depreciate the economic value of property. As a result of the condition of deteriorating premises within the city, the city council finds it has a compelling interest and purpose in the abatement of these nuisances.

**WHEREAS**, because of the magnitude of the problems caused by property standard violations in certain sections of the city, the council elevated the property standards function from an office to a department and budgeted \$3,563,100 for that department in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the property standards code provide a property owner the right to appeal a property standards decision to the council, and the decision of the council relative to that appeal becomes the decision of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2009, the council heard the appeal of Bobby Boone, Jr., requesting the council to suspend or revoke the decision of the Property Standard Administrator to demolish a house located at 3125 Stonewall Street; and

**WHEREAS**, at said hearing the Property Standard Administrator stated that Mr. Boone "was notified of problems with the property in February of '08", and Mr. Boone stated, that he "boarded the house up.... I did run into some money problems, but ... I am ready to continue the process"; and

WHEREAS, after hearing from the Property Standard Administrator and Mr. Boone, the City Council upheld the decision to demolish the house located at 3125 Stonewall Street; and WHEREAS, on or about May 20, 2009, Bobby Boone, Jr., filed a petition in the First Judicial District Court, to temporarily restrain the city from demolishing the house at 3125 Stonewall Street, and the court set a hearing date of June 1, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the plaintiff's petition states that the reason for requesting the injunction is that he did not receive notice of the city's intent to demolish his property; an allegation that can be easily disproved; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the serious problems caused by this property standard violation; the length of time this property has created a serious problem for the neighborhood; the resources the city has directed to eliminate property standards problems, and the direct order by the city council to demolish this property; the city attorney disregarded and/or modified the city council decision by granting the plaintiff an additional 30 days to rehabilitate the property; and WHEREAS, while it is recognized that the city attorney has the authority to try lawsuits and to manage litigation, the city attorney does not have the general authority to amend or alter the clear directions and policy decisions of the city, and certainly not without consultation with the council, or the chairman of the council, and/or the member or members or officials most affected by said proposed action; and

**WHEREAS,** Section 26-175 of the Code, styled "Authority to compromise and settle claims against the city", contains the policy relative to the settlement of certain claims, it is also necessary to establish the policy and guidelines relative to compromise and settlement of property standards cases.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that it is the policy of the City of Shreveport to vigorously and without delay, prosecute and defend all property standard cases.

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council (through the Clerk of Council) and its members shall be promptly notified of the place, date and time of the trials of all property standard cases in city, state and federal courts, and the Council, its chairman and its members shall be notified before any property standards case is continued, compromised or settled.

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

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Mr. Thompson, Mr. Chairman I want to make sure that everyone involved is aware that this is not a personal issue. That it is strictly a matter of principle. And it is certainly an issue that must be addressed in order to avoid a situation like this occurring again. I along with the majority of the Council Members feel that way. As a matter of fact, not only was I displeased with the way this was handled, so were the majority of the Council. Because not only did it affect one district, it has the potential for something like this to occur in another district. This Council had the opportunity to hear that case, and to be honest with you, we really - - - and I am speaking now, so that the citizens in that are who contacted me, I went and visited with, I went and looked at this property. Mr. Holt and his department really pursued this in a very diligent manner. In addition to that the City spent at least \$1,300 in trying to clear up the asbestos problem there in that particular neighborhood. People who lived in that surrounding area for two years were not pleased with seeing a structure directly across the street from them, on the sides of them, in this type of condition. And I certainly want to make sure that we have something in place where an issue like this will not, will not happen again. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Wooley: I just wanted to echo Councilwoman Bowman's comments. And (inaudible), I know we spoke with him over the phone, and they were concerned about the way this was handled. Obviously, not receiving at least the courtesy of a phone call to this issue was disturbing. Because we as elected officials for the City of Shreveport and City Council Members are given the responsibility and the authority to make a decision as it relates to Property Standards, the people are looking to us to represent them in their neighborhoods when they have legitimate concerns such as this piece of property or this home, and here you have an out of town, out of state owner who I mean, the majority of people like that and I'm not saying this gentleman in particular, but hey, lets fact it. The guy is out of town, he doesn't live here, obviously he's not caring about his property, to the standard that we have set for our people, and people are expecting us to hold everyone accountable to, and then he's called on the rug legally, for the way he's been taking care of his property, and then we voted on the Council, unanimously - - - not one descending vote on this, to say it needs to be torn down. That's what the people are looking for, that's what the Administration and this Council has talked about aggressively over the last 2 ½ years, is to raise the bar in property standards is why we spent all this money, as we do every year, trying to make our city cleaner and better for everyone to live in and to have this type of action take place is really disturbing. You know and my understanding and of course Terri Scott, you can correct me if I'm wrong, but it was my understanding that he hired an attorney and threatened to sue us. I mean, we get sued everyday. And we get sued when someone stomps their toe on the sidewalk. And so we've had some tough cases that I stuck my neck out for and believing for the people that I represent. And we've been sued once, even twice. But we as a city have fought for the decisions that this Council has made. And it's my understanding that that's the job of the City Attorney, is to defend the city and the decisions that we make. Whether it be our decision, or the Mayor's decision or whoever makes a decision, we may find ourselves in litigation, is that office's responsibility to defend our decision. And obviously, we had some liability concerns, that should have been brought to our attention at that Council Meeting or prior to. But not having

anything brought to us, us (inaudible) that we were working in the best interest of the community, that Councilwoman Bowman was representing, we felt very confident in our decision. It was a unanimous decision. So hopefully, by this resolution, we can bring this type of action to an end. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: I still echo the same comments of both my colleagues that have spoken out about this, I haven't heard anything from the Administration or from the legal side as to how this even came about. And how this decision overrode a legislative decision from the Council. I'd like for Terri to come up if you would please and explain to us how that can be done. This one has really been a mind boggler.

Ms. Scott: Mr. Chairman, I take full responsibility for the decision that was made with regard to agreeing to continue this matter until July 13<sup>th</sup>. The decision was made to give the property owner an opportunity to rehab the house and that he stated he could have it completely rehabilitated within 30 days or by July 13<sup>th</sup>, which is the date we're supposed to return to court. I did not consult with the Council Person in whose district the property resides before agreeing to the continuance thinking that it was better. Apparently that was an incorrect decision to have the property rehabilitated as opposed to the possibility of another vacant lot in that neighborhood.

Councilman Webb: Okay, I appreciate you telling us that, and I'm like Councilman Wooley, I'm just surprised that we didn't at least get an email in reference to it so that we could have voiced our opinion about it before a decision was made.

Ms. Scott: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, that decision or that discussion was had with Mr. Boone's attorney in court on last Monday morning, when the matter was called to trial on his (inaudible) preliminary injunction.

Councilwoman Bowman: I was very, very disappointed with the decision that was made. Mainly because I think the entire time I have been part of this Council, when it comes to Property Standards issues, especially in my district, I'm all over the district, looking at one issue or the other one. And trying to not only, I write down the streets and addresses and problems that I encounter continuously. I am always contacting Jim Holt of emailing his department letting them know about things that's going on in my district, when it comes to Property Standards. This particular instance really bothered me, because this man lives in Karnack, TX. Did not live in the City of Shreveport. Takes no ownership in the community that I represent. It is a money making venue for him, that's all it is. Buy up that adjudicated property, and rent it out. He makes the profit. But the point of two years the property sitting there in the condition that it was in, and the citizens having to live with that and because I told them that Mr. Holt and his department and this Council would do what we could do to make sure that they didn't have to deal with that issue anymore. You don't have to stand there. I'm just stating the way that this happened and why it bothered me so. Then when he came before us and we voted 7-0 to at the recommendation of our Property Standards Director to demolish that property. Knowing that he had the opportunity to appeal it, but hoping that he would go through the process of the court system, and if we didn't give him additional time, I certainly didn't feel that it was right to make a deal with an attorney to do it, I just personally didn't feel that that was right. I think that I heard about it after the fact, after everything had been done. And then that kinda bothered me. I would have preferred to at least - - - even if it wasn't told to me, at least the Chairman, somebody would have received a call and said, this - - - I'm in the process of speaking with this attorney to try to settle this issue, maybe we can get it rehabbed in some form or fashion. If that had been done, I could have understood that better. I really could have. But it just did not set

well with me to have a decision made that overruled what the Council had decided. And therefore I feel that this resolution should be in place for future issues that might come up, and might rise.

Ms. Scott: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council, if I may, I would ask that when this resolution is adopted, if you all would consider a possible amendment to it that we will discuss in detail, greater detail with you later on in that Property Standards matters are often prosecuted in City Court as well as criminal violations. The way the ordinance is currently worded, in the event, something would occur, for example if the witness is not there, the inspector is not there, the prosecutor would be stripped of any authority to request a continuance of those matters which means that if the witnesses are not there. So I would ask at a later date, and again we can discuss it in more detail, that you would consider amending the resolution to at least allow the prosecutor some discretion in continuing the criminal matter, even if it's subject to certain conditions.

Councilwoman Bowman: I don't see where that took away from (inaudible).

Ms. Scott: Unless I misread the resolution, it said that you all be informed of all trials in city, state and federal court and that matters not be continued.

Mr. Thompson: I think that's generally correct. We will listen to this and get with you and consult and see if some adjustment needs to be made, but I don't necessarily think there's any reason why we shouldn't continue this and we can look at it later. And the other things is if this works, or if it doesn't work, the Council may want to put it in the form of an ordinance rather than a resolution. And that's one of the reasons it's drafted as a resolution to see if there are some issues with it.

Councilman Wooley: What made this allowing the gentleman the extension - - - well let me back up and say, when we made the decision at the Council, unanimous and then obviously you felt it would be in the best interest of the city to give him an extension, even though we felt it was not, because obviously we had no confidence in the gentleman to rehab the facility since he had it for how long? Two years? And all of a sudden, he's going to rehab. I mean, obviously we doubted that, or we wouldn't have voted the way we voted. But I know the city has repeatedly defended us on other cases (inaudible) and it cost us way more in legal fees, so I guess I'm trying to understand the logic of you know, here I know like the (inaudible) and other issues I've had to (inaudible) in my own district, that we fought once, maybe twice in court. But we have one little house, a dilapidated house in the neighborhood, and we didn't have enough guts it seems like, and I'm not saying you didn't, maybe someone who was going to represent didn't have the confidence that we were going to win that case, is what I'm asking.

Ms. Scott: No sir.

Councilman Wooley: Because I'm very confident, I know the attorneys that you chose for the (inaudible) case, they felt very confident that we were going to win that, and that was way more controversial than one man with a house that he doesn't even care about.

Ms. Scott: Councilman, let me correct you. The belief in winning or not winning, that argument that had no consideration in the decision, again, the decision was based on the belief that and the statement that the gentleman made through his attorney that he would be able to completely rehab that property within 30 days. We were there on an argument on a preliminary injunction. That's the singular issue that we were there on at the time. When we return to court on July 13<sup>th</sup>, we will still be there on that single issue of the preliminary injunction.

Councilman Wooley: So, this is my understanding that you took the man's word that he was going to be done in one month, and that's why you granted that time frame?

Ms. Scott: Yes sir.

Councilman Wooley: Well this Council obviously doesn't agree with that. Thank you. I appreciate it.

Councilwoman Bowman: In the minutes from that last meeting it states, "Councilman Shyne: What is a little bit of time, I mean is it a week, is it three weeks, when you say a little bit, my momma and daddy would never let me talk in little bits and big bits, I mean days—

Mr. Boone: 90 days." He asked us for 90 days. And 90 days was quite a long time as far as this Council was concerned. One of the other things in the minutes, "Councilman Bowman: One other thing that I want to tell council members and everyone else here is that was when you contacted me the appeal time was up" That's what I told Mr. Boone, and I meant it. And I asked him, "am I correct?" and Mr. Holt answered, "Yes Ma'am." And I said, "my deal with this is because I wanted to be fair because you called me Mr. Bobby, you were given the opportunity to come here and I believe that every citizens although you are not the citizen of Shreveport, but you have that property there, every citizen deserves the right to come before us. So, regardless if your time was way pass due to have appealed this, being right and being fair, that's why you are here today. And certainly not the fact that I agree with what is going on, so what I am going to recommend to my fellow council members is that whatever recommendation that our Property Standards director instructs us to do, that's what I suggest we do. Mr. Holt: My recommendation is demolition. Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Shyne to uphold the Property Standards Board. Councilman Walford stated, "... that sometimes some decision are hard but the impact that they make way beyond this case is important and I think that you are doing the right thing. Motion approved by the following votes: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, Bowman. 7. Nays: None. Mr. Holt: Ya'll voted right? Councilman Webb: Yes we voted unanimously to uphold the Property Standards. Thank you.

Councilman Webb: Okay, any further comments? If not, we'll vote on this please.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before we move on, I just want to offer just a couple of comments? We certainly accept the expressed will of the Council on this matter, but I think that as was just revealed in some of the discussion of this matter, is that we sometimes have to be precautious of I guess what's called the law of unintended consequences, and so I would ask that you all as has been suggested, work very closely between Arthur and Terri to make sure that in the effort to address what you all perceive and believe to be a problem that we won't end up diminishing our ability to be able to affectively address these types of matters. You know the thing that believe in extending to my staff is the ability, when they believe it's appropriate to make an executive decision when they're in the midst of a set of circumstances that they believe an executive decision is necessary. I think that is the situation that City Attorney Scott found herself in, time and circumstances were such that she had to make a decision. One that I might not have agreed with, and the Council obviously does not agree with, but she exercised her best judgement based upon the situation that she was in, and I think that that's something that I know I will continue to encourage in my capacity as Mayor. And I just simply hope that you all would not put any of us, yourselves or anyone within the Administration that when it's appropriate that we have the ability to be able to exercise that capacity. To be able to make those executive decisions. As my dad once told me, sometimes son, you have to ask for forgiveness rather than permission. And that's the way the situation works out sometimes. But we certainly appreciate the sentiments that the Council expressed and we will certainly do our best to comply.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and I would say to the Mayor, as I have shared with the City Attorney, I don't think that and certainly I'm not going to attempt to speak for anyone but myself. You can only be in control of that which you control, but I think I would suggest to the Mayor and to the City Attorney's office, my appreciation of this particular resolution was not about handcuffing the City Attorney's office at all. And certainly I know that our City Attorney has the best interest of the city at heart, as well as the Council and the Mayor's office. She has proven herself, time and time again to be an invaluable resource to us as well as the City in terms of the venting on some particular issues. I think if I were to take the temperature of the Council, I think the concern is, and certainly it's not an issue of ill will, it's a matter of - - - the decisions that we make on the Council many times have more consequences for us, than they are for other folks that don't have a certain level of skin in the game to use the term. And certainly when you're talking about zoning cases and certainly code enforcement cases, those are cases that are so personal and charged with emotion for a constituents are so passionate, when you make the decision to go one way versus the other, you as a Councilman and I'm sure you know this Mr. Mayor, you count the cost, you measure the issue, and you make what you believe to be the right decision based upon what you think is the right thing to do and you explain that to your constituents. And the last thing that you want to be in a position of doing is making a tough call, saying this is what you want to happen, working with your colleagues, which you may be able to persuade your colleagues, and you may not, to take a particular course of action, inform your constituents that particular form or particular course of action that's going to be taken and it's not. And when you find out later on that it may have been for great legal reasons in terms of the court scenario, and the operation of the law and the operation of the delay, may work to the City's ultimate interest. But if you made a commitment to a constituent or a group of constituents, that's a sacred trust, and that's not something that I would want to see happen in an executive decision by the City Attorney, however well intentioned, to go outside of that. And as Councilman Wooley mentioned, many times we make these decisions in the zoning cases, and knowing full well there's going to be litigation. I've been sued on a case, I've been called all kinds of crazy stuff that I'm having to defend out of my pocket, that it has taken me a whole year, and I still haven't gotten my day in court to explain what was a ridiculous and ludicrous situation, it's going to ultimately work out to my favor, because the truth will stand once we get to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. But when we make that decision on this side of the dais, we certainly do it with the expectation that that's going to be the outcome. And when we find out that's not, that puts us in a position where our constituents loose faith in us, because we have made them a promise, and it has not come to pass. And if we do make them a promise, and it doesn't come to pass, we should be the ones to tell them why it didn't come to pass. It shouldn't be, it happened and then you're having to respond to a constituent that says well you know that house that was supposed to be torn down, they're still working on it. You're going, huh? The last thing you want to do as a City Councilperson is to not have an intelligent answer for a constituent. And I think - - - and certainly I'm not trying to take or put words in Councilwoman Bowman's mouth, but I certainly understand the concerns as it relates to those issues. So I think if the Mayor and the City Attorney will accept in that particular spirit as opposed to a confrontational type of spirit, the fact that it was written as a resolution as opposed to an ordinances, I think expresses our concern, but doesn't rise to a level that we're trying to make a binding scenario on the City Attorney, just trying to express what the will of the Council at hand. And to her credit, the City Attorney, said hey, you know what? I see where you guys are coming from. Probably shouldn't have done it that way, could have

handled it a little bit better, and we're all going to move on. At the end of the day, we have to work together, and communicate for the best interest of the citizens, and I think the spirit that that particular piece of legislation was offered, and the sense of the Council is lets work together as opposed to being at logger heads because the citizens expect that of us. That whatever issues we have going on, Republic, Democrat, whatever, whatever, that when the Council speaks, an executive works, something actually comes to pass. And it should be an expected outcome. It should be a scenario where we came down here, we thought something was going to happen, and something happens to the dereliction of that. Certainly, and then you add to the fact that the person that was kinda switching the gears up, wasn't even a resident or a taxpayer, or someone who had any skin in the game, that makes it even worse. So, I think I would ask that the Administration and everybody would accept it in the spirit that it's offered, everyone I believe has made their point, and we're ready to move forward. And I appreciate it. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, I just had one point of order, and that was "...provided by ordinance pursuant to section 4.20(c) hereof, the city attorney shall be the legal advisor of the mayor and the council and of all offices, departments, commissions..." I just wanted to make sure that we bring that out.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:** (Not to be adopted prior to June 23, 2009) **The Clerk read the following:** 

- 1. **Resolution No. 120 of 2009**: A resolution selecting THE TIMES as the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport for the period commencing July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 2. **Resolution No. 121 of 2009**: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement between the City of Shreveport and Brushy Bayou, L.L.C., hereinafter called "Owner" and acting herein through Alex Mijalis, Manager, for the private water and sewer main extensions, including the sewer lift station and force main, to serve Brushy Bayou Subdivision Units, 5 & 6, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
- 3. Resolution No. 122 of 2009: A resolution declaring the intention of the City of Shreveport (The "City") to hire professionals in conjunction with the renewal of the letter of credit associated with \$40,980,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series 2008 (The "Bonds"), allocation of the excess swap notional amount to the bonds, making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval of such action, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 4. **Resolution No. 123 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.

5. Resolution No. 124 of 2009: Authorizing the submission of an application for a formula grant from the Department of Energy under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act,; Authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents related thereto; Authorizing the Mayor to execute all contracts or agreements relative to receipt of the grant funds; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Resolution No(s). 120, 121, 122, 123, and 124 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:** (Not to be adopted prior to June 23, 2009) **The Clerk read the following:** 

- 1. Ordinance No. 50 of 2009: An ordinance amending Ordinance Number 9 of 2009 which authorized the closure of the at-grade railroad crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad at Wyngate Boulevard located between Valley View Drive and Woodmont Street and Malcolm Street located between Corbitt Street and Midway Avenue, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford/D/Wooley/E/Webb/F/Shyne)
- 2. Ordinance No. 51 of 2009: Ann ordinance amending the 2009 Budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 3. Ordinance No. 52 of 2009: An ordinance levying a tax of Eight and Thirty-Four One Hundredths (8 and 34/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem taxation within the bounds of the Downtown Development District of the City of Shreveport as defined by Act 554 of 1978, as amended, for the purposes as set forth herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 4. Ordinance No. 53 of 2009: An ordinance levying various taxes totaling Seventeen and Ninety-Eight Hundredths (17 and 98/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2009 in the amounts and for the purposes described herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 5. Ordinance No. 54 of 2009: An ordinance levying a tax of Twenty-Six and Fifty-Six One Hundredths (26 and 56/100ths) mills per dollar on all property subject to Ad Valorem Taxation within the City of Shreveport for the year 2009 for the purpose of paying principal and interest on the outstanding General Obligation Bonds of the city of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 6. Ordinance No. 55 of 2009: Supplementing Ordinance amending and supplementing Resolution No. 131 of 1984, as amended; and supplementing the Twenty Fourth Supplemental Ordinance adopted as ordinance No. 129 of 2005 approved by the City Council September 13, 2005; Acknowledging, approving, ratifying and confirming that Swap Agreement entered into with respect to the \$75,000,000 principal amount of

Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Utility System Project) Series 2005, issued on behalf of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana; and providing with other matters in connection therewith.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to introduce Ordinance No(s). 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Webb: And for a quick discussion, on the Ordinance No. 50 on the railroad closing, when that comes up in two weeks, I'm going to ask the Council Members to postpone this. I don't want to close this railroad until we get all our 'T's crossed and our 'I's dotted. So that they don't come through with our Shreve Park opening, cause that's the only reason why I was in agreement to close this, so that we could get that Shreve Park crossing, and the next thing you know, they're saying they can't get everything done by that time. So I don't want them to come along and say they change their mind and we've already closed the railroad crossing. Understand what I'm saying?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, that would certainly be up to yours and the rest of the Council's discretion. I think I mentioned however during yesterday's work session, that the great thing about what we've achieved with this particular situation was that not only does it facilitate the closing of the Shreve Park, or the opening of the Shreve Park crossing, but that it also ties in with the 400 jobs that we have managed to capture out at Schlumberger. And so on the one hand, we're able to increase the value, and the marketability of the Shreve Park Industrial Park, but also at the same time we have facilitated the expansion, and a significant expansion of the Schlumberger operation. And so all of those are tied together, and it's something that I hope we would not end up putting ourselves in a position of not being able to allow the Schlumberger situation to go forward. As you mentioned that's 400 jobs, it's a \$40,000,000 payroll, and I think from my perspective, and obviously, we're individuals, so we all have different thoughts and perspectives. But I'm of the opinion that based upon what we've achieved with the 400 jobs with Schlumberger, that particular accomplishment alone would be enough to justify the closure that we're talking about here. But combine that with that it also facilitates the ability to be able to add that second opening at Shreve Park, and I think we've got not just a homerun, but a grand slam homerun. So, I hope that the letter that we provided you all on yesterday from Union Pacific gives you some insight in terms of the work that they're putting forth, and we'll look forward to discussing it with you between now and the next Council Meeting.

Councilman Webb: Okay, I understand what you're saying, and I agree. And I know with the crossing in Shreve Park, there will be well over 400 jobs there, once the people that are very interested in coming in there, but don't want to until we have an in and out. So I just - - - just to be honest with you, I don't trust the railroad. You know they play such hard ball, and they've gone from two crossings to three crossings, closings I mean, to four so you know once they get their way about one thing, I don't want to not at least have an ace in the hole to come back on them with.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

Councilman Webb: And also on Ordinance No. 55, speaking for myself, I know Councilwoman Bowman yesterday mentioned yesterday mentioned she was somewhat confused

about this, and I think it would really be good if maybe whoever Council Members would like to meet with Ron Weems before we vote on this one, because I agree with Councilwoman Bowman, this is really a complicated one, and I'd like to look at it a little more.

Mayor Glover: Well we welcome that opportunity Mr. Chairman, I think it was Councilwoman Bowman who set us on that path of having those pre-meeting sessions with you guys to lay all this stuff out. Because you are correct, I mean I spend time trying to follow it, and the next thing I know the alarm clock is going off. It puts me to sleep no matter where I am.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, a fact sheet might help on this one, because I think when you get right down to it, not that much is happening in this ordinance. So, just a short fact sheet might help, if we could get that.

Mayor Glover: Well now Mr. Chairman, that might help for folks who are as smart as Arthur, but he finished Suma Kum Lade and I finished Thank you Lawdy, and so - - -

Mr. Thompson: I'm not suggesting that you don't have the meeting, but I think before the meeting - - -  $\!\!\!\!$ 

Councilman Webb: I may want you to come there as well so you can help us digest it. Mr. Thompson: I'm sorry I said anything Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we'll make sure we have the big brains in the room with us.

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

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. <u>Ordinance No. 33 of 2009</u>: An ordinance authorizing the City to close and restrict vehicular access to Fannin Street from Baker Street to Douglas Street, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Walford) (Postponed May 26, 2009)

Having passed first reading on <u>April 28, 2009</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

2. <u>Ordinance No. 38 of 2009</u>: An ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the code of ordinances, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman) (*Postponed May* 26, 2009)

Having passed first reading on May 12, 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 Bowman, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

3. Ordinance No. 44 of 2009: An ordinance enacting Section 30-70 of the City of Shreveport of Ordinance relative to Fire Prevention and Protection, and to otherwise provide respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on <u>May 26, 2009</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Bowman</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to adopt.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, this is one I wish that (inaudible) and the rest of the cameras rolling on.

Councilman Webb: Yeah, they leave when the good stuff is on.

Mayor Glover: This is a significant accomplishment for the city. It represents an outstanding legislation. We commend you all and certainly Chief, we appreciate your leadership as well.

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

4. <u>Ordinance No. 49 of 2009</u>: An Ordinance amending the 2009 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on <u>May 26, 2009</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt.

Mr. Sibley: Ms. Moore is here. I think this just allow for some federal money that Ms. Moore and her team is always working on.

Councilman Webb: Alright Bonnie, tell us about this one.

Ms. Moore: Mr. Sibley is correct. It is the million dollars housing trust fund for the Concordia Place development, it's the (inaudible) dollars for the summer jobs program and dislocated workers and additional youth funds.

Councilwoman Bowman: Bonnie, did you all get all of the positions filled that you had? Ms. Moore: We are in the same positions the other department heads were trying to fill based upon the funding that the city has.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, are you referring to staff positions or summer positions? Councilwoman Bowman: No, I'm talking about the summer positions.

Mayor Glover: I thought she didn't quite understand you, that's why I wanted to - - -. Ms. Moore: Today, we've hired 600 kids.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, but you had what a thousand? Was that it?

Ms. Moore, the thousand was going - - - we could hire potentially a thousand with the funds. We chose to expand the time in which they worked and also afford some of them more hours. So that equated to about 6 or 700 kids.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I think one thing that the Council and the public may find interesting, Ms. Moore, if you talk about the breakdown between the private sector guys that have stepped up and are employing these kids from the public sector.

Ms. Moore: In the previous legislation, the private sector was not involved in the old JTPA and the Workforce Investment Program. Under the stimulus funds, the private sector was encouraged to participate, and we have had overwhelming support from the private industry, probably about 40/60 participation.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Chairman, the reason why Dale knows so much about it, he use to head up that department over there. We used to whip on him.

Mr. Sibley: I used to work one of those jobs.

Councilman Webb: Thank you Bonnie.

Mayor Glover: I might also add, I also in fact it was a JTPA was the acronym when I came through, followed the CETA program. But one of the things I think that you all may have gotten some feedback from, I know we've gotten calls in the Mayor's office, and obviously I've come across some of the people in the community, one of the things that this council and the administration stepped forward and did two summers ago, was that we started back for the City of Shreveport, because the federal government would no longer fund a summer youth employment program. We took General Fund dollars, created a program that did an outstanding job of putting some 300 + young people to work across the city, because those were General Fund dollars, we had a bit more leave way in terms of the guidelines that were able to utilize in terms of selecting individuals to go to work. We were able to work with a cross section of the city, and unfortunately accepting these federal dollars who were forced to go back to the old federal income guidelines that had been in place during the JTPA and CETA years, which unfortunately does not allow some families whose children were able to work during the summer of 2008 and 2007, those children are not eligible to work unfortunately under the guidelines of 2009. And so I know if some of you have gotten some of those questions, please don't hesitate to send them to us if they need a fuller or more detailed explanation. We think it's unfortunate as well, but that's one of the stipulations that comes with partnering with the federal government.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, just one thing. Mr. Mayor, I want you to remember now when you were in the CETA program, I recommend you to get hired, so you make sure you put some more money in the budget to get some grass cut in the district out there.

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

5. Ordinance No. 45 of 2009: ZONING – C-14-09: 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 Samford between Kings Highway, and Saint Vincent, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from SPI-4 (R-2), interstate corridor overlay (Urban, Multifamily-Residence) District SPI-4 (B-1) interstate corridor overlay (Buffer Business) District, SPI-4(b-2) interstate corridor overlay (Neighborhood Business) District & SPI-4-E (B-3) interstate corridor overlay extended use (Community Business) District to B-1, Buffer Business District, B-2, Neighborhood Business District to B-3, Community Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Having passed first reading on <u>May 26, 2009</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.

Councilman Webb: That's for the new hotel, correct? Okay.

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

6. Ordinance No. 46 of 2009: ZONING – C-24-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning of property located on the north side of East Stoner, 130 Feet east of Crofton Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish Louisiana from R-3, 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 <u>May 26, 2009</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to adopt.

Councilman Webb: I think that's the one Councilman Walford left a note saying he was in support of that correct?

Mr. Thompson: Correct. That's one of the ones.

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

7. Ordinance No. 47 of 2009: ZONING – C-25-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning of property located on the east side of Rex (west side of Youree Drive), 250 feet north of Herndon, Shreveport, Caddo Parish Louisiana, from R-1H, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-2, Neighborhood Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford)

Having passed first reading on May 26, 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, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

8. Ordinance No. 48 of 2009: ZONING – C-27-09: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance by rezoning of property located on the west side of Valley View Drive, south of Brushy Bayou, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-1, Light Industry District to I-2, Heavy Industry District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)

Having passed first reading on <u>May 26, 2009</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Bowman</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Walford. 1.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 44 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 30-70 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE RESPECT THERETO BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 30-70 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby enacted and now reads as follows:

# Sec. 30-70 Stove-top Fire Suppression Systems.

Owners and/or managers of apartment buildings containing three or more dwelling units with no automatic fire suppression sprinkler system which contain independent cooking and bathroom facilities shall install and maintain an approved, automatic, laboratory tested, fire extinguishing device designed to suppress fires over each stove located in all apartment residences. The devices shall be activated without human intervention, and shall require no maintenance, inspection, or re-certification within the life span of the device. All devices shall be replaced as recommended by the manufacturer before the expiration date listed on the device.

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

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 45 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 SAMFORD BETWEEN KINGS HIGHWAY AND SAINT VINCENT, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM SPI-4 (R-2), INTERSTATE CORRIDOR OVERLAY (URBAN, MULTIFAMILY-RESIDENCE) DISTRICT SPI-4(B-1) INTERSTATE CORRIDOR OVERLAY (BUFFER BUSINESS) DISTRICT, SPI-4 (B-2) INTERSTATE CORRIDOR OVERLAY (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS) DISTRICT & SPI-4-E (B-3) INTERSTATE CORRIDOR OVERLAY EXTENDED USE (COMMUNITY BUSINESS) DISTRICT TO B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT, B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY 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 Samford between Kings Highway and Saint Vincent, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below, be and the same is hereby changed from SPI-

4 (R-2), Interstate Corridor Overlay (Urban, Multi-Family-Residence) District, SPI-4(B-1) I Interstate Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business) District, SPI-4 (B-2) Interstate Corridor Overlay (Neighborhood Business) District & SPI-4-E (B-3) Interstate Corridor Overlay-Extended Use (Community Business) District To B-1, Buffer Business District, B-2, Neighborhood Business District and B-3, Community Business District:

LOTS 1-5: Guy & Stinson Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA from SPI-4 (B-1) Interstate Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business) District to B-1, Buffer Business District.

LOTS 6-10: Guy & Stinson Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, from SPI-4(R-2), Interstate Corridor Overlay (Suburban Multi-Family Residence) District to B-1, Buffer Business District

<u>LOTS 11-12:</u>Guy & Stinson Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, from SPI-4(B-2), Interstate Corridor Overlay (Neighborhood Business) District to B-2, Neighborhood Business District.

<u>LOTS 13-20:</u>Guy & Stinson Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, from SPI-4-E (B-3), Interstate Corridor Overlay-Extended Use (Community Business) District to B-3, Community Business District.

**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. 46 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST STONER, 130 FEET EAST OF CROFTON STREET SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-3, 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 subject property located on the north side of East Stoner, 130 feet east of Crofton Street, and legally described as Lots 11 and 12, Wimbish Subdivision Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed from R-3 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 stipulation:

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.

Note: Hours of operation for the retail sales, per agreement with the operator, shall be from 8 a.m. til 8 p.m.

**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. 47 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF REX (WEST SIDE OF YOUREE DRIVE), 250 FEET NORTH OF HERNDON, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1H, URBAN, ONE-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 subject property located on the east side of Rex (west side of Youree Drive) 250 feet north of Herndon, and legally described as Lots 12 and 13, Key Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed <u>from R-1H, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-</u>**2, Neighborhood Business District**.

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

1. Site development plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Commission prior to the issuance of permits. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission.

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

### **ORDINANCE NO. 48 OF 2009**

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 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE SOUTH OF BRUSHY BAYOU, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT TO I-2, HEAVY INDUSTRY 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 Valley View Drive, south of Brushy Bayou, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described as Lot 1, Schlumberger Industrial Site, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA,, be and the same is hereby changed <u>from I-1, Light Industry District to I-2, Heavy Industry District:</u>

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

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing enhanced landscaping to adequately shield the detention pond from Valley View Drive. This plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Zoning Administrator. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission. No permits shall be issued until the revised site plan and/or replatting of lots has been approved by the MPC Director or the Planning Commission.

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

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 49 OF 2009

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2009 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. of 2009, the 2009 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1 (Estimated Receipts):

Under "2009 Current Year Funds":

Increase Louisiana Housing Finance Grant by \$1,000,000.

Increase WIA Grants by \$3,542,600.

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

Under "2009 Year Funds":

In Housing, increase Louisiana Housing Finance Agency by \$1,000,000.

In Workforce Development, increase WIA by \$3,542,600.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

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

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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)
- **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*)
- **4.** 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)
- **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*)
- 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)
- 7. 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 vard, 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)
- **8.** 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)
- 9. 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)
- **10.** 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)
- 11. <u>Resolution No. 79 of 2009</u>: 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) (Introduced April 14, 2009 - Tabled May 26, 2009)

# 12. 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 April 27, 2009 until November 9, 2009*)
- **PSD0700214**: 2732 Logan Street. Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *Willie Roberson*, 6915 Quilen Rd, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) (*Postponed April 27, 2009 until June 22, 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*)
- **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 April 27, 2009 until June 22, 2009*)
- **HBO0800039**: 7221 Bethany Street, Shreveport, LA (C/Long) *Mr. Ellis Pope*, 11085 Sandwood Drive, Keithville, LA 71047) (*Postponed April 27, 2009 until June 22, 2009*)
- **HBO090005**: 241 Wichita Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Walford) *Ms. Deborah McCauley*, 241 Wichita Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (B/Walford) (*Postponed May 11*, 2009 until July 27, 2009)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Webb: Does anyone want to bring up New Business on the fund raiser? Councilman Long: Do you need a motion for it? This is about a proposed alcohol exception permit for a fund raiser over off - - - what street is that?

Councilman Webb: Market Street. Councilman Long: Market Street.

Mr. Thompson: I'm not sure that we can do this without a written motion, and a resolution.

Councilman Webb: Okay. He's got a card filled out about it, and we'll let him talk about it in a little bit. So, we'll come to you shortly sir.

#### **ABO APPEAL**:

Mr. Patrick Diggs, 1539 Murphy Street, Apt B, Shreveport, LA 71103 (A/Lester) *United Liquor and Food Mart, 800 Pierre Ave, Shreveport, LA* (A/Lester) *Decision rendered June 8, 2009* 

# REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Bowman: I have an announcement about a Public Safety Meeting that will be held on Monday, June  $22^{nd}$  at 12:00 noon in the Chamber Conference Room, located here on the  $1^{st}$  floor of the Government Plaza. Some of the items that will be discussed are parking in yards and truck traffic on E. Kings Highway. That's it Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Tell Mike, we'll have lunch served, and we'll have yard bird.

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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 6:55 p.m.

//s// Ron Webb, Chairman
//s// Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council