# Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana October 22, 2013

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Michael Corbin at 3:10 p.m., Tuesday, October 22, 2013, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman <u>Everson</u>.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Rose Wilson-McCulloch, (Arrived at 3:12 p.m.), Jeff Everson, Michael Corbin, Oliver Jenkins, (Arrived at 3:20 p.m.), Roy Webb, Joe Shyne, and Sam Jenkins. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Everson to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, October 7, 2013 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 8, 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: O. Jenkins. 1.

# Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, and Communications of the Mayor which are required by law.

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by City Council members, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Councilman Everson: I would like to start by acknowledging Simone Hennessey from the Providence House, and while she makes it up to the podium, what I'd like to do is read a resolution that we passed earlier this month regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and after that we'll hear a little bit from Simone regarding Domestic Violence Awareness. *Councilman Everson read the following:* 

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 180 OF 2013**

# A RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 2013 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO BY: COUNCILMAN JEFF EVERSON

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender and income levels; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread and affects over a million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rare higher than the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous

crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organization and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that it hereby support all efforts to end domestic violence in Shreveport and proclaims October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Councilman Everson: And that was passed on October 7<sup>th</sup> and so we are here close to the culmination of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and we appreciate Simone Hennessey of Providence House being here to talk to us a little bit more.

Ms. Hennessey: Thank you, I wanted to give you a little bit of an update. Michael Corbin and other Councilmen and women, first of all, and Dale, thank you for your support last year that enabled us to serve over 400 people and that we are continuing to serve. And it makes a huge difference in the work that we do. I want to tell a quick story about this one family that we served. This is a young woman with a 5 year old child who came along with a boyfriend from California and moved here to Shreveport. She got a job. She then shared a house with the boyfriend who had been abusing, verbally abusing her and physically abusing her prior to that time. He harassed her so much at her office in Shreveport, that he was banned from the premises. Last week as she was arriving for work, he threatened her and refused to let her take her car. She left her house on foot. When she got to work, her manager called the police. They took her to Providence House and she was subsequently transported to our safe house. Our legal advocate then assisted her with a petition for protective order, and the next day, took that file to Juvenile court. The judge signed the order for the sheriff to assist her in retrieving her child, the car and her belongings and served the abuser. The legal advocate then took her to her home and met the sheriff there to provide safety while she got her child, her belongings and her car. At the home, it took seven deputies to remove him from the premises and protect her.

Councilman Shyne: That's a bad boy.

Ms. Hennessey: And I would like to say that is an unusual circumstance, but it is not. Tasha Morris who is 38 was shot by her boyfriend and charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder. And as we know this is an epidemic in our community, and it doesn't matter what race, what religion, what your financial status is, it is the truth across all boundaries, and in fact 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Carrie Jones who was 43 was run over and killed by her boyfriend. He was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder. During one week in August here in Shreveport, the police responded to 63 domestic violence calls. And in 2012, police responded to an average of 47 every single week, and received over 2400 calls on domestic violence. And domestic violence is not only a threat to the people that are in that situation, both the abuser and the victim, but it is equally dangerous for the police officer should he show up with them. And so this was a low year, 2400. The highest year that I saw recently recorded was 3400 calls in a given year. And so those are things that are always critical. Etta Thomas, who was 46 was shot by her boyfriend, charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder. And so as I say this is a serious business, and life threatening, these people lost their lives and in fact in Caddo Parish, 73 people have lost their lives or were murdered, it was homicide since 1997. And so, people always say what's domestic violence all about? Well, it is emotional abuse or behaviors used by one person to control another person. And it doesn't matter whether you're partners, whether you're single, whether you're dating, whether you're living together, separated, it doesn't matter, it could include physical or verbal abuse, emotional abuse, and certainly economic and sexual abuse. Shanetha Crew, 24 was

shot by her husband. He was charged with negligent homicide. And so what are the red flags. I think there's some issues that I'd like to bring before you just to consider that I think are the most important things that are in front of us. First, to be able to identify what are the red flags of domestic violence. And most of those red flags are about embarrassing the other person with names of put down, and doesn't allow you to see your friends or family, takes your money, makes all the decisions, tells you that you're a bad parent, threatens to take away or hurt your children, threatens to kill your dog or your children. Intimidate you with knives, guns, and other weapons. Slaps you, any of those things, and especially forces you to drop your charges when a domestic violence situation occurs. When that person threatens to commit suicide, or even threatens to kill you, that's the time to leave, if not before that time. Usually what happens in domestic violence situation, when it gets to the point that someone's verbalizing that they are going to harm your children or kill your pets, it's time run. And run for safety. Even one of these can be an identifying factor in an abusive relationship. Last year, we served 118 families. That included 207 children, and a total of 414 people. We provided thanks to many of you, over 16,000 nights of safety and support for these families. The second thing that I think is important not only to recognize what these red flags are, but to understand the importance of how do you deal with it, how do you protect someone. One of the biggest challenges we face locally is attorneys in many cases do not understand that when you do a temporary restraining order, protective order at the very same time, you must do a safety plan. Because we know that piece of paper is just a piece of paper and ultimately, the victim or the survivor is responsible for their own safety, because the police cannot be with them 24 hours a day. And so that means they have to change their routines. In many cases, we're changing identities, we're moving them to other cities, but in many cases, you've seen this play out on the evening news where recently a couple of years ago in Bossier where the husband knew where the wife worked in that church parking lot, needed a routine, came up and killed her. So, all of these things are really important. The third thing that I'd like to say that is important for all of us is to understand how to use the hotline that we have. It's 226-5015. Now that hotline is not just for people who are scared and need safety immediately. But it is for advice. It's for people who want to create a safety plan to call us, wanting to do a temporary restraining order to call us. It is calling and asking how you can help a friend or relative that you think are in a difficult situation that is not productive. How to join a support group that we run outside for nonresidential domestic violence survival. And of course immediate safety and shelter. But it's also to report an incident. So, if you see something or hear something or suspect something, you call the hotline, because we're going to call the police and we're going to check it out to be sure. Remember Kristen Leonard, she was 29. She was shot by her boyfriend, it was a homicide/suicide, and that was in the last two years. And so, it is a very, very difficult situation. But I think the ultimate role that you can play in ending domestic violence is not to ignore it. Not to hide it, not to deny it, but to bring the issue into open talk, open communication and let abusers know that their tactics are unacceptable. And they're not only unacceptable, but they're illegal, and they're morally and socially unacceptable as well. And so I say all that to say we continue to see the challenges in this community. And for us to imagine a community where no one lives in fear will take all of us to do our part every single day in what we witness and what we see and what we do. There also a community effort where your support last year was about I believe about \$33,000, a little over \$33,000. And we come to you again in this budget to ask for \$50,000. We continue to see cuts as many of you've seen play out over our area. I think in Natchitoches, that particular shelter shut down, and so the challenges we know are here today and they're going to continue, so we ask you to give serious consideration to folks like these that really don't have other options to turn to. And so I want to thank you for your time, and appreciate your support and we'd be willing to answer any questions.

Councilman Corbin: Questions? Thank you Simone.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? Simone before you leave, just want to express my thanks on behalf of a community of grateful citizens for the work that you and all of your charges do with regard to this area. It is one that is a tremendous challenge, not just for Shreveport, but for the entirety of the country. However we know statistically that Shreveport, LA in general has some statistical data that makes us a little bit above the national average, something that we should not take pride in and should (inaudible) ourselves to working to try and address. I know that this is a situation that has transitioned a couple of ways since I've been mayor. When we first started, there was another non-profit in town that played a major role.

Ms. Hennessey: They did.

Mayor Glover: In this particular social challenge of ours.

Ms. Hennessey: And they did a great job during that time.

Mayor Glover: They did a very outstanding job, unfortunately there was a need to transition for a myriad of reasons in the city, but more importantly, you and host of (inaudible) and dedicated staff stepped into that breach and helped to bridge that. We thank you. We hope that we can do more. That's the process that we're in the midst of addressing right now. We're not sure, but we also want to make sure that the Committee of the Whole is aware and ask that they help to do more as well and make up for those areas at the state level and the federal level and see if we can't manage to figure out how collectively we fill the need to ensure that there is always a place for those folks who have been threatened in need of refuge that could be protected from harm and sometimes ultimately death. So, thank you and God bless you.

Ms. Hennessey: Well thank you and thank all of you.

Councilman Shyne: Simone, it sounds like you're going to get that \$50,000.

Ms. Hennessey: We're hoping for it. We're praying for it. With all of your help, we will. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Simone. Mr. Chairman, Council Members, let the record note that Councilman Shyne has ceded budget control to the Administrative branch.

Councilman Corbin: I see he is leading the charge.

Mayor Glover: We will gratefully accept.

Councilman Shyne: But I know - - - I've been here long enough to know the power of the administration.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, now I know what the power of the administration can do. Now Mr. Mayor, some don't understand that, but Dale, I do. I've been here long enough to know.

Mayor Glover: Well, we again certainly look to work with you guys outstanding group of folks doing very important work that we hope becomes less important in the years, but in an area that puts a lot of innocent folks at risk and also not just here, but nationally represents the greatest threat to our first responders as well. So, we appreciate the information.

Councilman Corbin: Any other recognitions?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Cassandra Calloway who is a resident of my district. She also works with Shreveport Green. I see Ms. Donna Curtis has made it in with Shreveport Green. I'm not 100% sure that they're down here on some other business, but we're going to recognize both of them and commend them for the fine job that they're doing in our community.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I wanted to recognize Lynn Cawthorne that was just here. What happened to Lynn? Stepped out? Okay, I wanted to recognize Lynn Cawthorne that was here. He's been doing a fantastic job in the community.

Councilman Corbin: I saw him walking in a little bit earlier.

Councilman Shyne: Cause he's a good friend of Dale Sibley.

Councilman Corbin: Mayor Glover, I'll turn it over to you for awards, recognitions and city business.

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by the Mayor, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Mayor Glover: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, at this point, I will briefly ask that you give me a minute to recognize a group of folks that were instrumental in why it is that myself and Councilwoman McCulloch were not here with you at the last Council Meeting. We had the great pleasure and privilege of traveling for our second inter-city visit since I've been mayor. We went to the City of Birmingham. And took with us a bus load of folks and it was a very, very productive effort. We learned a great deal. Had a great microcosmic of the City of Shreveport, and would not have been possible had it not been for the very able help and assistance first and foremost of my staff, starting with Burnadine Anderson and all the rest of the folks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor who helped to organize. But they were greatly assisted by a group of folks in the community including Paula Hickman at the Community Foundation, Scott Martinez over at the North Louisiana Economic Partnership and Helen Godfrey Smith over at the Shreveport Federal Credit Union. The second trip that we've taken. The first time we went to Oklahoma City. Had a chance to be able to learn a great deal about some of the great things that are happening there, the intent of these efforts is always try and find a parallel community that has some of the similar issues and challenges that we face here in Shreveport. And to have an opportunity to be able to learn from some of their best practices that have resulted in opportunities of excellence for them. And in the case of Oklahoma City, it was the way in which their local investments through their Metropolitan Area Projects Program had helped to turn Oklahoma City into one of the growing cities of the latter part of the 20th Century and one of the ascending cities of the 21st Century. We chose Alabama at Birmingham this time, or Birmingham, Alabama this time rather specifically because of some of the transition that we're in in the midst of this community right now with regard to higher education and healthcare and saw some parallels there that might give us a chance to be able to learn how it is that we might better advance and elevate our own circumstances. Alabama, Birmingham area is sparked to a large extent in terms of its economic activity right now by an institution called the University of Alabama at Birmingham, which kinda parallels in many ways to our own LSU Shreveport, and in that they are institutions less than 50 years old, they have largely served a commuter student population and have not enjoyed and do not enjoy that century long history being flagship institutions like LSU in Baton Rouge or Alabama in Tuscaloosa. They don't have graduates that go back decades, don't have a history of outstanding accomplishments on the athletic field, or basketball courts and from a political standpoint, may not make up the line share the folks in the legislature who are looking to appropriate dollars. But they also share in common the fact that they have within their confines a healthcare complex, medical school, and manage to be able to combine those in a way that's allowed the folks in the Birmingham are to experience tremendous growth, development and opportunity as a result of the presence of the continuing higher education institutions that exist within that area. So we had the chance to be able to visit with the head of the institution there at UAB, a visiting tour a good number of their facilities. Staff can go ahead and start scrolling through some of the pictures that appear on the screen. Everybody from the Mayor, William Bell to the head of the University of Birmingham campus were there to welcome us with open arms. Dr. Ray Watts and on down to Dr. Dave Wynnewood and Linda Lucas and we spent a good bit of our time as well at an outstanding place that we think had a lot of potential for some parallels here in Shreveport called the Innovation Depot and Technology Entrepreneurial Eco System. It's headed by Steven Madlock, and there we've seen how within that region of the country, they managed to be able to combine the intellectual and research activity taking place at the university. And the incubated into the generation of ideas and processes

and procedures that can be commercialized and ultimately turned into start up some businesses. And it's (inaudible) and economic dynamic there within that region that is quite outstanding, that has the Birmingham area as well as all of Alabama poised as one of the fastest growing regions in our country from an economic standpoint, even the University of Alabama at Birmingham itself stands as the No. 1 recipient of all resource dollars in the State of Alabama. And they continue to score success after success within the state as a whole. We all know about 20+ years ago, the folks from Mercedes Benz decided to locate just outside of the Birmingham area under the mayor ship of Richard Arrington. The folks up at Huntsville, at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, has a half century plus long history in aerospace technology, resource, development and business and just within the last year, Mayor Jones down in Mobile along with the leadership of Alabama were successful in securing an effort to airbus that will result I think somewhere about 2,000 direct jobs and thousands of other spinoff jobs. It was a great chance to be able to see how we might be able to come back here and look at our assets in a different way and hopefully take advantage of the current set of circumstances that exist at both the state level and here locally, and see how we ultimately end up (inaudible) ourselves a better future. The one thing that was consistent between both of the trips and is much in line with a lot of the national political thought that's out there today, and that is that unfortunately as we have seen being played out right now in Washington, D.C., and unfortunately at the state level as well, not just here in Louisiana, but across the country, the ability for local government to continue to look either to D.C., or the state capitol for the ideas or the resources necessary in order to advance and elevate our communities, might be (inaudible). In both of these communities, there are prime examples of our local folks decided to take the local challenges, but also the local asset and translate them into a rising pool of opportunity for all. This group has had an opportunity to have its first follow-up meeting since we returned. We have committed to continue to dialogue at least once a month as we go forward, and hope to be able to continue to share some of the ideas and concepts that come out of that effort with this council, and with the community as a whole and see how we may be able to incorporate them into our vision going forward. So, also want to specially thank Councilwoman McCulloch for making the commitment along with Commissioner Mathew Lynn. They were two of our elected who were a part of the effort along with us. As I mentioned, (inaudible) of us included everything else from university heads to business heads to heads of community organizations and all points in between. And again, we look forward to seeing how we continue to have a chance to be able to learn and make Shreveport better. With that Mr. Chairman, I also want to take a quick moment to mention a myriad of outstanding things happening in the Shreveport/Bossier area this week that we all should be excited about. We'll be welcoming the Chief Justice of the Louisiana State Supreme Court to Shreveport on tomorrow. We look forward to having a chance to host her for breakfast and hear her address the local Bar at a noon luncheon. We're also very excited that college football for the first time this year will be returning to the City of Shreveport in the Shreveport Classic, which will pit Jackson State University against Prairie View A&M at the Independence Stadium during the opening weekend of the Louisiana State Fair. I have no doubt Mr. Shyne, that Jackson State will be especially honored in that they only had the opportunity to beat up on each other this past Saturday as opposed to competing directly any other team. And so we hope that lots of local folks will come out, engage and participate and also we certainly welcome and hope that we'll have lots of visitors who'll be coming from the Texas and Mississippi community. Wrapped in around all of that Mr. Chairman and Council Members was a successful Revel that we had a chance to enjoy again. You all will hear at the end of the Louisiana Film Prize, which has its second year and was highly successful and will offer some comment on some of the other events that are coming up in our last comments before we wrap up today's meeting today, after we've heard from Public Comments. At this point, I also want to transition back over to you guys as quickly as I can because I know we have some folks here that we have some other folks

throughout the City of Shreveport who are anxious to hear from, both in terms of our cable as well as our solid waste. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you members of the Council.

Councilman Corbin: And Dale, I'm going to let you call up our friends from Pratt.

Communications of the Mayor relative to city business other than awards and recognition of distinguished guests.

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. As the Mayor indicated, recycling has been a major point of discussion, so we have with us today, representing Pratt Ms. Sean State, and representing Republic, Mr. Walters along with our Public Works Director, Stan Harris. They're going to basically give us an update on the status of operations, future plans, address some issues that have been raised in discussing with us and discussing with you guys as Council Members. And so, at this point, I just will turn it over to Mr. State from Pratt.

Mr. Sean State (Pratt Industries): We appreciate the opportunity to come and talk to you a little bit about what we've got going on. I understand that we have some service issues of late, specifically the last three to six months. Ron Walters, from Republic is here, and (inaudible) our subcontractor, he's going to talk a little bit about what we intend on doing to fix the issues. I'm very supportive of what he's trying to do and we talked about the plans and I think he's got some good plans in place to try and get back on track.

Mr. Ron Walters: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, and Council. Most of what I'm going to talk about were already in place. We've implemented a lot of plans since this started. One of the things that really in the beginning of this, this contract started with nine trucks, and nine drivers, running Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. As the last five years have gone, we've grown Monday and Tuesday into 12 trucks, 12 drivers and we're still running nine on Thursdays and Fridays. This imbalance created some issues for us. We were able to work our way through it and then we lost some people. We had some real challenges with staffing, and filling those positions. Once we got 'em filled, our company has adopted some real stringent training programs. We can't hire a driver and put him in a truck. And this is my fault. I was slow to get the people on board. The training period itself is with us is anywhere from six to ten weeks. And the shortest time possible is six. So as we've gotten these people on board, they're training now, you know we still continue to experience some issues, so we've now, just the way we've done is we've thrown all rings in the hat. I mean every supervisor I've got is now associated with this. Myself, my operations manager, our four Shreveport supervisors are all on board, and we're all assisting the new drivers in getting an understanding of what they have to accomplish. Part of what we do every day, every driver's got a map. His map is his route, every driver's got a highlighter, and we're highlighting every street as we go. Because as we know the last few months, what we really experienced is streets being missed, and that's from new people missing streets, turning left when they should have turned right. By doing what we're doing with these maps, we're illuminating that, and we're identifying areas where the drivers were making the mistakes. Another part was we just - - - and in fact I came in today, we got our first four GPSs in, we're going to (inaudible) the GPSs. Once we get all the GPS system in, we will run 'em with maps and the GPSs in conjunction until we're certain that both are working together. So, in addition to that, we know that we're going to have failures. In this industry you rely on people and equipment and there are times when people would should up and the equipment failed. So one of the things that our company has the ability to do out of our Dallas call center, is we have an automated call program. So we're working with the administration and they're trying to assist us with (inaudible) in getting - - - what we want to do is review our routes, these addresses from the city and phone numbers attached to them. So if there is a failure, if we do miss a couple of streets, we'd be able to go into that automated system, tell 'em Section 3, Route 4 and have them call each one of those homes and let

'em know that we missed you today, we'll be there tomorrow morning before 10:00. I wish I could say that I've got this fixed 100% right now, I can't. This is gonna take a little bit of time and I hope you'll be patient, and I certainly hope the residents of Shreveport will be patient with us. We're committed to this. I've been in this business 27 years. I've got a little unique situation here that there's more people involved in this, but you know my company's invested here. We've got 138 employees here. Our 138 and we may be part of a large company, but these people live here, we work here, we raise our children here, and we're vested. And our company's committed to that investment in trucks and people and whatever it takes to satisfy our obligation. We know we've made a mistake, and it's my mistake, I was slow to respond, try to be patient with us. I'm telling you it's going to be corrected. I can tell you that as of 1:00 today, I have 12 call-ins from web QA which that would be for Friday and Monday, 12 from plain side of a potential 75,000 service is not that bad. So, we're going to get there. We're going to get back there. That's where we were, and we'll get back to that level.

Councilman Webb: Roy, I spoke with you about a week ago on the phone, and you mentioned something about trying to go to a two-day program. Is that still?

Mr. Walters: I think what we need to do at this point is - - -I think we need to correct what we've got, and explore other opportunities with the administration, and see if there's an opportunity to do something different, then bring it to the council.

Councilman Webb: You mentioned you have 12 drivers on Monday/Tuesday and nine Thursday/Friday?

Mr. Walters: Yes sir.

Councilman Webb: So, it's because you have larger routes or more territory you're covering in those three days, and what are the other three doing?

Mr. Walters: Monday and Tuesday are about 70% of the volume that we're collecting in recycle comes from Monday and Tuesday.

Councilman Webb: So having only 12 employees, you don't have, you're talking about six weeks' worth of training before you turn somebody lose. What do you do when you have an absentee? How do you fill that?

Mr. Walters: I'm glad you brought that up, because we just added two new swing drivers for the Shreveport routes. And I understand that there's some questions about how this is going to affect (inaudible) us getting the Bossier City contract is going to reflect this, and to be perfectly honest with you, having Bossier City and the swing drivers that we have with Bossier City gives us actually more resources from a (inaudible) perspective than we do have issues with them.

Councilman Webb: I know that's the biggest complaint I get is because people were getting missed and they'll call and tell me I'm just not going to put it out there anymore, if they're not going to pick it up.

Mr. Walters: We're begging people not to do that - - -

Councilman Webb: And I do the same. And I explain to 'em why and whatever, and they'll call and say well you know we pay \$2.50 and you're making all the money and go through all this stuff. But people don't quite understand it and I don't know why. But anyway, I know you're going to get it resolved, I've got faith in you Roy, cause you've been at this a long time, and I know you'll get it triggered.

Mr. Walters: We will Ron, and one other thing I'd like to say on it if there's any residents, we need to get this out there for people. Please call in. When you have new people, there's going to be misses, there's gonna be issues, we want that communication.

Councilman Webb: (Inaudible) cause we don't know there's a problem if we don't get the calls, so - - - just like you don't. You don't know if you don't get the call, whether it be from a Council member or a customer.

Councilman Corbin: Roy, I certainly appreciate your honesty and candor with approaching this situation and looking for solutions. Certainly I've experienced and with constituents in my district and personally that my recycles have not been picked up on the right day and sometimes two days afterwards. We discussed that, and I think you're on the right track. In some ways it's a good problem on Mondays and Tuesday, because there is citizens participating and so much tonnage involved. And what we've got to do is get that same participation on Thursday/Friday routes too, and everybody wins. We're putting less in landfill, Pratt has more to recycle, and your guys are working steady. I want to be sure because I know there may be citizens watching that media is covering this, I want to be sure that we tell citizens the proper way to complain or lodge a complaint if their recyclables aren't picked up. They're (inaudible) that they're going to call their Council Member. But if they pick up the phone and they call the citizen complaint line, or just the Mayor's office, or they're trying to call Pratt, what is the preferred way for citizens to pass their information along so that it's in your system and you can follow up on it the right way.

Mr. Walters: I'll speak to that a little bit. I mean I don't want to speak for Stan (inaudible) or Sean, where is best for the calls to go. I would just say this, your calls if they go to the Public Works Department, if they go to the Mayor's office, or if they go to Pratt in Atlanta, which I would think would be the preferable place, but the City's got a program called Web QA, where your complaint is logged, you actually can ask for your complaint number, and there's a number they'll give you so that you can track it. You can call back in and say here's my complaint number, I haven't had this resolved yet. And a lot of residents aren't taking the time to write that down, but it's important that we get these issues into Web QA, because we use that to analyze where our issues are and where we need to correct some things, and I can give you example after example of situations that have been corrected because of the documentation in Web QA. So, it's a very valuable system. I believe it speaks - - - the city probably spent a whole lot of money on it. So the residents should use it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Since we're speaking of that, we have our new piece on our website, and this really questions - - - I mean I'm directing at the administration, but I don't expect Dale to actually know the answer to this. But if somebody types in on that , what is it called - - - issues - - - you know on the front page of the website and it takes that, and recycling is one of your issues. Somebody logs in and says my recycling was not picked up today. How, where will it go from there for it to get to him. I mean is there a (inaudible) aspect to that? Is it automatically routed, and Stan if you've got the answer, I'm curious now, because I do know that a lot of people get this - - - well I called this phone number, this didn't answer, it's very difficult to get into a really good discussion about - - - I mean I don't know what do you mean when answered, which number are you calling? I'm calling the one on there. Well which one? And we just find ourselves in this tree with all these different roots, and I'm hoping that the website you know will give us a tracking number into the system. But it may not be timely enough.

Mr. Sibley: And Stan, before you talk, one of the things that we've done on our (inaudible) at the Mayor's office/CAO's office is we really encourage the citizens to call that number because the guys up front are trained to plug into Web QA, an email goes out automatically to both Republic and Public Works, the tracking numbers are assigned and that way we can really track - - you know we've talked with them, but have the 800 number and you know as I said with those guys, we'd rather our citizens call us because then we know we can track it, it's in the system, we can keep up with it, we can follow up on it, we can gauge how well things are being addressed, and the types of complaints and things like that, so what we're trying to simplify it, but basically if they call the Mayor's office, if they call Public Works, it's going to get into Web QA, and I'll let Stan address the website issue.

Mr. Stan Harris: On the website issue, it'll come back to Public Works. And whenever it comes back to Public Works, we will always put it in Web QA. As Roy indicated Web QA is the

piece of software where we want to keep track of everything. Because that keeps a record, and we can go back in there and look at complaints and see how they've done in the past and so on, and actually analyze the information. So, we're working with multiple sources to get information in. I understand what you're saying about the website. You call that, and you submit into that, and where does that go? And how does that relate to Web QA? Well it's going to come to Public Works and then we have to disseminate that.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. You could say that I'm really interested in the detail, and I'm really interested in the detail. Okay? So I press report a concern, select recycling, put in my address, send. What happens?

Mr. Stan Harris: I believe that's going to come to Public Works for us.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. So, it's going to show up in somebody's email.

Mr. Stan Harris: Public Works.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Public Works, is there multiple people that look at that email? Or just one person that gets that email.

Mr. Stan Harris: It comes into one primary area, (inaudible), then it gets disseminated.

Councilman O. Jenkins: When you say area, there's multiple people looking at that website, I mean email account.

Mr. Stan Harris: We have five divisions, so.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, and so then they would manually take that data, I'm going to use that term manually, and then put it under the Web QA?

Mr. Stan Harris: That's correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And then from the Web QA, she inputs data, automatically sends a message to Allied?

Mr. Stan Harris: It goes to Pratt.

Mr. Walters: From Web QA, it goes to my dispatcher. He dispatches the truck to take care of it, and I get a copy of most of 'em. We have a certain amount of time to close that as well. So those notifications come directly to me. If there's a (inaudible) that's put into Web QA, and it's not resolved within 24 hours, I get an email. When I get 'em it's midnight. Cause I mean it's not a daily 24 hours. It's on a clock. So when I get my notification, I may get it at 2 or 3 in the morning, (inaudible) resolve this in a timely manner. So we know when we haven't resolved one the same way.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay and when we say that we want somebody to call in on our new website, we go to the "How Do I Trash/Garbage Collection Days tab"? Cause we used to have it on the front page of our - - - and yet I say this, when I get these calls all the time, and I of course say go to the website and where on the website, and I try to remember, because I went through this the other day, and I obviously know that Lynette is extremely judicious and if you get it to her, she takes care of it. I would never, but it's not 100% clear in this system when it pull it up today, what number I'm supposed to be calling. I don't believe 6300 is the number that they should be calling.

Mr. Sibley: Public Works.

Mr. Stan Harris: Yeah, that's our service number. 673-6300. We can receive all calls through that number.

Councilman O. Jenkins: If you look at it, it doesn't really say - - - if your garbage is not picked up, call 673-6300, it does say if you've got damage, call 6300, if you've got bulk collections, if you've got all these other issues.

Mr. Stan Harris: That's our primary number.

Councilman Everson: And the Report A Concern page, where it gives you a list of concerns to choose from, the link there to Curbside Recycling Collection, the link is broken.

Mr. Stan Harris: We'll take a look at that then.

Councilman Corbin: I know that some of the things that we've talked about so far may solve or should solve a lot of problems, and hindsight's great too. I still think we need a sticker that's put on the blue bins that is the definitive number to call. Because even the discussion we've had the last five minutes, it's still confusing. And we're not giving our citizens a number to call. And if there's a way to put a sticker on those bins, the next time we order bins, there's a number embossed in 'em, I think that helps a little bit.

Councilman Everson: And it speaks to a point that you know if the Council Members have difficulty determining what the appropriate number to call is, you can be assured that the general public has difficulty determining that, and it's sort of - - - reminds me of the importance of education. You know also when we're talking about how Monday and Tuesday, we're getting tremendous participation, (inaudible) that maybe correction cycles, we're not getting as much, towards the beginning of the contract, I remember there was an allotment of resources that were dedicated towards education and I know the Mayor just had a 'Just Curb It' campaign, or other aspects, Shreveport Green administering education about not only the importance of recycling, but also what to recycle, how to recycle, what goes in the bins, how to place it in the bins, and I know in a lot of communities where I find that people complain that because things aren't getting picked up, and their neighbors' were, so it was if the whole street was missed, or if it's just one or two. Sometimes it's because the recycling is in a bag, or got some things in there that obviously are not recyclable. So that education component of it is something that I truly would like to see stepped up somehow. You know through - - - I'm open as to how that can take place.

Mr. Stan Harris: We try to provide information on the website as it relates to that and also have brochures when we go out to community groups, we pass out, we talk about what's appropriate, what's not appropriate.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I think, kinda piggybacking on what he said, I think if we could put some of this information in our water bills, especially the little sticker with the phone number and everything, and maybe some other little information, I think we could get directly to our households, if I'm making any sense Mr. Sibley, I don't know whether that would be too much trouble, but it kinda condense it down and put it in the water bill. Cause most people get water bills. You know, people get water bills who might not have computers. And we could get the information out. Because I represent a lot of people and of course Sam and Oliver, you do too, Jeff you know that might not have access to a computer. But if you put it in a water bill, and kinda condense it down, and I think you could get it to every household, and Mr. Sibley, I wouldn't only do this just maybe one time, I think I would probably do it maybe once every six months for a while until we know that we've covered it. Just have to add to the postage.

Mr. State: And if you don't mind me just adding to that, when we started the program, we did put quite a bit of money into public service announcements and some education to kick it off. We can do that again, we can revisit that. We're contracted with a local company and they did some marketing for us, have them do it again. The 'Just Curb It' website is still up and running. We keep it active, just a matter of letting folks know it's still there.

Councilman Everson: They benefit you all as well as you know the general administration of the program if they balancing out the need base of it throughout the city and the routes. Obviously it's good of the employees, but for y'all to maybe end up with more usable product or more recyclable material, actually during the early cycles of it, I think our participation as I recall is almost double what it is now.

Mr. State: We need to fix the service issue. We don't want to turn people off from recycling. You know we need the material here in Shreveport. So we need to make an effort to let folks know how to get in touch.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And just so - - - as part of our contract between you and the city, right? There is a piece in there that you're, that's one of your responsibilities, right?

Mr. State: There is language in there about doing some things in the community and making sure that some education and stuff is done.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And can you give us an idea of kind of what we've done in under that task for the last year or two?

Mr. State: Yes, give me just a second, I've got a - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay.

Mr. State: Here are just a handful of things. In some cases it's more sponsorships (inaudible), in other cases it's directly related to recycling and Earth Day and those kinds of events, but we've done some things that are Chimp Haven for Earth Day in 2013, Andrew (inaudible) in 2012, Run with (inaudible) in 2010. The (inaudible) of the Shreveport Bike Tour a couple of years. On Earth Day, (inaudible) here in town where we had some children come out and they got to go to a movie. And then there's other things like the Independence Bowl and the Highland Blues and Jazz Festival and the Susan G. Komen Golf Tournament multiple year. Cystic Fibrosis Walk. A charity golf tournament for Children's Miracle Network a couple of years here in Shreveport. So- - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: I just think we need recycling specific education.

Councilman Corbin: I think those are things as a corporate citizen we expect Pratt to do. But I think what we're asking for and I'll just put it bluntly is we want to see another ad campaign, and we want to see working with Shreveport Green and that's getting recycling specific information out and why it's important, why it makes a difference to our city.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I think that the schools, I mean you know whatever, and there was one quarter to go through with school, and provide one class on the importance of recycling, I mean we really need to build that base here, in my opinion, relative to other parts of the country. Because we don't have the same appreciation or maybe (inaudible) in terms of the way we as citizens think about the importance of recycling, there's certainly areas that you have a higher regard for it.

Councilman Shyne: It's kind of become a part of our culture. We do not have that in our culture, and not cutting Oliver off, TV is good, but a lot of times, that's when a person goes to get their sandwich. Cause I'm not a - - - Mr. Mayor, I'm not a beer drinker, and cause I don't know whether my Pastor is listening in or not, but Dale, I'm a Methodist. I might drink a little wine.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I don't know, but I'm going to just - - -

Councilman Shyne: Okay, but I think Oliver kinda hit it on the head. You gotta start going to our schools, because we've got to make this a part of our culture. This has not been a part of our culture. You know going to rodeo, football games, things like that, barbeques, that's a part of our culture, and we've got to try to put it in print sometimes, so people can kind of have it because there are a lot of people during commercial times, you know they're going to the refrigerator. And ain't no telling what they might be getting in the refrigerator, and they'll miss it. So, but this has got to be something and we really pinpoint. This is something that we've got to make a concerted effort at doing, because if we don't, it's not going to really go over. Not that you're not doing a good job, but you can do a great job.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I just wanted to, it was mentioned that they might need to put a little bit more emphasis on advertisement. Actually as a former Caddo Parish teacher, Caddo Parish school system, I mean recyclables was almost a unit in our curriculum. I do feel that there is a little slack on recycling. But to be honest, I actually grew personally an appreciation for recycling when I saw my mayor on television with the recycle bin. And as a matter of fact, my husband who is passed away, after he passed away, I really started to just throwing all the recyclable stuff away, but it was like he was standing right there saying, 'No, recycle'. And so I wanted to take this opportunity since it's been suggested that we put more emphasis on advertisement to invite you to my district to my alma mater Green Oaks High School. I would like

to invite you there, if you wanted to consider advertisement in one of the schools in the Caddo Parish School System to visit, consider utilizing Green Oaks High School Giants.

Mr. State: Okay, we'd be happy to come.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, if I could just go back to the phone issue. There are two places the citizen can call that will automatically get the right place. One is the mayor's office, the basic number, that was to Public Works. What we've been trying to do is get - - - to simplify things, to cut out all the different 800s and all that, but if they call one of those two places, it would get registered, it would get to the right place, it'd be tracked and that would be in the system. It'll get to all the appropriate people, so if they're confused at all or have any questions at all, dial in the mayor's office or public works will get it going.

Councilman Corbin: And Mr. Sibley, just for the record, would you state those two numbers?

Mr. Sibley: Yes sir. The Mayor 's office is 673-5050, Public Works 673-6300.

Mr. State: And any marketing that we do, we'll make sure that we work closely with the Mayor's office and Public Works.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? Council Members before we wrap up, I want to first of all express thanks and appreciation for what I hear is a group of local leaders who believe in and support recycling. There was a time when many who would have said that that would have been something that you would not have heard come from the broad range of voices that just spoke on this issue, so I want to thank you guys. Because as Mr. Shyne just referenced, this is something that has not been a part of the culture of Shreveport, generally considered to be something that you would see in communities that come from a different mix or makeup in demographic mix than what we're possessed of here in Shreveport. I guess that's the term I'm looking for Mr. Jenkins, but the fact that we are seeing a growing interest and a growing level of excitement and a growing level of enthusiasm for recycling is a positive sign and is an indication that Shreveport is one of those forward looking communities that understands that while there still may be areas of the country and the world that are still yet to embrace this type of effort to the extent that we have. That more would be following, and that we still have further yet to go. Also want to thank you guys for the input that you've given. I know that you've got Rod and Dan between communications in IT taking copious notes with the questions about the website. We need to make sure that we are affectively, since this is a revision drastically to what our website has been in previous years and one that we expect to be able to be better suited to more effectively serve our citizens. We want to make sure that we're in a position to be able to do that. It also leads me to a discussion I've had over the years with Dale and other members of the administration about the idea of a 311 system for Shreveport that gives our folks one central non-emergency number to be able to call and have your information affectively delivered and your concerns affectively addressed, but that's another conversation for us to continue to have. But as Dale mentioned, getting those complaints to the Mayor's office, to Public Works, gives us a chance to make sure we are in affective and consistent communications with the folks at Pratt and Republic to be able to affectively track the situation. And lastly, I take the opportunity to be able to come back and further educate our community about the recycling circumstances that we have here and to encourage them to continue to participate in something that's quite timely. You know one of the favorite stories that I enjoy telling folks about my tenure as mayor was one day walking into a convenience store and a clerk there had her daughter with her because she didn't have a babysitter for the after school hours, and her daughter lit up as I walked in the store, and her mom looked at her and said, 'Darling, do you know who that is'? She said, 'Yes mama, I do'. She said, 'Well who is that'? She said, 'That's the man who sells the blue trash cans on television.' And so that to me is a firm example that marketing works. Because I wasn't the mayor, I was the man who sold the blue trash cans. So whether it's me or some collection of voices again sending that message,

and (inaudible) curb it back out and getting the children of this city reacquainted with him, so that they'll know who he is, and that's something that we need to continue to do and do at a greater level is something that we welcome the opportunity to be able to engage. Both Republic and Pratt as well as the Council and the community as we go forward. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Mayor. And you and Mr. Shyne both bring up something that stood out in the previous conversation to me, we do have to ingrain in our kids and bringing it up that recycling is important. And Roy, I don't want to put you on the spot, but if you'd come back up, you know sometimes we talk about we fall into this trap of thinking the cities to our west and the grass is greener, would you just repeat a little bit what we had discussed a couple of days ago about our participation in recycling versus for example, Plano and the difference in tonnage there.

Mr. Walters: Plano has (inaudible) thousand homes, Shreveport I think we estimate at 66. The monthly tonnage is about 1950 tons a month, and we average between 600 and 650. About 30% of what Plano has produced.

Councilman O. Jenkins: A great opportunity out there for us. Certainly don't want to be outdone by something in Texas. I'm sure that that's very clear.

Councilman Corbin: I think that should be our goal.

Councilman Shyne: And you know whose over in Plano now?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Apparently, we have a colleague (inaudible).

Mayor Glover: I'm sure Crawford whipped them into quick fair shape when it came to recycling.

Councilman Shyne: I think the Mayor trained him and sent him over there.

Mr. Walters: It starts with the children, it really starts with the children.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, we appreciate the opportunity to present it. Thanks Sean, Roy. Thanks Stan.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, the COMCAST presentation will be at the next Council Meeting. Not at today's.

### **Reports**

Property Standards Report (Res. 7 of 2003)

Councilman Webb: Dorothy if you'll just come up here and get this, I'll just pass it on to you. It's way too long to talk about it.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Dorothy.

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report (*Res. No.114 of 2009*) Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (*Res. 238 of 2010*) Master Plan Committee Report (*Res. No. 132 of 2012*)

## Public Hearing: None.

# Adding Items to the Agenda, Public Comments, Confirmations and Appointments.

Adding legislation to the agenda (regular meeting only) and public comments on motions to add items to the agenda.

1. **Resolution No. 193 of 2013**: A Resolution suspending the effect of certain provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 of The City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to the "Unscene" and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

- 2. **Resolution No. 194 of 2013**: A resolution ratifying the use of certain equipment by Olive Street Ministries and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (D/Corbin)
- 3. **Resolution No. 195 of 2013**: A resolution to amend and reenact Resolution No. 97 of 2012, which authorizes the expenditure of City Wide Street Improvement Program (11c003) Funds for certain streets located in Council District G, by adding Pines Road concrete panel replacement to the list, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Thompson. Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor of adding these items to our agenda today? Is there anyone present would speak in opposition to adding these items to our agenda today?

Councilman Shyne: If not Mr. Chairman, so moved.

Councilman Everson: Second.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Everson to add Resolution No(s). 193, 194 and 195 of 2013 to the agenda.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Just for the purpose of clarification, Mr. Chairman, No. 195, the original division of the 2011 bond money in each district, \$3,000,000. I did not use my entire \$3,000,000. This is the remainder of that sum of money. This is not any kind of new money, okay?

Councilwoman McCulloch: You sure I wasn't supposed to get some of that money Sam?

Councilman S. Jenkins: (Inaudible).

Councilman Corbin: I heard him say he was sure.

Councilman Shyne: And another observation is Mr. Sibley, the Pines Road, not only runs through District G, but F also.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And "A".

Councilman S. Jenkins: But this part of Pines Road is only in District G.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I specifically read this whereas you're taking money from District A and moving it to G. Didn't you read that in there?

Councilwoman McCulloch: No, I didn't see that.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Public Comments (In accordance with Section 1.11 of the Rules of Procedures)

Confirmation and Appointments:

**Consent Agenda Legislation** 

**To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions** 

**Resolutions**: None. **Ordinances**: None.

**To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions** 

**Resolutions:** 

*The Clerk read the following:* 

**RESOLUTION NO. 191 Of 2013** 

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FRANCES CASCIOLA ATTAWAY AND CORINNE MARY CASCIOLA LOCATED AT 10113 EAST KINGS HIGHWAY TO CONNECT TO

# THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Frances Casciola Attaway and Corinne Mary Casciola have agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Frances Casciola Attaway and Corinne Mary Casciola be authorized to connect the structure, located at 10113 East Kings Highway to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are 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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Corbin</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Ordinances: None.

**Regular Agenda Legislation** 

**Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage or Which Will Require Only One Reading** *The Clerk read the following:* 

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 183 OF 2013**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURPHY STREET PARK PROJECT, PARCEL NO. P-1 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has developed the MURPHY STREET PARK PROJECT to develop a public park in an area of Shreveport known as Pine Grove Addition; and

**WHEREAS,** the property described in "Exhibit A", attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner is an inactive Louisiana corporation, whose charter has been revoked; and

**WHEREAS**, public necessity dictates that this property be owned by and subject to use by the City of Shreveport.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in "Exhibit A", attached hereto, as Parcel No: P-1, to be acquired in fee title.

**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 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.

# Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Is there a - - - it's not opening up on here. On these expropriations, there's a cost associated with 'em?

Councilman S. Jenkins: These individual parcels?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean collectively, I want to make sure I understand this, because - - - and I certainly understand what Councilman S. Jenkins is proposing here, and I remembered the history and I remember what happened. But are we - - - we currently got in the capital project a certain amount of money allocated to it? Is that correct?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yes. \$220,000. And that's from a previously unused bond money that we're using.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. And by virtue of voting for this, that is essentially authorizing the expenditure of some of that money to whatever the cost of these parcels are to acquire them, is that correct?

Councilman S. Jenkins: That is correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And the - - - since they're adjudicated or we're expropriating these, excuse me. So whatever that appraised value is, is going to go into some escrow fund or some fund and it's going to sit there until somebody is either going to claim it, or if nobody claims it, it would end up in the state's coffers. Correct?

Mr. Thompson: That's correct.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. I'm gonna just say that I am not in favor of these - - - of this expenditure, and I'm going to ask the council those that see fit, not to support this piece of legislation, because I think we have higher priorities for this money now.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Such as? Councilman O. Jenkins: Streets. Councilwoman McCulloch: Wow.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well now, let me say this. We always have streets have a priority and we're spending a lot of money on streets. The bottom line on this is, this is a project - - - we're at a stage right now, where we're carrying out a project that's already been put in place. Now, I want to remind you once again Councilman Oliver Jenkins, these funds here are some of the same funds that we supported and used I want to say a half-million dollars of it for streetscape projects around LSU Medical Center. This is coming from the same source. That hasn't necessarily become a reality in and of itself. Now I think this is closer to reality than what that project may be. But the bottom line of it is, we already voted to create the project, voted to fund it, now we're in the process of carrying it out. Now I don't know if your reservations, you think this is some money going to end up with the state or not. I think you may be presupposing that, because most of these parcels are tied to somebody. Either a nonprofit or some individual who I think is going to make out a claim for this money. Now I don't know if that's what your concern is, that maybe the city is in some form or fashion giving money to the state, but you may be maybe making a pretty big leap when you say that, when we in some form or fashion identified who has even an interest in the property or is straight out owner of the property. So, we certainly don't

want to just take property from someone and don't compensate them for it. So this is an easier procedure to get past a lot of the titles problems and other issues that could come up with this. But it's certainly a method that we've been using to get property for other projects that we need. Some of what you see in the Ledbetter areas, some of what may have been associated with the Millennium project, and several others that have come before us. So, it's not an unusual process that we're talking about here. I'm not sure what your reservation may be, but there are persons who may very well make a claim for the money, (inaudible) receive it at a price much less than what we probably could have negotiated to receive. So I think we're being pretty prudent in going forward with this matter and the project is (inaudible), all we're doing now is carrying out those steps that it takes to acquire the property.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I don't generally like to get involved in family affair, you know between the two Jenkins and I learned after about 30 years on the Council, from Councilwoman McCulloch, not to get involved in other districts. But I guess I haven't learned very well, but I think our Councilman Sam Jenkins has a point there. I think this money is going to be well spent. I think it's going to be spent for people who really need the facilities that will eventually be put in that district. And cause Councilman Jenkins, both Sam and Oliver have promised me that we'll have a one on one after we get these facilities.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Absolutely. That's one of the reasons we're putting up basketball goals.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, right. So, and I can understand what Councilman Oliver Jenkins is saying, but I really think Sam, this time you on the right track, that this money is going to be spent for an excellent cause.

Councilman S. Jenkins: (Inaudible) like you say Councilman Shyne, if we don't begin to try and invest (inaudible) in some of our older core neighborhoods, like this Lakeside area over there, you go in that area, mostly everything is closed down. The school that was over there is closed down. One of the nearest convenience stores for reasons beyond our control is closed down. You've got people that are trying to move back in that area. I think it has to revitalize that neighborhood, it gives the neighborhood something to be proud of, it gives them a meeting place, where they can come and get to know one another and make plans for the neighborhood. And it adds to the quality of life. I think it's in keeping with what our Master Plan has suggested to us to do, which is to go into some of these neighborhoods and find ways to revitalize them, bring them back around. And that's a very well respected traditional neighborhood in our city. And I don't think it ought to be ignored, I think if you look at what's there now, blighted empty lot, overgrown most of the time. There are children playing in the street on basketball goals. You've got elderly people that's got to walk along the street just to get some exercise. I think that it is a worthy investment of money. I don' think we're asking too much here. Once again, the project is up, it's funded, it's just a matter now of carrying out the steps that it takes to acquire the property, then we go to the next step. Like I say, I don't know what your reservations on this might be, but I think you've got more reasons and I'll ask you to change your mind about this, if you got more reasons and I've asked you to change your mind about this, you got more reasons to move forward with a project like this than to go against the project such as this.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, and this is my last statement. Dale, I want to involve you and the Chairman after the facilities are built if we could get some outdoor education going in that area. Maybe a nice reading program and a nice science program, and we might be able to teach the kids how to handle some insurance programs. So, if I could get you and the Chairman involved in that, I think it would not only be athletics, but it would deal with the intellectual part of it.

Mr. Sibley: I'll be glad to work with the Chairman on that Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Corbin: I'm not commenting on that. Mr. Sibley, and know my question may be more directed toward Shelly. I know that we did open this project with \$220,000 that we got restrictions about how we can use it. Since that time, other things have come around and I guess my question is, with \$220,000 to get these land parcels, do we have a plan in place of what we're going to do with this park, and is that plan within this budget. Or, are we going to be in this scenario down the road where, okay, we've expended this, without revenue to be, we need to come back and use more public funds to continue to make the park bigger or better or put equipment there. If it means we need to postpone this for a little while until we get answers to that, I'll make a substitute motion to do that. But I just want to be sure we have a plan and a budget because coming from a district that has one park in the entire council district, I have concerns about opening parks that are going to continue to cost us.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well now, let's be clear on something now. When we talk about this particular park, we're not talking about like a recreation center, with a building on it and repeated costs like utilities and keeping up a building. This is going to be more or less like a pocket park. This is going to be green space, and I thought the plan had been distributed. I asked for it earlier. It's going to have a walking track on there, we're going to have basketball goals, we're going to have some canopies on there, maybe some picnic tables and things like that. We're not talking about a high expense project here at all. So I don't want anybody to get the wrong idea. I thought that the plan and information had already been distributed on this particular park. I mean this is stuff dates back a little while now. This is not something new. But we are not into a what I call a high cost, high maintenance scenario with this particular park. I wouldn't dare go there myself. This is going to be a more simple park and one of the things I think I like about it, is the citizens themselves want to be involved with some of the maintenance of the park. Various things that you can do there to try to keep the park up and help out with maintaining the park. It's something that they wanted a long time. But the bottom line of the whole thing is I don't want someone to leave here today thinking that we have something that's going to have a lot of recurring costs to it. Rain and sunshine is going to do a lot of the maintenance for what we're about to do here on this particular park.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, I'll defer to the Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and we're bringing Shelly up for any specific response to your question. But Councilman Sam Jenkins I think has hit the nail on the head with regard to the concept of what's envisioned here. This is the very lowest rung when it comes to park maintenance, upkeep and what have you. The term he used is exactly what this constitutes, a pocket park. It's a place that does not have a building or structure. It has to be cleaned or maintained. You have grass space, you have the (inaudible) and other things and what have you so from a maintenance, upkeep standpoint, it's not nearly the type of challenge from an operational and maintenance standpoint as a recreational center, community center, or what have you. And though in line with what I think the sentiments that have been offered of both Mr. Shyne and Mr. Sam Jenkins in that what this represents in terms of that particular neighborhood, we believe from an administration standpoint the kind of investment that has to serve as the kind of glue that continues to hold together and bind all of the kinds of quality of life that frankly our central city neighborhoods are challenged by right now. And it's in line with the precepts of our master plan that talks about that continued need to invest within the loop of our urban core, while at the same time looking for those ways and manners in which we right size those types of functions and operations that no longer should be continued in the manner and level at which they're at. That's why you see in some areas right now, where we once had swimming pools open, we don't have them open anymore. Because of the decisions and thoughts that have gone into by both staff, community, council as well as the administration to say that's something we no longer need to do at that location, at that level, and to that degree. We believe this represents an appropriate

investment and what hopefully end up being something that we (inaudible) asset to that particular region, and by extension, an asset to the balance to the city.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay so I'm not saying that the best intent is not there with Councilman Sam Jenkins. I think his intent is in the right place. I'm just worried about the secondary effects. I've obviously seen some documents recently from the administration about what it cost to maintain a park. And I often thought to myself, really the city when I look at what the city owns and maintains acquiring more and maintaining more is not the direction our city needs to go. And that is - - - if we could trade five lots here for five somewhere else in this city, I would do it in a second. And as we grow our footprint, there is just more maintenance required for our city. You can have (inaudible) we need another park like the Parish needs another building. Now they've acquired another building recently, so I'm not sure I want to follow suit.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I thought you were going to say we need another park like we need another dog park.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And I don't even want to go into that part (inaudible).

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm just saying, you know we're going out and we're bringing more property, but I would suggest to you, you cannot ignore some of our older areas inside the loop that we need to make some investments in, and to revitalize and to repopulate and get people to living back in these areas. I mean you know I caught heat from the vote of the last annexation that came before this body. But I understand that you've got to have a mix of housing for people to get the quality of life that they're looking for and what they can afford. I would say again, this is not the wrong direction. We're talking about the growth and development of this city, if not you want to continue to vote for annexations, bringing in new areas that we have to care for and ignore those areas that already exist that's been around a long time where people have been paying taxes for generations, and not want to go back in and put anything in there that can help them. So I think this is in keeping with what our master plan, citizen based suggestions are all about, and not only that, I think we need to reinvest, redevelop, revitalize one of our inner city areas, to keep 'em populated, to keep people wanting to live in those areas. You can't expect them to live somewhere where nothing is at. As I said, the school is closed down, you don't even have a convenience store close by. You look at what's there now, you know, you need to replace it with something like this, I think is a step in the right direction.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I guess I see my neighborhood, and I see that the distance from Lakeside to this neighborhood is a lot closer than most of my district is from a park.

Councilman S. Jenkins: But that's a different scenario you got there councilman. Lakeside is a recreational center, and a golf course. That is not what this park is all about. Lakeside is a building, it's a recreational center. It's a different goal for what is being carried out in Lakeside.

Councilman Shyne: I think this is a playground.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And there is a playground at Lakeside. Cause I go to Lakeside, that's where the (inaudible).

Councilman S. Jenkins: And you got different goals and different means for Lakeside than you have for a park like this. That's the difference in those things.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, you asked the question about the plans and the cost, Ms. Ragle, if you don't mind can offer what information we have so far to provide some clarification to the Council when it comes to the park. Shelly?

Councilman Shyne: Dale, one thing I have to give you credit, you always bring you're Agame.

Mr. Sibley: I've learned you have to in this room Mr. Shyne.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: Let me first begin to talk about the possibility of a park on Murphy Street. We put together a budget and I think we presented it to y'all and then we resent it out recently. This is a conceptual drawing of what we might do there and it's included in this

\$220,000 budget. That budget also includes property acquisition as well as the construction of this area. Malcolm did say to me that he did not believe - - - we are doing two types of property acquisition here. We are doing a seizure on some of the property and then we're having to expropriate others. And that's all that has to do with titles and the reason we're doing it that way. We did budget originally about \$62.5 (thousand) for property acquisitions, Malcolm does think we're going to be able to do that for about half that cost. So, that would give us the rest of that money to develop what you see on this plan. And basically it's what you see in a lot of neighborhood parks or pocket parks, an 840 feet walking trail, picnic pavilion, playground, basketball court, and a lot of open green space play area. I will say we're always concerned too about maintenance and maintenance costs, but because this property and the way it's owned, it has not been maintained. And if it is being maintained, it's being maintained at our cost already, just by a different department. Cause Dorothy is having to maintain it because it's been expropriated. So we're maintaining it maybe as often as we will when it's a park, but you've got to remember it's a cost to the city already, because they are expropriated pieces of property. I'm sorry, I did say expropriated.

Councilman Corbin: Are there any other parks of similar size and design in the city or would this kind of be a first?

Ms. Ragle-Stone: No, you have a lot of these.

Mayor Glover: Coleman College Park.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: Coleman College, you have one over on Windy Lane and Anderson Island.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You have one right by Querbes Park Golf Course actually.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: Yeah, Waterside on Gregg Street.

Councilman Shyne: And Coleman College is a little bit better than this cause it's in District F.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: Honestly Cedar Grove Park is sort of that way, it's got a ball field and some playground equipment, that's basically a little pocket park. We have one out, way out of town underneath the water tower, Jacoby Ware. It's about like this. It was residential lots that were given to the city, turned into a park. Atkins Park, a lot like this. So I mean there are several of them that we call pocket or we describe them as neighborhood parks.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Shelly. Any additional discussion?

Councilman S. Jenkins: I ask for your support on this project. It's something that's ready to go, and this is a step in the process.

Councilman Shyne: Now are you calling for the vote?

Councilwoman McCulloch: I thought we already voted.

Ms. Johnson: Mr. Everson and Mr. Oliver Jenkins please.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: Councilman O. Jenkins. 1. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 184 OF 2013**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURPHY STREET PARK PROJECT, PARCEL NO. P-4 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the MURPHY STREET PARK PROJECT to develop a public park in an area of Shreveport known as Pine Grove Addition; and

**WHEREAS**, the property described in "Exhibit A", and attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner is an inactive Louisiana corporation, whose charter has been revoked; and

**WHEREAS**, public necessity dictates that this property be owned by and subject to use by the City of Shreveport.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in "Exhibit A", attached hereto, as Parcel No. P-4, to be acquired in fee title.

**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 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.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: Councilman O. Jenkins. 1. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 185 OF 2013**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURPHY STREET PARK PROJECT, PARCEL NO. P-5 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the MURPHY STREET PARK PROJECT to develop a public park in an area of Shreveport known as Pine Grove Addition; and WHEREAS, the property described in "Exhibit A", and attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner is an inactive Louisiana corporation, whose charter has been revoked; and

**WHEREAS**, public necessity dictates that this property be owned by and subject to use by the City of Shreveport.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in "Exhibit A", attached hereto, as Parcel No. P-5, to be acquired in fee title.

**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 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.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: Councilman O. Jenkins. 1. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 186 OF 2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2014-2018 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2014 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to regulation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Shreveport is required to submit a Consolidated Annual Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Consolidated Plan serves as the consolidation of the planning and application aspects of the Community Planning and Development formula grant programs, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG); and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD substantially in accordance with the attached draft which is filed for public inspection with the original of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on October 02, 2013.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that that Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents necessary for the submission of 2014-2018 Consolidate Plan and Annual Action Plan

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that if any problems 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 applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt.

Councilman Corbin: And you can turn in your book reports to the Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Wow.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm waiting for my executive summary.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 187 OF 2013**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENT SUPPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IN NORTH LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, for more than twenty (20) years, various communities, Parishes, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development organizations and others have worked to bring Amtrak passenger rail service to North Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the completion of a passenger rail line from Shreveport-Bossier to Longview, Texas and the extension of the line to Vicksburg and Meridian, Mississippi will provide a benefit to the public by providing passengers with rail service to Atlanta, Georgia and points east and west. WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport endorses and supports efforts to bring passenger rail service to North Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor is hereby authorized to evidence the City of Shreveport's endorsement and support of efforts to bring passenger rail service to North Louisiana by the execution of a resolution of concurrent support and recommendation for Amtrak passenger rail service in North Louisiana, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection with the original of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on October 22, 2013.

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.

# Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u> to adopt.

Councilman Shyne: Well not really discussion, just a comment. Dale, I was looking for you to get State Representative Roy Burrell down here to give us a report. You know he's an expert in transportation matters.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I would just like to say that Arthur is quite enthusiastic about the opportunity to be riding a train one day.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 188 OF 2013**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO WAIVE THE BACKGROUND CHECK FEES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM AT THE CADDO CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

#### BY: COUNCILMAN JEFF EVERSON

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport desires to encourage its young adults to pursue worthwhile careers, and the preparation for gainful employment of young adults, particularly in the medical field, is beneficial to the economic and social well being of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty students are currently enrolled in the Nursing Assistant Program at the Caddo Career and Technology Center in Shreveport, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the students are required to have a criminal background check conducted by the Shreveport Police Department to enter the clinical internship at a local medical institution; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 26-102 (2) establishes a fee of \$20.00 per individual record check for Background Record Checks; and

**WHEREAS,** neither the Caddo Career and Technology Center nor the enrolled students have the available resources to pay the \$400.00 in fees that would be required by Section 26-106 (2) to conduct these background checks; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that fees for conducting the criminal background checks for the high school students enrolled in the Nursing Assistant Program at the Caddo Career and Technology Center in the fall semester, 2013, are hereby waived.

**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 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.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Everson to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 189 OF 2013**

# A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous parcels of property which have been adjudicated to the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish for non-payment of ad valorem taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Caddo Parish under which Caddo Parish will undertake to sell said properties as authorized in R.S. 47:2201-2211, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances, the city's interests in said properties can be sold after the City Council declares them to be surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has an adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A-16" for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has inquired of all City departments regarding the properties described in Attachment "A-16" and has not received any indication that they are needed for city purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the properties described in Attachment "A-16" are hereby declared surplus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 26-301 of the Code of Ordinances, this declaration that these properties are surplus satisfies the requirement of Section 26-301(1)(d), therefore the MAYOR, Cedric B. Glover, is authorized by said Section 26-301 to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof be 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.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 190 OF 2013**

# A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES AS SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous parcels of property which have been adjudicated to the City of Shreveport for non-payment of ad valorem taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances, the city's interests in said properties can be sold after the City Council declares them to be surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has an Adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A-10" for non-payment of City Property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has inquired of all city departments regarding the properties described in Attachment "A-10" and has not received any indication that it is needed for City purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the properties described in Attachment "A-10" are hereby declared surplus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that pursuant to Section 26-301 of the Code of Ordinances, this declaration that these properties are surplus satisfies the requirement of Section 26-301 (1) (d), therefore the MAYOR, Cedric B. Glover, is authorized by said Section 26-301 to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is 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 ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Shyne</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 193 OF 2013**

A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE "UNSCENE" AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, several local organizations, agencies, and venues, including the City of Shreveport, have collaborated to help produce and support "UnScene" in Shreveport Common as a means to showcase the new uncommon cultural community through a multi-disciplined,

interactive series of events; and

WHEREAS, the dates of these events for 2013 are: November 9 and December 14; and WHEREAS, participants may engage in a number of activities while at "UnScene" including but not limited to outside dining and consumption of alcoholic beverages at area cafés and other venues and locations, public street(s) or sidewalk(s) within the festival area, or while moving from location to location in the festival area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances relative to prohibitions on outside dining and the consumption, dispensing, possession, or sale of alcoholic beverages on a public street or sidewalk within the festival area, or the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages while a person is moving from location to location in the festival area are hereby suspended on the following dates for 2013: November 9 and December 14 in connection with "UnScene" and related events and activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions of Chapter 10 and Chapter 106 shall remain in full force and effect.

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.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Councilman Corbin: And I think the Vice-Chair was at Unscene.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, just I'm not sure everyone is familiar with Unscene. Councilman Everson, I noticed a good bit is concentrated in your district, would you want to give us a (inaudible)?

Councilman Everson: Sure. Unscene is a program, a series of events that will last for a year. It is put on in the Shreveport Common area, and was funded a grant that has several partners, both national and local funders who are in partnership with Shreveport Regional Arts Council and the City of Shreveport, putting on this series of events that is meant to highlight the culture of the area and meant to attract a good population that is sometimes uncommon at these type of events. You know sometimes we think of arts events as really appealing to a similar audience, over and over again. This is meant to really bring a lot of new people and celebrate different types of talent and different types of art and whether to bring in some very notable national artists who will have a month long residency in Shreveport working on a project that they will then unveil at the end of the month. And there will be a party around that event. So, this first one was a group of experimental musicians that came in from across the country including a group called The Residents who are a Shreveport collective of artists who've been producing work for about 40 years now across the country and internationally. And it will continue to grow with a number of other artist. I know Brady Blade and his band features some very high profile members like Dave Matthews and Jacob Dillon will be performing in January. Those other artists visual to artist - - there's a group from New Orleans who right now working on a musical house. So, it's a house that is being constructed and meant to play and create music that will be in place for people are

encouraged to come down and play the house. So it's sort of a historic house, something that they've done as an art installation in New Orleans. It's been very popular. That'll be coming. Everything from that to some Erika Badu who is a very well-known artist who will hopefully the artist featured the month that will be celebrated for (inaudible) Day. So, a great deal of thought that's been put into this. The organizer of the event is Brandon Oldenberg from Moonbot Studios who is the artistic director I should say, and has done a really good job of working with the local team of volunteers to make sure that this is a diverse, inclusive and uncommon type of event to take place in the Shreveport Common area.

Councilman Shyne: The activity is in his district, but Mr. Mayor I think it will enhance the whole city and not only the whole city, but the entire North Louisiana area. Because this is what they're kind of hoping to draw from.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Jeff. Mr. Vice-Chairman, Council Members, I just wanted to make sure that all Council Members were aware and that for those folks out there in the community, and in the audience, when you hear us referring to Unscene, to have some idea of what we're talking about and another great addition to the collective effort that's underway to continue to grow the cultural economy of Shreveport and Northwest Louisiana. You know it's amazing the kind of feedback that we get around the region and around the country about some of the outstanding things that this council, previous council and the commission and lots of folks who've been involved in helping to continue to make this a very desirable place to go. It feeds right into the kind of things that kicked off on Sunday over at Toy Fair down on Line Avenue, where our own Bill Joyce held a signing for his and Brandon's and the folks over at Moonbot's latest creation, 'The Mischevians' (inaudible) in just today alone. They've been featured on the Today Show, and the most recent 'Apple Talk', all emanating right here from the corner of Kings Hwy and Mansfield Road, and it continues to connect and feed off itself, and help us manage to be able to keep the genius that emanates from here still here, and puts us in a posture where we're attracting folks from around the country and around the world to come and see what's happening in Shreveport. So, thank you all for your continued support.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 195 OF 2013**

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND REENACT RESOLUTION NO. 97 OF 2012, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY WIDE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (11C003) FUNDS FOR CERTAIN STREETS LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT G, BY ADDING PINES ROAD CONCRETE PANEL REPLACEMENT TO THE LIST, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO. BY: COUNCILMAN SAM JENKINS

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 97 of 2012 identified \$3,000,000 of 2011 GOB, Proposition 3 funds available for expenditure in District G; and

**WHEREAS,** Resolution No. 97 of 2012 approved the use of \$2,648,100, of the \$3,000,000, for the improvement of certain streets in District G; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining \$351,900.00 should be used for the replacement of concrete panels on Pines Road from Jefferson Paige Road to 70th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Now Therefore Be It Resolved paragraph of Resolution No. 97 of 2012 is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that it approves the use of City Wide Street Improvement Program funds for the following projects: Greenway Street, Greenwood to Scott at a cost of \$787,100; Midway Avenue, Hearne to Jewella at a cost of \$450,000; Missouri Avenue, Lakeshore to Stonewall at a cost of \$400,000; Jewella, I-20 to Greenwood Road at a cost of \$330,000; Lakeshore Drive, Jewella to Curtis at a cost of \$296,000; Woolworth Road, South of

Buncombe Road at a cost of \$200,0000; Tierra Lane; Scenic Drive, Intersection Improvement at a cost of \$100,000; 200 block of Holcomb Drive at a cost of \$85,000, and **Pines Road Concrete Panel Replacement from Jefferson Paige Road to 70th Street** at a cost of \$351,900; for a total cost of \$3,000,000; and the Mayor is therefore authorized to execute all contracts, deeds, grant documents and other legal instruments necessary to expend funds from the City Wide Street Improvement Program for this project.

**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.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Everson</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Quick question. Did we actually vote on 194?

Ms. Johnson: No sir.

Councilman O. Jenkins: You just read No. 195. That's why I'm asking the question.

Ms. Johnson: We voted on 193 and 195. 194 is - - -

Mr. Sibley: Yeah, they haven't voted on it either.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Should we have voted on that first?

Councilman O. Jenkins: See what happens we about to say we read it, then we start talking about it, then we didn't vote on it, then we went - - - we hadn't voted on 194 yet, I don't believe.

Councilman Corbin: Well, we voted on Unscene, we voted on streets, but we (inaudible) skipped over (inaudible).

Councilman O. Jenkins: We may have to take a little pay cut from Mr. Thompson.

Councilman Shyne: Wait, Art didn't hear that.

Ms. Johnson: We voted on 190, 193 and this last one.

Mr. Sibley: 195.

Councilman Shyne: So moved on 194. Councilwoman McCulloch: Second.

Councilman Corbin: Well he needs to read it in the record first.

Councilman Shyne: You didn't read it in the record?

Councilman O. Jenkins: He may have actually read it in the record.

Ms. Johnson: 194 has to be introduced. It was added on.

Mr. Sibley: Yes, it's the Olive Street Ministries.

Mr. Thompson: 194 cannot be adopted today, it's to be read under 'Introduction of Resolutions.'

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. That may be the answer to the question. You started to read it.

Councilman Shyne: Alright.

Introduction of Resolutions (Not to be adopted prior to November 12, 2013)

The Clerk read the following:

- 1. **Resolution No. 192 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA for the financing the vehicles and equipment and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 2. **Resolution No. 194 of 2013**: A resolution ratifying the use of certain equipment by Olive Street Ministries and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (D/Corbin

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to introduce Resolution No(s). 192 and 194 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Introduction of Ordinances (Not to be adopted prior to November 12, 2013) The Clerk read the following:

- 1. Ordinance No. 136 of 2013: An ordinance closing and abandoning a portion of Fannin Street between Baker Street and Douglas Street, located in Section 37 (T18N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)
- 2. Ordinance No. 137 of 2013: An ordinance closing and abandoning a portion of the Benson court Alley between Baker Street and Douglas Street, located in Section 37 (T18N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)
- 3. Ordinance No. 138 of 2013: An ordinance closing and abandoning the 10-foot wide alley between Kemper Street and East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, west of Line Avenue in the East Cedar Grove Subdivision located in Section 25 (T17N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)
- 4. **Ordinance No. 139 of 2013**: An ordinance declaring a public servitude on certain adjudicated properties and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)
- 5. Ordinance No. 140 of 2013: An ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (Equipment purchase for Solid Waste)
- 6. Ordinance No. 141 of 2013: ZONING C-73-13: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the SE corner of Youree Drive and Arthur Avenue, be and the same is hereby changed from SPI-3(B-1), Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business) District to SPI-3-E(B-1), Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business)/Extended Use District limited to "A veterinary clinic for household pets (small animals)" only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- 7. Ordinance No. 142 of 2013: ZONING C-74-13: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of East 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Line Avenue, be and the same is hereby changed from B-2, Neighborhood Business District to R-1H, Urban One Family Residence

## District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Chairman, yesterday I believe Councilman Sam Jenkins wanted to see a map on 136 and 137 on the Millennium project. Malcolm is prepared to - - - because I think he wanted to be sure that the through streets were not being closed.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And it did take Councilman Shyne's recommendation, I went down today and did a drive through during the daylight Mr. Mayor.

Councilman Corbin: Did you eat lunch at the new restaurant?

Councilman S. Jenkins: No, no, I didn't have time for lunch today.

Councilman Corbin: You can take me tomorrow.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Still waiting on Councilman Shyne (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: Wait a minute Oliver.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I want to say I'm all for this, I'm not against this.

Councilman Everson: Yes, I totally understand, it's been a while since we discussed it, and so it's a I think a very good question that you asked yesterday to make sure that we all - - -

Councilman Corbin: We can't see this on our monitors, so can you kinda talk us through what's on the overhead.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, if you don't mind Malcolm before you start, just to recap for the Council and for the audience in general. This is the next phase of our effort that started, I think we made the initial announcement on this and staff correct me if I'm wrong, Dale, in April of 2008. One of the things that we learned was that until you make sure you get all the pieces together, lined up and connected, you might want to hold off on your announcement, but it's been an ongoing effort. The initial phase of this is in place and has been functioning and operating and doing quite well. There is a larger vision that this represents the next step of. We've had a few hitches and halts in terms of being able to try and effectively piece and parcel the property together to make it happen. But it's all moved along at what we think is an acceptable pace. It's also been assisted and helped by an EDA Grant that we were able to secure from the federal government with the assistance of Senator Landrieu and other members of our federal delegation for about \$1+ million dollars to help us address some of the infrastructure issues that are there and it represents again an opportunity to continue this vision towards making the west side of downtown a hub of a lots of activity, that generates jobs, generates opportunity, and that continues to allow us to be able to do our thing. So, with that Malcolm?

Mr. Stadtlander: The two public dedications proposing to be closed and abandoned are here and right here. This is the existing Millennium facility. The City of Shreveport owns all of the adjacent property to these two public dedications. We own all of this, we own all of this, and we own this. And so, we're requesting to close and abandon these so that this can be re-platted into a single parcel.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I see we do have - - - I believe that's Travis Street that would bring you out of downtown and take you over to Pete Harris, and then there is Sprague Street that would take you from downtown to Pete Harris also.

Mr. Stadtlander: As well as Caddo.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And Caddo. Alright, okay. Thank you much.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we need a motion to introduce Ordinance 136-142.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Everson to introduce Ordinance No(s). 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

# Ordinances on Second Reading and Final Passage (Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 116 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Capital Projects Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. *(FAMIS)* 

Having passed first reading on October 8, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

2. Ordinance No. 117 of 2013: An ordinance amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Hersey D. Wilson Project) (A/McCulloch)

Having passed first reading on <u>October 8, 2013</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Jenkins</u>.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 117 OF 2013

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

Delete the Ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached Ordinance

#### ORDINANCE NO. 117 OF 2013

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilwoman Rose McCulloch

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2013 budget for the Capital Project Fund to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes; and WHEREAS, in an election on April 2, 2011 the voters approved \$44,330,000 in

Proposition 3, and \$21,000,000 of said amount was approved for street improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agreed to use approximately \$3,000,000 (of the \$21,000,000) for street improvement in each Council District, however bonds were only sold for \$11,000,000 in the first bond sale; and

WHEREAS, the Hersey D. Wilson project will be ready to be bid in a few days, and at the time the project was established it was contemplated that most of the Construction funds would be available from a second bond sale which has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, unappropriated funds in Proposition 3 (generated from "interest and premium on bond sale") are available to construct this project; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council that \$1,000,000 (the amount appropriated herein) will be returned to the unappropriated bond fund, or appropriated for a use specifically approved by the Council after the approved bonds are sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 133 of 2012, the 2013 budget for the Capital Project Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Program C (Streets Improvements)

Increase the appropriation for a project entitled Hersey D. Wilson Project by \$1,000,000. Funding source is 2011 GOB Unappropriated Funds for Proposition #3 – Streets and Drainage as of June 30, 2013.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 133 of 2012 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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 to be severable.

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

Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 117 of 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Motion by Councilman <u>McCulloch</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u> to adopt Ordinance No. 117 of 2013 as amended.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'd like to make a substitute motion to postpone until we're complete with engineering.

Councilman Corbin: I will second that.

Substitute motion by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Corbin</u> to postpone for 30 days (November 26, 2013) or until engineering is complete.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And my issue is it was clear yesterday that they think it will be done in 30 days.

Councilwoman McCulloch: No, two weeks.

Councilman O. Jenkins: If it's ready in two weeks, I'd be happy to support it two weeks from now, but if it ends up taking two or three more months and there's another project that comes a higher priority, I would like the opportunity to at least explore that. That's my reasoning. I'm not sure everybody has to support it. If the project was ready to go, I'd support it today. It's not, and I'd like to wait until the project is ready.

Councilman Webb: Question. Do we have something on the horizon that may come up? Councilman O. Jenkins: Well, there are several other projects that could move forward that engineering is already done that is waiting on the second bond issue for funding.

Councilman S. Jenkins: What's your desire Councilwoman.

Councilwoman McCulloch: No, I'm not supporting the substitute motion.

Councilman Corbin: Let's vote on the substitute motion.

Councilman Everson: Wait, clarification. Is the substitute motion - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: It's just to postpone.

Councilman Everson: Is to postpone until the engineering is complete?

Councilman O. Jenkins: That is correct.

Councilman Everson: So, if the engineering is complete in 10 days, that'll be just on our next agenda?

Councilman O. Jenkins: It'll be on our next agenda.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne, 5. Nays: Councilmen McCulloch and S. Jenkins. 2. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Mr. Thompson: Just for the record, the amendment was adopted, so the amendment will be what you'll be voting on the next time.

Councilwoman McCulloch: The next two weeks? Councilman O. Jenkins: Whenever engineering is - - -

Councilman Corbin: Whenever we decide to bring it back up.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, that's all we have on the regular agenda.

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:* 

#### ORDINANCE NO. 116 OF 2013

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED THEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2013 Budget for Capital Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No, 133 of 2012, the Capital Improvements Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

### **In Program A - Building and Improvements:**

Maintain the appropriation for **Municipal Auditorium Parking** (**06A003**) at \$680,500. Ordinance 121 of 2012 authorized a reduction of appropriations by \$49,500. Funding source of decrease is the 2003 GOB, Prop 3 Maintain the appropriation for **SPAR Arts Center Replacement** (**10A001**) at \$4,237,500. Ordinance 140 of 2011 authorized an increase in appropriations by \$76,300. Funding source of the increase is 2001 GOB, Prop 3 Maintain the appropriation for **Police Property and Evidence Storage Facility** (**11A004**) at \$4,836,000. Ordinance 121 of 2012 authorized a reduction in appropriations by \$164,000. Funding source of the decrease is 2011 GOB, Prop 2 Maintain the appropriation for **Cross Lake Patrol Facility** (**11A005**) at \$564,000. Ordinance 121 of 2012 authorized an increase in appropriations by \$164,000. Funding source of the increase is 2011 GOB, Prop 2 **Net Increase for Program A: \$26,800** 

### **In Program B - Recreation Improvements:**

Maintain the appropriation for **Greenspace at Spring and Texas** (**10B005**) at \$175,000 as authorized by Ordinance 137 of 2010- Amendment #1. Funding source is the Downtown Entertainment Economic Development Special Revenue Fund

Maintain the appropriation for **East Kings Hwy. Park renovations** (11B013) at \$150,000 instead of \$279,000 shown in Ordinance 133 of 2012. Funding source remains \$150,000 from 2011 GOB, Prop 2 Maintain the appropriations for **Oakland Cemetery Improvements** (11B014) at \$279,000 instead of \$150,000 shown in Ordinance 133 of 2012. Funding sources remain \$129,000 from Riverfront Development and \$150,000 from 2011 GOB, Prop 2 Net Increase for Program B: \$175,000 In Program C - Street Improvements: Maintain the appropriation for Citywide Street Improvement Program (11C003) at \$10,810,000. Ordinance 121 of 2012 authorized an

appropriations decrease of \$190,000. Funding source of the decrease is 2011 GOB, Prop 3 Maintain the appropriation for **Ravendale and Old Mooringsport Intersection (12C001)** at \$25,000

as authorized by Ordinance 157 of 2011. Funding remains from 2001 GOB, Prop 3 Maintain the appropriation for **Shreveport Common Grand Avenue Street Promenade** (**12C002**) at \$239,500 as authorized by Ordinance 121 of 2012. Funding source remains at \$190,000 from 2011 GOB, Prop 3, and \$49,500 from General Fund

Net Increase for Program C: \$74,500 In Program D - Drainage Improvements: Close the project Ockley Ditch Improvements (92D002). Net Decrease for Program D: \$11,105,921 In Program E - Water Improvements: None

**In Program F - Sewer Improvements:** Maintain the appropriation for **Broadmoor Sewer Outfall 48" Sewer Main Rehabilitation (11F001)** at \$206,900 as authorized by Ordinance 84 of 2011 instead of \$620,700 shown in Ordinance 133 of 2012. Funding source remains \$206,900 from 2011 GOB, Prop 1. Since the adoption of Ordinance

133 of 2012, this project budget was further amended by Ordinance 54 of 2013.

Administration.

Net decrease for Program F: \$413,800 In Program G - Traffic Engineering:

None In Program H - Airports Projects:0 Maintain the appropriations for Construct Safety
Area for Runway 32 at Downtown Airport (10H002) at \$255,000. Ordinance 163 of 2012
authorized an increase in appropriations by \$45,000. Funding sources are \$10,000 from Shreveport
Airport Authority, \$14,500 from State Grant and \$230,500 from Federal Aviation Administration.

Maintain the appropriation for Rehabilitate Tug Road (12H009) at \$140,905. Ordinance 131 of
2012 authorized an increase of appropriations by \$10,905. Funding source remains \$140,905 from
State Grant. Maintain the appropriation for Terminal Improvements (12H005) by \$100,000 to
\$200,000 as originally established by Ordinance 52 and 53 of 2012. Funding source is \$100,000
from Shreveport Airport Authority and \$100,000 from State Grant. Maintain the appropriation for
Rehabilitate N36 Airport Rotating Beacon (12H003) at \$15,000 as authorized by Ordinance 163
of 2012. Funding source is \$15,000 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Insert to maintain the appropriation for Update master plan DTN (10H003) at \$525,000.

Funding source remains \$25,000 from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and
Development, \$25,000 Shreveport Airport Authority, and \$475,000 Federal Aviation

Insert to maintain the appropriation for **Rehab Runway 14-32 & Lighting Taxiway A South** (**10H002**) at \$9,936,000. Funding source remains \$473,000 from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, \$473,000 Shreveport Airport Authority, and \$8,990,000 Federal Aviation Administration. **Net Decrease for Program H: \$29,095 In Program L - Transit Improvements**: Decrease the appropriations for **2012 Sportran Capital Improvements** (**12L001**) by \$8,309 to \$3,551,120 as authorized by Ordinance 168 of 2012. Funding sources is an increase in the appropriation from General Fund by \$5,222 to \$704,024 and a decrease in the appropriation from Federal Funds by \$13,531 to \$2,839,596. Correct the funding sources for **2010 Pedestrian Walkway** (**10L002**) to delete \$55,090 from 1998 GOB Prop 6, and add \$55,090 from 2001 GOB Prop 3. Other funding sources remain \$449,080 from FTA Grant and \$57,180 from General Fund. **Net Decrease in Program L: \$8,309 TOTAL** (**All Programs**) **Net Decrease: \$11,280,825** Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 133 or 2012 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 117 OF 2013

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMNETS BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilwoman Rose McCulloch

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously adopted budget; and WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2013 budget for the Capital Project Fund to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 133 of 2012, the 2013 budget for the Capital Project Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

# **In Program C (Streets Improvements)**

Increase the appropriation for a project entitled Hersey D. Wilson Project by \$1,000,000. Funding source is 2011 GOB Unappropriated Funds for Proposition #3 – Streets and Drainage as of June 30, 2013.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 133 of 2012 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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 to be severable.

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

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Thompson, is there any tabled legislation to come off today?

# Tabled Legislation.

Mr. Thompson: We know of none Mr. Chairman.

- 1. <u>Ordinance No. 170 of 2012</u>: Amending and reenacting portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Residential Parking Permit Zones, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (*Tabled December 11, 2012*)
- 2. **Ordinance No. 89 of 2011** Amending and reenacting Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Solid Waste Collections, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (G/S. Jenkins) (*Tabled August 13, 2013*)
- 3. Ordinance No. 90 of 2013: Amending and reenacting Section 102-47 of the Code of Ordinances relative to insurance required for Vehicles for Hire and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne) (*Tabled August 27, 2013*)

- 4. **Ordinance No. 96 of 2013**: An ordinance amending and reenact Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article V relative to fowl and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne) (*Tabled September 10, 2013*)
- 5. Ordinance No. 113 of 2013: An ordinance amending the 2013 Streets Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 6. Ordinance No. 114 of 2013: An ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 7. **Ordinance No. 115 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Minor Arterial Asphalt Program*)
- 8. **2014 Budget Ordinances**: (To be adopted no later than December 15, 2013)

Ordinance No. 118 of 2013: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Capital Projects Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 119 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Riverfront Development Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 120 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 General Fund Budget, appropriating the authorized funds therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 121 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Retained Risk Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 122 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Metropolitan Planning Commission Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 123 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 124 of 2013</u>: An ordinance appting the 2014 Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 125 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Shreveport Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 126 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Downtown Entertainment Economic Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Ordinance No. 127 of 2013: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Airport Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 128 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Water and Sewerage Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 129 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Budget funding Contractual Services provided to SPORTRAN by Metro Management Associates, Inc., and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 130 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 131 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Convention Center Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Ordinance No. 132 of 2013: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 133 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Debt Service Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 134 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Streets Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

<u>Ordinance No. 135 of 2013</u>: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

#### **Appeals**

## **Property Standards Appeals**

- PSD0900275 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/Jenkins) Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Powell, 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) (Postponed September 23, 2013 until November 11, 2013)
- PSD1000086 2837 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Carolyn Ivory Wilson, 3646 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Jenkins) (*Postponed September 23, 2013 until December 23, 2013*)
- PSD1000141 728 Austin Pl, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Deborah Bryant, 9640 Tammy, Shreveport, LA 71106 (Caddo Parish) (*Postponed September 9, 2013 until December 9, 2013*)

- PSD1300047 1744 Ashton Street, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Ms. Verna Campbell, 6513 Cypress Pointe, Monroe, LA 71203 (Postponed October 7, 2013 until November 11, 2013)
- PSD1300012 1720 Exposition Avenue, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Josephine Smith, 2725 Poland Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (A/McCulloch) *NEW* (*Not to be heard prior to October 21, 2013*)
- PSD1300088: 1447 Andrew Ave., Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Mr. Don W. Ellis Sr., 1460 Kenneth Ave., Shreveport 71103 (*Postponed August 26, 2013 until October 21, 2013*)
- PSD1300151: 3015 Catherine St., Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Mr. Larry Davenport, 2245 Soda Lake Circle, Shreveport, LA 71107 (Postponed September 23, 2013 until November 25, 2013)
- PSD1300145 7129 Suntan Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. David Poston, 318 Crosscreek Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111 NEW (Not to be heard prior to October 21, 2013)
- PSD 1300082 5918 Attaway Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Jerome Fields, 5954 Attaway Street, Shreveport, LA 71108 (F/Shyne) NEW (Not to be heard prior to October 21, 2013)
- PSD1300218 360 E. 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA (C/O. Jenkins) Mr. Daniel Southern 368 E. 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA (C/O. Jenkins) *NEW (Not to be heard prior to November 25, 2013)*
- CAB1300989, CAB1300990, CAB1300991, CAB1300992/1814 Creswell Ave, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Dyretta J. Johnson, 1814 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) (NEW)(Not to be heard prior to November 11, 2013)

Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals
Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals
Other Appeals
Taxi Appeal
Reports from officers, boards, and committees

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, we need to schedule an Audit and Finance Committee meeting. We've had several reports that have been issued from our auditors, and we need to come together and review them. I'm not sure, I was - - - the members of that committee, myself and you Mr. Chairman, Councilman Everson, and Councilwoman McCulloch maybe to check our calendars to see if we can come up with an agreement date. Do you wish to do it before the next council meeting? I mean this or the next council meeting.

Councilman Corbin: Why don't you email out some possible days and let's see what we can get an agreement on, and if we can do it before the next council meeting, I think that'd be great.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, I'm going to turn that over to Ms. Stewart and ask her look into that for us and coordinate a meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Councilman O. Jenkins: As discussed yesterday, proposing a Public Safety meeting will be scheduled for 3:00 p.m. this Thursday. I've had one regret but I think we'll get together on that piece, but that was fine. So I hope to see everybody else there. I believe Jackie has either made an overture through the Taxi group?

Ms. White: yes.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Have we heard anything back from them?

Ms. White: They're going to get back to me tomorrow.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. So, at a minimum, we'll have the issue of the lounges requests for Sunday openings, and maybe on that agenda, we hope to have Session #2 with regard to Taxi Cab and Insurance Premiums.

Councilman Corbin: And if we could, I'd like to add another item to the discussion. Just some new information I've received and some discussion about the recently passed gate ordinance.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We will certainly have that, and I encourage you to join us, though not a member, and you have an item that you'd like to be discussed there, if you could be there to present it.

Councilman Corbin: I plan on it.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Chairman, this is to Chairman Oliver Jenkins, when we start discussing about the lounges being open on a Sunday, I might have to excuse myself, hear?

Councilman O. Jenkins: We're going to understand clearly on what side of the fence you stand.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Doesn't mean you have to go Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Everson: Also I'd like to make sure that everyone knows that we did schedule the Riverfront B-4 Committee meeting for Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. So we discussed that yesterday, just confirming that today.

Councilman Shyne: Jackie, you got that huh?

Mr. White: I have it.

Mr. Sibley: Mr. Everson, is there anything you needed particularly from the administration? Councilman Everson: I think that y'all provided the materials we needed. I don't think I need anything else. So, thanks for asking.

Councilman Shyne: In relation to that, have we notified - - -?

Councilman Everson: The applicants through the - - -do we have a data list of those Jackie that we could (inaudible) the applicants for the civic appropriations funding?

Ms. White: I have their numbers

Councilman Everson: Okay, well if we could include them in the notification, I think that would - - Councilman Shyne: Right, I wish we could call or maybe send out a correspondence, so we won't have anybody coming up saying I didn't know about it, and that kind of stuff.

Councilman Everson: We've got a week, so hopefully that'll give us time to make sure that they're notified. Most of them have provided email addresses so that should be - - - we should be able to just attach them to that. If not, I know that when Jackie sends out the public notice (inaudible), so if you're aware of a group that you think may not have been attached on there, we'd encourage you to share it with them and I'll do the same.

Councilman Shyne: Please do Jackie, any emails, or any way you know how to contact them personally, because this is very, very important to some of them. I mean this is what they look for from year to year. And we just want to make sure that they are notified. I'll lay it on Mr. Thompson or Oliver.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm always available for blame.

Councilman Everson: And another update, for a different committee. The Infrastructure Committee some time ago approved in the Council on (inaudible) in the payment management system. And so I wanted to give y'all a brief update. The consultants who are working on the payment management system did have an opportunity to do a training session with our engineers and go over what information is already in that system and what's left to be put in there. They collected all of the data at this point, they scanned the entire city meaning they've driven every street and road that belongs to the city and collected information, collected payment information, information about what sort of assets were on that as far as street lights, curbing, you know sidewalks, different things like that. Street signs, other things like that. So a lot of information was being gathered. It's now in the phase where it's being processed and added into the payment system, and we've got a little bit of a preview of how that will work. I was very pleased with it. I believe everyone, when that is completed, will be very pleased with it. It is exactly what we had asked for and hoped for. But one thing that I want to ask is that if any council member has in mind a way that you might like to search streets information in the future, this is the time now to kinda ask for that so we can build it into the system so that we can generate the reports that are helpful. So, if you have something that you think might be unusual, or might be unique to your district, let us know, we'll share that with the developer.

Councilman O. Jenkins: What occurs to me is having seen Mr. Harris' email this week about payment, the asphalt, the annual asphalt overlay program. How soon will we be able to use this data base to ascertain what our highest priorities are?

Councilman Everson: The data last week was at about 65-70% processed and entered. So they're still about 30% left and I believe that that may not be including the entirety of the assets. So, I think our expectation is before the end of the year, but I'm not sure that it would be before the next month. So it'll be - - - you got a few more weeks left.

Councilman O. Jenkins: But at that time, and I'm happy to go with staying it, the specific question is once that data is in there, will we be able to evaluate on a compare the degradation of one street? Like if I ask for a run of okay, we're looking at asphalt, tell me what my most degraded street per this system?

Councilman Everson: You'll be able to look at what's called a PCI number, and PCI (Payment Condition Index), that is a number that is sort of relative to the community so it's based on the overall makeup of your streets and what's in there now and the difference between the live information and the processed information, is that the live information is data points more than we could possibly look at together information. So what it's done is it's averaging in and segments of stretches of road, it's averaging in on those data points, so that you get a real accurate feel for the entirety of it as opposed to just one spot. So you may have two or three potholes on the street. But the rest of that street is a great well-constructed street that's got a long time on it, what they do is they average it out so that you will know the difference between those two (inaudible). And so they're in the process of doing that. Will it be ready for the allocation of the 2013 asphalt overlay? Probably not. But for the year 2014, most certainly.

Mr. Stan Harris: Right. Our intention is to have that available for next year, but for the most part at least to be in a working document where we can actually use it. What we want to do is not only with the PCI, the Payment Condition Index, that's just looking at the condition of the street. What you also want to include in there, the amount of traffic. Because what we want to be able to do is create an index or a number that rates every street in the city. That way you'll have a comparable index as to what condition what street is relative to another street.

Councilman Shyne: And that's very important to the amount of traffic.

Mr. Stan Harris: It becomes a part of the factor when we make decisions about what streets can improve.

Councilman Everson: And one other thing I think was really interesting about this, that I didn't even know if I realized this until we were in there is that we are able to - - - so this will also identify what type of work is needed for the street improvements as well as when that work is done, how much it will increase it, and how long that street quality will last. And so it will give you the ability to also tie into budgeting and materials, so that you can have an estimate for the cost to re-do a street you know by a simple (inaudible) on the system as opposed to having to send somebody out there to collect information. You know it'll give you a general estimate just as part of the search. So, cities for instance, really don't have (inaudible) when they reference that provides a high level of public access to their system. And in El Paso, a citizen, any citizen can log onto that computer program, punch in their address and it'll tell them even if their neighborhood just got constructed and there's no anticipated work on that thing for 40 years. It'll tell you in 40 years, your street's being redone. But if you live on an older street in an area where you think you need work in the next year, you can log onto that system and it'll say in three years, we plan to do an overlay, or in five years we plan to reconstruct the entire street. They've got every single street in their city laid out when it is expected to work on it for decades to come. So that's what the capability of a system like this. Now, does it pay for it? No, we've got to sync them up with the (inaudible) budget, but obviously it does help 'em put those resources that are away where you can spend a couple hundred-thousand dollars, keeping a street at an A+ level street, so that it doesn't get to the point where you have to spend a few million dollars to rebuild it. So, it is a very, very valuable system. I think the Council will be really pleased with it when the results are final.

Mr. Stan Harris: The other thing that the system will provide the council and the mayor's office as well, it'll give us an idea of what our total backlog in terms of street costs actually are. And with that number, then we can develop a strategy on how we want to actually approach our streets.

Councilman Corbin: Alright, thank you Stan, Councilman Everson. Alright I believe that brings us to what is often the highlight of our meeting, and that is the Clerk's Report Mr. Thompson.

Councilman Shyne: Wow.

### Clerk's Report

Mr. Thompson: Well, I gave you a report yesterday. We give the same report that we gave yesterday, except that it was:

ZONING Appeal BAC-133-13: 3049 Martin Luther King, Floyd Edward Williams, South side of M. L. King, 200 west of Havana, Special Exception Use & variance in size & number of accessory structures in an R-1H (SPI-2) District. (A/McCulloch)

Mr. Thompson: And the letter is on my desk to put that on the agenda for the next meeting. It will go out tomorrow.

**The Committee "rises and reports"** (reconvenes the regular council meeting) **Adjournment**: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

//s// Michael Corbin, Chairman

//s// Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council