

ORDINANCE FACT SHEET

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Originating Department</u> |
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| AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO. | March 13, 2021 | SPAR <u>Council District</u> District B <u>Sponsor:</u> SPAR |

Purpose

This ordinance will declare certain City-owned property as surplus property.

Background Information

The City of Shreveport is the owner of the property and improvements located at 400 Edward Street, Shreveport, LA 71101. From 1923-1980 the building located at 400 Edwards Street housed the Downtown Branch of the Shreve Memorial Library, but today is known as the Chamber of Commerce.

When libraries are abandoned the buildings revert to the care of the City of Shreveport. The City of Shreveport has leased that property to the Chamber of Commerce for more than 35 years. Over the years, it became more and more difficult for the City to properly maintain the historic structure and for the City of Shreveport's budget to provide adequate funding for much needed capital repairs. The Building located at 400 Edwards Street, Shreveport, LA is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The City of Shreveport has not had a purpose for the property and in order to explore opportunities for use/ownership of the building, there is a need to declare the land and improvement located at 400 Edwards Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 as surplus.

Timetable

Introduction: March 23, 2021
Final Passage: April 13, 2021

Special Procedural Requirements

None

Finances

None

Discussion

None

Alternatives

1. Adopt the resolution as submitted.
2. Amend the resolution.
3. Deny the resolution.

Conclusion

Alternative Number 1 is recommended.

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ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport is the owner of property located at 400 Edwards Street, Shreveport, LA 71101; and

WHEREAS, the building on the property housed the Shreve Memorial Library from 1923-1980, when it was abandoned by the Library the property reverted to the care of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the City has leased the property and improvements to the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce for more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, the said property is not needed by the City for a public purpose and should be therefore declared to be surplus property, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the property and improvements located at 400 Edwards Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 currently known as the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce are hereby declared to be surplus property and not needed by the City of Shreveport for a public purpose.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED 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; and

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

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE