

**TITLE**  
**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY’S INTEREST IN CERTAIN VACANT PROPERTY AS SURPLUS, AND OUR INTENTION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN VACANT PROPERTY TO THE SHREVEPORT BOSSIER AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**DATE**  
 05/04/2022

**ORIGINATING DEPT./DIV.**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**SPONSOR OR COUNCILMEMBER**

**PURPOSE**

The City of Shreveport is requesting authorization to surplus and transfer certain vacant property located at 2230 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109 (“the Property”) to the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce (“SBAACC”) for the purpose of continuing to create and spur economic development within the City of Shreveport.

This Ordinance or Resolution will have direct impact on Council District:

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Since its inception in 1941, the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce has been the premier voice in Northwest Louisiana to ensure the growth and success of African American owned Businesses. Their mission to become a catalyst for economic growth in our community centers on providing resources and education to entrepreneurs and professionals across the region to build capacity, while advocating for economic equity and opportunity for the business community.

In 2021, while experiencing the effects of a global pandemic and its challenges, disparities for black business owners and 1st generation business owners were heightened. To address these long-standing inequalities, our goal is to establish a small business incubator for the local entrepreneurial community to provide business counseling, seminars, professional development, regulatory training, and accelerator programs.

As such, the City desires to surplus and transfer the property located at 2230 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109 to the SBAACC in order to further the continuation of the creation and spurring of economic development within the City of Shreveport, as the property is no longer needed for a public purpose by the City.

As this property was purchased and rehabilitated using Community Development Block Grant Funding, the SBAACC acknowledges that this transfer is subject to requirements that its use continue to serve a CDBG national objective pursuant to 24 CFR 570, as well as provide a public benefit to the City of Shreveport. In conjunction with this transfer of property, the City seeks to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Donation with the SBAACC, which sets forth in reasonable detail the rights and obligations of the parties with respect to the property.

**TIMETABLE**

**ATTACHMENTS**

Introduction:

**May 24, 2022**

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT AND DONATION**

Final Passage:

**June 14, 2022**

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

Notice of the *proposed* ordinance shall be advertised three (3) times in fifteen days, one (1) week apart. La. R.S. [33:4712](#)

If there is any opposition to the proposed ordinance, the opposition shall be made in writing, filed with the Shreveport Clerk of Council within fifteen (15) days after posting of the notice *or* its first advertised publication.

**FINANCES**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

N/A

**CONCLUSION**

The council may:

- 1) Approve the Resolution if deemed appropriate. 2) Approve an amended version of the Resolution. 3) Reject the Resolution.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

Thea R. Scott, Bureau Chief of Administration  
 Department of Community Development

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2022**

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**BY COUNCIL MEMBER:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport (“City”), is the owner of certain properties together with all improvements thereon identified as:

LOTS 4-A, 5-A & S 1/2 OF LOT 3-A, RESUB OF LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK A, LAKE GARDENS SUB. 171404-30-15 LOTS 14, 15, 16 & NE 30 FT OF LOT 13, BLK 33, Caddo Parish, Louisiana;

Geog #: 171404-030-0015-00, Municipal Address: 2230 Jewella Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71109; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “for a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions ... may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other ... or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual”; and

**WHEREAS**, the property shall be used for the spurring of economic growth and business opportunities for the benefit of the citizens within the City of Shreveport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce has expressed its willingness to assume ownership of said property with the understanding that it will maintain the building and grounds in good order, and will maintain the structural integrity of said building and will make such updates and modifications as necessary to enable the building to continue to serve the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce, and;

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 33:4712 requires that notice of this ordinance be published at least three (3) times within fifteen (15) days, one week apart.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the Property described herein is hereby declared as surplus, and City of Shreveport is hereby authorized to transfer:

LOTS 4-A, 5-A & S 1/2 OF LOT 3-A, RESUB OF LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK A, LAKE GARDENS SUB. 171404-30-15 LOTS 14, 15, 16 & NE 30 FT OF LOT 13, BLK 33, Caddo Parish, Louisiana;  
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to the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce in “as is” condition and without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever against the City of Shreveport, in accordance with State law and City ordinances.

**WHEREAS**, upon ceasing to utilize the property in furtherance of a public and charitable purpose, upon such time as the Property ceases to be utilized as the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce, or upon such time as the property shall cease to further a national objective of the Community Development Block Grant Program, the property shall be transferred back to the City.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport is authorized to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, any and all document(s) relative to the transfer of the property to the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce. Such documents for execution shall include, but not be limited to the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Act of Donation, after review and approval of such document(s) by the Office of the City Attorney. The Mayor shall further be authorized to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the purposes expressed in this ordinance relative to donation of the said property.

**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.

**THUS DONE AND ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

