

RESOLUTION NO. __ OF 2019

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 4.29 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMEN FULLER, NICKELSON, BOUCHER AND FLURRY

WHEREAS, Section 4.29 of the Charter authorizes the council or any committee thereof when authorize by the council, to investigate the official conduct of any office, department, commission, board or agency of the city government or of any officer or employee thereof; and

WHEREAS, the external auditor of the city has advised members of the council to expect an extensive number of deficiencies on the forthcoming 2018 audit for the city, to include the following:

1. In 2018 the City of Shreveport incurred substantial tax penalties for failing to timely file quarterly payroll tax returns with the Louisiana Department of Revenue;
2. One of the banks used by the city, that had more than fifteen million dollars of city funds on deposit, was not required to secure that deposit with federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank, as required by Revised Statues 39:1217 through 39:1245, which inaction exposed the city to the risk of losing those funds; and
3. The city did not properly reconcile its operating and payroll bank accounts on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, because of these and many other findings by the city's external auditor it is necessary for the council to authorize its Audit and Finance Committee to conduct an investigation of the Finance Department as authorized by the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that it authorizes the Audit and Finance committee to conduct an investigation of the Finance Department of the City of Shreveport pursuant to Section 4.29 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport for the reasons stated herein, and to report its findings to the City Council at the conclusion of its investigation.

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.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office