

## FACT SHEET

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**TITLE**

A Resolution expressing support for the City of Shreveport, Louisiana's response to the Request For Proposals issued by the New Orleans Pelicans for the purpose of becoming the flagship community for the New Orleans Pelicans G League team beginning in the 2018-2019 season and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**DATE**

May 23, 2017

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT**

Office of the Mayor

**COUNCIL DISTRICT**

City-wide

**SPONSOR**

Councilman Jeff Everson

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**PURPOSE**

To express support for the City of Shreveport's response to the Request for Proposals issued by the New Orleans Pelicans for the purpose becoming the flagship community for the New Orleans Pelicans G League team beginning in the 2018-2019 season.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The New Orleans Pelicans announced in March 2017 that the organization intends to launch its own NBA Development League team with the intention of beginning play in the 2018-2019 season. The NBA Development League will soon be re-branded to the NBA Gatorade League (or NBA G League) and is the NBA's official minor league.

The City of Shreveport, Louisiana was one of only eleven cities selected for receipt of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purpose of exploring Shreveport's interest in becoming the flagship community and home for the New Orleans Pelicans G League team beginning in the 2018-2019 season. Responses to the RFP will be used by the Pelicans to identify a city and arena capable of hosting an NBA G League team ("Team") affiliated directly with the Pelicans to commence as early as the 2018-2019 season.

The franchise sent the RFP to 11 different cities and/or communities across four states as follows: Louisiana (seven), Mississippi (two), Alabama (one) and Florida (one). The cities were selected based on Pelicans and NBA research. The Team will be owned and operated by New Orleans Pelicans Owner, Tom Benson, and will be a direct one-to-one affiliate of the Pelicans.

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**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: May 23, 2017

Final Passage: May 23, 2017

**ATTACHMENTS**

Request for Proposals (RFP)

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**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

The City's response to the RFP is due by June 7, 2017.

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**FINANCES**

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**SOURCE OF FUNDS****ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the resolution as submitted, or (2) Amend the resolution, or (3) Reject the resolution.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2017

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA'S RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED BY THE NEW ORLEANS PELICANS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BECOMING THE FLAGSHIP COMMUNITY FOR THE NEW ORLEANS PELICANS G LEAGUE TEAM BEGINNING IN THE 2018-2019 SEASON AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER: JEFF EVERSON  
DISTRICT: B**

**WHEREAS**, the New Orleans Pelicans announced in March 2017 that the organization intends to launch its own NBA Development League team with the intention of beginning play in the 2018-2019 season; and

**WHEREAS**, the NBA Development League will soon be re-branded to the NBA Gatorade League (or NBA G League) and is the NBA's official minor league; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport, Louisiana was one of only eleven cities selected for receipt of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purpose of exploring Shreveport's interest in becoming the flagship community and home for the New Orleans Pelicans G League team beginning in the 2018-2019 season; and

**WHEREAS**, responses to the RFP will be used by the Pelican's to identify a city and arena capable of hosting an NBA G League team ("Team") affiliated directly with the Pelicans to commence as early as the 2018-2019 season; and

**WHEREAS**, the franchise sent the RFP to 11 different cities and/or communities across four states and those cities were selected based on Pelicans and NBA research; and

**WHEREAS**, the Team will be owned and operated by New Orleans Pelicans Owner, Tom Benson, and will be a direct one-to-one affiliate of the Pelicans.

**WHEREAS**, the Team will provide the Pelicans with a better platform of developing its younger players and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, if awarded the contract, the Team will be a very significant addition to our City as it will add global exposure and bring professional basketball to Shreveport.

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

The City Council expresses its support and gives its endorsement to be considered to become the flagship community for the New Orleans Pelicans G League team beginning in the 2018-2019 season.

**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.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office