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Mayor Covers Critical Topics at Town Hall Meeting

The city's fiscal health, projects related to the 2011 bond issue, garbage collection policy changes and the dog park were among the topics Mayor Cedric Glover addressed at last night's town hall meeting.



Citizens at the Mayor's Town Hall Meeting

Dozens of citizens and city employees packed into Fertitta's Delicatessen to hear Mayor Glover talk about his commitment to move forward with completing infrastructure and facility improvements included in the \$175 million bond package voters passed in April 2011. Tens of millions of dollars already have been spent but funding for several projects ranging from street improvements to a new fire station are tied to the pending \$93 million bond sale.

As expected, the ongoing debate over establishing the city's first dog park consumed much of the discussion. Supporters for a pet area at Marie and Charles Hamel's Memorial Park continued to question the administration's estimated \$580,000 price tag to construct a basic dog park on Clyde Fant Parkway, maintaining that such estimates are inflated and meant to discourage their efforts.

“What you have is a very small, very energetic group of folks who are passionate about establishing a dog park at their preferred site,” Mayor Glover said. “And they've managed to steamroll all opposition to their plans, except for yours truly. I support a dog park but I believe the best way to do it in Shreveport is to follow previous models from other cities who utilized existing park space.”



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The Mayor reviewed his proposal to set up a dog park at Princess Park. That plan would cost less than \$100,000 to implement and provide sponsorship opportunities for private businesses. Such opportunities currently are not possible on the riverfront due to city statues.

This was the first of a series of town hall meetings Mayor Glover said he will hold in coming weeks. These public forums have been a hallmark of the Glover Administration.

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