Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana November 26, 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 3:16 p.m., Tuesday, November 26, 2013, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

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

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Rose Wilson-McCulloch, Jeff Everson, Michael Corbin, Oliver Jenkins (Arrived at 3:18 p.m.), Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Sam Jenkins. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, November 11, 2013, Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman O. Jenkins. 1.

Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, Communications of the Mayor relative to city business, and Required Reports

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

Councilman Corbin: I'd like to take just a moment before we get into that and I guess take a Chairman's privilege and say thank you to the Council for their support this year. This will be my last meeting as chairman and I certainly appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Council Chair. Thank you to Council Staff for bailing me out of numerous occasions and keeping me on the right track. Mayor Glover, thanks to you and your staff and the ability to have open dialogue and talk with department heads to get information needed and give thanks to them. And it has certainly been an honor to serve this year and I look forward to moving one seat to my right. I mean one seat to my left. Alright, Councilman Everson?

Councilman Everson: Yes, I appreciate it. I wanted to start by recognizing Stacy from the Convention and Visitors Bureau who has asked to make a brief presentation.

Ms. Stacy Brown: (Shreveport/Bossier Convention and Visitors Bureau) Chairman Corbin, Vice-Chairman Shyne, Mayor Glover, appreciate y'all allowing me to come before you today to talk to you a little bit about tourism and our budget this year. You have before you a copy of our 2014 budget, our business plan. I got the final draft last night so it wasn't quite ready, so I'll be sending you that business plan in the next week or so, so you'll have a copy of that as well. At the Convention and Visitors Bureau, we have a true passion for what we do. And we recognize that the things that we do for tourism impact not only those directly involved in tourism, but the community as a whole, because it is economic development. Because tourism exist, every person in Caddo and Bossier Parishes pay less in taxes. So whether you realize it or not, tourism affects

you. So it's very important that we do things to ensure our growth for tourism for the future. Each year, we review our programs to make sure that they're being effective and tweak them to make them better. Look at what is happening nationally and regionally to make sure that we're on the cutting edge with our programs as well. And that we work with an outside consultant to do that to make sure that we are really making the best of the funds that we have in providing the greatest economic return on investment. Right now, we are working on three research projects to help us focus our funds better. One of those is a research project with the hotels themselves, to look at who is staying in the hotels, where are they coming from, what are they here for? Are they here for business, are they here for meetings, or sporting events, for military, medical reasons? And kinda looking at our market, we do that every couple of years so that we can keep track of how our market is changing. We're also doing research from our visitors, asking them what are you doing when you come, what is your experience, what are some things that you would like to see in our community, and where can we make improvements? The third one is with meeting planners. Some meeting planners that have come to Shreveport/Bossier and brought meetings here and some that would possibly consider us for the future, but have not been here. What do they like about our facilities? Were we providing good service from the Convention and Visitors Bureau as well as our facilities and what can we do to make it better for them to host more meetings in Shreveport/Bossier. As you know this has been a challenging year. We have seen a tremendous growth in the number of hotel rooms available. In fact, this year, we have 137,000 more room nights to sell than we did just about 18 months ago. So, it's a tremendous amount of inventory to add at one time. So, just looking at our markets, looking at where we have those great opportunities, and really positioning ourselves a little bit differently, to the market place to encourage that increased visitation. This year, we also had the closure of two properties that we used for groups, the Barnwell Garden and Art Center, and the Municipal Auditorium. Both under renovations with the bond issue. I have been in the Municipal and toured that. It's looking really great. I think it's going to continue to be an asset for groups and meetings as well as conventions and other events. So we appreciate your commitment to that facility. It's not only a great facility, it has some tremendous history that's well worth saving it for the future. Also Cargill Park, I understand that is on the list to be undergone, the renovations before too long, and that will be a tremendous asset with us as well. It's actually been a blessing that things were put off a little bit. With our economic downturn, sports is one of those things that people are going to come and see their grandson, their sons and daughters play in those tournaments. So that's been a tremendous asset for those, especially west end hotels. And we do a number of tournaments out there, SPAR is a tremendous partner with us in hosting those and we appreciate that partnership. This has been our second full year for the Shreveport/Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau's Division of the Sports Commission. And we appreciate Markey Pierre, your appointee as well as Mr. Wesley as well as Ms. Ragle-Stone being on that committee as well. Helping us to really look at what events are out there. What best fits in our market and look at our facilities as well and how we can best utilize those. We are continuing to make adjustments. We've been very successful in building some relationships that had been kinda damaged by a previous organization, and we've been able to mend a lot of those fences, and get some events back to our area, and get some new events as well. In our attractions, we're continuing to provide assistance to them. Looking at ways to grow what they're doing and improve what they have to offer. Research nowadays show that people want to live large and carry little. A few years ago, someone would watch a cooking show and say I want to buy the \$2800 cookware that they're using. Now they want to go to the destination where the Chef is putting on a cooking demonstration. So that bodes well for tourism, but we've got to be experiential and provide those great experiences. So we're actually working with a

gentleman to come in and work with our attractions directly and help them continue to improve their experiences that they offer and find new streams of revenue. As you know, one of the funding agents to some of those attractions, small nonprofits, they need to look at things a little bit differently and how can they generate funds by using their assets a little bit differently. So, we're helping them to do that. This right now, we've developed something called the Christmas Holiday Hot Deals, where we've partnered with the hotels, along with many of our retail outlets. Several of our retail malls as well as individuals stores to provide a great coupon book that's only available to people who book at participating hotels. So you get a \$20 gift card to Dillard's as well as some other discounts that are not available to any of the general public. So, we're actually selling a number of packages to help fill our hotels, and bring in revenue to the community. People from outside the area who wouldn't normally shop in Shreveport/Bossier, so that increases our tax revenue as well. Through these programs, we've really worked to build our destination. We've recognized that although our primary reason for existing is to market outside the area so that we bring in those overnight visitors. If they're not have a great experience, or having a hard time getting here, then we're not doing our total jobs. So part of what we do is help work on things like I-49, and rail and getting people into the area. Working with the cleanup committee to make sure that people are having a nice clean city to come into and helping to coordinate those different agencies that work on cleanup. Also working with the cities and the parishes on providing those great parks and how do we help promote those. Y'all work so hard to provide those to our citizens, let's make sure we're inviting visitors to them as well. We always work on partnerships whenever we can. We recognize that whenever we can partner, we can make everyone's money go further. And so we have a number of divisions of the bureau that we work with. One of those is Louisiana North, where we work with the 29 parishes north of I-10 to work together to do trade shows, do other marketing together, to work on especially regional areas that may not come to just Shreveport/Bossier, but will come to North Louisiana as a whole and visit Shreveport/Bossier while they're doing that. Another is the Holiday Trail of Lights. We are a partner with eight other cities in Louisiana. We market and promote mainly to Bus groups, to travel agents and tour operators to bring them into the Shreveport Bossier area and the rest of the areas, and you'll see the Holly Jolly Guy. That's one of the things that we've done to help encourage that visitation from outside the market. Also the "Boom or Bust Byway", that is here in Caddo, Bossier, Webster and Claiborne Parishes. And it helps encourage people to get out and about to the parish and stay longer and spend more money in our community. Some of the major changes in the budget are due largely to our increased role in the sports area. We continue to fund that, not only with dollars to the Sports Commission Budget, but also within the Bureau budget. Your support of those events and the FLW Tournament this year is greatly appreciated. We have worked very hard to practice very sound fiscal and business planning, and responsible budgeting. As you know our income is down, so we have budgeted down for our expenses as well. However, we do work to bring in events that will multiply our expenditures. One of those is coming up next week. We've partnered with the Hilton Shreveport and the Shreveport Convention Center to start a new meetings and conventions trade show called Rendezvous South. We have about 20 very qualified meeting planners that have agreed to meet in one or more of the six destinations participating. And so they're coming into our market. Some of them are actually coming in early to do site inspections, because they want to bring their meeting or event here to Shreveport/Bossier. So meetings like that. Also, next year we have South Central Motor Coach Association coming here in town. This year, we hosted the North American Travel Journalist Association where we had about 66 travel writers from across the country, with publications like American Way Magazine, (inaudible) Traveler. USA Today, some of those publications you recognize and read on a regular

basis. They have writers here in town to write about Shreveport and Bossier while they were hosting their annual meeting here. So these are some of the things that we are doing to increase tourism and bring in revenue to Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Shreveport and Bossier City. We would like to invite you our open house, this is next Friday, December 6th, from 11-2:00 p.m. It's our downtown office and we'd love to have you come by. We have fantastic food, you can't miss it. And that will be a great way to kick off our partnership also with ringing in the season with lighting and music and the Red River District, we're partnering with SPAR to put that on. And it'll be music and lights every Friday night in December. So again, Mayor, Chairman Corbin, we appreciate you allowing us to come before today, and if there are any questions, I'd be glad to answer them.

Councilman O. Jenkins: My only, I don't want to say concern, because of course appreciate the two communities so close together. But on some of the revenue numbers, I am a little bit surprised at how close Bossier and Caddo have become.

Ms. Brown: And actually, it flipped for a while, Bossier used to bring in more revenue than Shreveport, more hotels were in Bossier than for several years, more hotels were built in Shreveport and you saw the revenue swing the other way. Now with more hotels in Bossier, you're starting to see it even out. And with the addition of Margaritaville as well on the Bossier side.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And of course, those are projections for 2014 at this point.

Ms. Brown: Right, which is pretty close to what we believe we'll actually receive this year. We're expecting to be probably up a little bit, but we'd rather budget conservatively and so that's a pretty flat budget.

Councilman Webb: Stacy, I know there were some rumbles going about Bossier separating themselves from us in that department. Is that - - -

Ms. Brown: No. That is - - -

Councilman Webb: That's a false rumor?

Ms. Brown: That's a false rumor.

Councilman Webb: Okay. That's good to hear.

Ms. Brown: Not as far as - - - right. No, that's not correct.

Councilman Corbin: Stacy is there anything that we're missing or we need to better develop to - - - I mean if you had to name two things, that we needed to increase tourism here, for convention business based on reactions that you get in your day-to-day work, what would those be?

Ms. Brown: One of the first things on the sports, we had a consultant come in a few years ago. And he said, you know if you could only do one thing, I would put four more soccer fields out at Cargill. You know we do some great tournaments out there already, especially on the baseball and softball side. Because of the number of fields we have for soccer, which is growing very rapidly, we're limited in the size of tournaments we can put out there, so that would open some new opportunities for us. One of the things we are seeing in our research is that people are not as satisfied with our destination as they have been in the past. We relied very heavily on repeat visitation. So making sure that we are doing the things that we need to do to give them the great experience. One of the things we've done this year is added the "Wow" training for the taxi drivers. That has been actually very well received by the drivers. A lot of 'em come in kinda grumbling. But when they leave, they're happy they did it, and they understand that we're trying to help them increase their revenue as well. You give great service, you get better tips. In trying to teach them where those visitors are that are going to be needing taxis and how to provide that service. The cleanliness is one of the things that needs to be addressed, and I know Mayor Glover

has talked about adding more into this year's budget to do some of that. Also, kind of working everybody together because there are so many organizations that do a part of it. So we've formed a committee where we're trying to bring all the different, not only in Shreveport and Caddo, but in Bossier City and Bossier Parish as well. So, we've got the Sheriffs and the Mayors, and all the variety of Shreveport Green, Keep Bossier Beautiful, the Sheriff's offices do a good bit of clean up, DOTD, and trying to bring all of those efforts together, and see how we can magnify them. And we're working on a special campaign for that as well.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'd just like to say, it's interesting you said that about the soccer fields and softball fields, you know one thing we do put forth a fair amount of money on are to some of these events. That come from city revenue that we support some of the fishing tournaments. Now clearly, the cost of one of those fishing tournaments could do significant dent into one of those soccer fields. And so I think that's maybe from your perspective of what brings people to the city. I hope that's part of that consideration.

Ms. Brown: Absolutely. It's really important when we look at events, that we keep a variety and so some are what we call more spectator sports, which a lot of times will bring more people in. Say you know Johnny has a baseball tournament, and there's 150 teams. So all the players, and the parents and the grandparents are going to come, that's going to bring a lot of overnight visitors. So that has one type of economic impact. Something like an FLW has a direct as well as an indirect. Because of the television coverage and the public relations value of the event, for instance, one of the conventions that we just got a yes on, they saw the tournament on NBC and said, you know what? I have a waterways convention, this is a great waterway, we've never considered coming to Shreveport/Bossier before, but why not? So, they came here for their board meeting, and decided to host their annual convention here in 2015. So some of it has some additional residual effects other than just the tournament itself. So some of the those also raise awareness that will bring you other events. Because of those events like Bassmaster Classic and the FLW, when Texas was having its drought this year, there's an organization called Bass Champs and it's the Texas State Bass Championship. They said, our body of water is too low, last minute, we have to move our tournament. We've got a little over 30 days, where can we move it, that we know they can accommodate us and turn it this fast? So, they gave us a call and said, we saw you hosted the Bassmaster Classic and that you're about to host FLW, we would love to host our tournament there in October, can you make that happen on that short of a turnaround? And we could. So for that, we hosted 250 boats with two anglers in each, plus their friends and family that attended at a very low cost. So some of these (inaudible) tournaments, when you look at it just by itself, you may think that's a lot to pay for that. But you've also got to consider the other things that are a spinoff from those events.

Councilman Corbin: Any other questions? Thank you Stacy.

Ms. Brown: Thank you. Have a great day. Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Everson: If I could make one more recognition. I know that J. Meyers with Biomedical Research Center is here and has a presentation for us, and just since I don't want to hog everybody's time, before we listen to the presentation, I did want to take a brief moment to thank the Fire Department and the Louisiana ATF for the arrest that was made on the Olive Street Bistro situation. Obviously that was a much loved restaurant in my district, and it was sad to see what happened there. An arrest was made and it was a very thorough investigation. So I just wanted to take a moment to thank and appreciate those folks that had a part in seeing that through.

Mr. Jay Meyers: (Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana) Thank you Jeff. President Corbin, members of the City Council, Mayor Glover, thank you again for having us discuss I think a very exciting project for Shreveport/Bossier and North Louisiana. It's called the

Entrepreneurial Accelerated Program. But before I get into that, I wanted to explain just a little background on the Biomedical Research Foundation. You know over the past 20 years, the Biomed has helped to pioneer many new innovative projects for this area. To advance knowledge based economic development in North Louisiana and we believe it's had a significant impact on our community. Over \$266,000,000 over the last 20 years has been raised to advance this effort that we've been developing, and that has only come with 12% coming from Caddo Parish tax dollars. And that's an 8-1 return on our local investment. So what I wanted to do now is kind of take you through a little power point presentation here. Because I think a key of this whole effort has been the spirit of the community. It's a yes we can spirit that really started out when we began building the Biomedical Research Institute, and it's 56 state of the art research labs. These labs have helped the LSU School of Medicine triple their yearly extramural support for funding their researchers who are working to find cures to disease and management in the treatment of disease. So that's been a really important part of what we've done. One of the key projects the Virginia K. Shehee Biomedical Research Institute. Another important thing that we've advanced is the Intertech Science Park. If you take a look at the corner of Mansfield and Kings Hwy, back in 1999, you can see a Bingo and a Family Dollar. That's been transformed here in 2013 through the building of the Intertech Science Park, the ten facilities that we have that house 23 tenants and employ 360 individuals with an annual payroll of \$18,000,000. These are some of the tenants. Red River Farmer who was recently bought out by Nestle Corporation. It's the world's leading nutrition corporation. They're going to, we believe, expand operations within the science park, through Red River Farmer and that's very exciting. We have the academy winning Moonbot Studios is one of our tenants and the young creative spirit that that's brought to our area, through the Moonbot Studios. You've got Brady Blade and his studio and how they interact with all the things that go on in the community, is a very important tenant within the community. So, you can see the impact that this science park has had. The most recent accomplishment and probably our largest accomplishment over the last 20 years that we're most proud of is Management and operation of now University Health Shreveport and University Health Conway. That's over 3500 employees and a \$1,000,000,000 economic impact to our community. The Entrepreneurial Accelerated Program that we're going to talk to you a little bit about today is going to leverage each of these assets that you've seen and also additional assets that we have in our community. The program is outlined in this packet. I'm going to give that to you at the end of the presentation, but it's a 16 page proposal. It has all the details of where we think this can advance our community, and you'll have the opportunity to look at that during the coming weeks, if you decide if you're interested in moving us forward. But let me just briefly tell you what this is all about. You know basically what the Entrepreneurial Program does is it links those individuals that have new ideas, you know whether that's new barbeque sauce or a new (inaudible) on a chip. It could be anything in between, and we link those up with high network individuals. I mean that is really the essence of it because those high network individuals can provide the seed dollars to actually move those companies forward and grow them. Now this is a model that's been very successful in other cities. We've looked at the Austin model, we'll talk to you a little bit about that. Some of the Council men and women went with us on that trip. We looked at the San Francisco model through the Silicon Valley. We looked at the model in Columbus, Ohio. Went and visited that, as well as Oklahoma City when the Mayor took that sister city tour in UAB. All these are doing similar types of programs, and we've actually taken some of the ingredients of those programs and we're going to offer those to our city to really move forward this whole endeavor. You know really leading our charge in this, our secret weapon is Dr. John George. He's the President and Chairman of the Board of the Biomedical Research Foundation, and believe me, the guy really has

a lot of skills. I know you've read a lot about him in the paper because of his skills and mergers and acquisitions, and working with our Chairman of the Board, Steve Skrivanos to really move forward that (inaudible) commitment and accomplishment with the University Health and Conway here in Shreveport. But in addition to that, Dr. George was instrumental in connecting us with a gentleman that you're going to here from in a five minute video, Dr. John Sibley Butler, who is actually a 2012 LSU Alumnus of the Year. Dr. George sits on the Board of Supervisors. They met serendipitously at a Tiger football game, because actually Dr. Butler was in the Tiger Band before he went off to Northwestern, got his Ph.D. and ended up at the University of Texas, 35 years ago. Currently, Dr. Butler is the Herb Kelleher Chair in Entrepreneurship at the University of Texas at Austin. He's been there over 35 years and he understands the model that we're going to present and move forward here in Shreveport, and he's been helping to share this with individuals around the world, countries, cities, that this particular institute is working with. Well two weeks ago, the Biomedical Research Foundation with the Caddo Parish Commission and a lot of other civic leaders went off to Austin for a trip to actually meet with Dr. Butler to learn firsthand the success story of the Austin model. And you know during that time, we got to see a lot of things that Austin's doing, learn about the (inaudible) and take this information back to Shreveport. Dr. Butler has visited Shreveport many times during the last two years that we've been working with him. And Council Rose McCulloch, when we went up to Austin and met with Dr. Butler and his team two weeks ago, she said, Jay wouldn't it be great if we could bring Dr. Butler in to address the City Council about the opportunities that this presents us. Unfortunately he had another commitment, but he has put together this brief five-minute video that I wanted to share with you and actually give you a little overview of some of the things that we saw in Austin.

Video Presentation – Dr. John Sibley Butler

Mr. Jeyers: Well he was just about done, and I think you can see his excitement in working with us during the coming years as we try to connect those ideas. Dr. George, did you want to say anything?

Dr. John F. George, Jr., M.D.: (Biomedical Research Foundation of North Louisiana) One of the take aways that I came away with when we went down there was when they started, 350,000 people. 1989, and now they're 800,000 people. And so, you know it's like and he says it a lot, he didn't say it much in that, but if you want to get in the game, this is the way to get in the game. And we've looked at three or four models. We really are basing it more off Tech Columbus than we are Austin, but he was closer and he's more dynamic, and he's from Louisiana, and I thought that was very important. Not only that, but I was there when he made a similar presentation to Baton Rouge, when Baton Rouge was 350,000 people. Alright? And so they didn't quite grasp the idea, and so I think this is a time and a moment in history where they're fumbling around down in Baton Rouge, and if we can get our act together, and we can bring John and Tech Columbus idea here, it's not original, it's proven. And we can put that in place here, we have a leg up. They're passing a billion dollar tax to build a medical school in Austin. That's what he was talking about, not a hospital. He misspoke, he meant a medical school. We got it. We got it here. We just got to organize around the (inaudible) assets that we have and put some funding behind 'em and get 'em off the dime. And given a shot. Will it work? I don't have a crystal ball, but I'm telling you, they did it in Tech Columbus. Okay? And they're created - - - our numbers if you look at 'em are based off of their numbers they're about the same size city we are. Of course, they've got you know Ohio State close by and Baton Rouge has LSU, and Austin has UT. But we

have universities here. We have LSU HSC, we have Tech, we have Northwestern, we have Southern, we have Grambling. We have Bossier Community College and better yet, we have our community. And I think those ideas are going to come out of our community. Each one of y'all at some point and time has had an idea about starting a business doing something and it stopped right there, because you didn't have the resources to go to, to give you the support, to get it from your brain into action. And that's what we're trying to create. And so that's my appeal to y'all. I hope you read the stuff. Thank you very much.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Dr. George, before you sit down, could you kind of talk briefly about the Angel Support Group? Because it seems like it's becoming organized and in order for us to make it happen - - -

Dr. George: Right. One of the things that Rose is talking about is that I explain like this. There's three to four buckets that you have to have together for this stuff to work. The first bucket is the idea bucket. And that's what I'm talking about, the universities, I'm talking about our community, you know that's the idea bucket. And inside the idea bucket, they have to have support there. They've got to have research dollars, they've got to have tech transfer that everybody talks about. And all that is, is getting the ideas and saying you identify an idea. And then once you move out of that, you have to have a decision support team. And that's what we're trying to do right here. The decision support. And those are people that understand how to get something from the idea stage to market. And I can raise the money for it, they're just getting it prepared to go say Oliver, I've got a deal. I want you to look at it. It's a water deal and here it is and this is why, and I did this, and I saw it work over here, and Saudi Arabia, and I think if we did that we could put in all of business. That's what we are missing right now. It's going to cost this much, here are the legal ramifications, here's the business plan. Here's what we think, here's why we're going to do - - - and then, we're going to give you a market to go present these ideas to rich individuals. Then the next bucket is the Angel Fund Bucket. And that Angel Fund Bucket, right now is our wealthy individuals in this community. And when I say this community, I mean the Ark-La-Tex and all the way over to Mississippi and East Texas. The individuals that want to support their community, okay? But they don't have the vehicle for it. It's a one off thing. If you're lucky and somebody hears that you got a little bit of money, they show up in your office on Friday and they go, hey, here's the deal. And you look at it, and you go, you know I don't know anything about water deals, I don't know anything about whatever deal they bring. Usually, it's a medical deal and nobody understands that. So, you got to have a team of people to look at this and vet it and put it in a form that you believe that somebody more intelligent than you looked at it and thinks it's good, and then it's got to fit your personality. You like those kind of deals, then you'll invest. The Angel Fund Group is going to be, and Jay, this his forte and I've been begging him to you know, this is where I think he fits in the team, is to organize these people that have the money to try to put a fund together, the early stage people that help these companies. There's \$2,000,000 sitting in Baton Rouge waiting to be matched with money if we could raise it up here. Okay? So, we're in that process to try and raise the money to go get the match. So, if we can raise \$2,000,000 locally, we can get \$2,000,000 from Baton Rouge. And get that part started, but who cares if you have a seed fund, if you don't have the development team fund. And that doesn't work if you don't have the idea fund or the idea stage. So, you have to have all these pieces, and that's why economic development has not worked very well in this region, because we don't have this stuff. What we do is we market. Hey, come here, we'll give you some tax incentives, you know blah, blah, blah. And some of them, they're really diligent come here, but you're competing against Dallas and Austin, and E. Texas even. I mean most of the manufacturers is right in Longview. It's not Dallas, it's right there. So we have to do it a little differently. I'm not saying we give up on all

that stuff, because you know I think you still try to do that. Those are usually the big things. When you get the big car companies, you do such and such and you buy the conventions to come into town. This is supporting our people, supporting our knowledge base that we have here. And it's here. I mean it truly is. Look what happened in Austin. I mean Dell came out of Austin. He was a kid. He came to the IC2 Institute. The very first, this is something, the very first company, and I can't remember the name right now that the IC2 Institute helped was a lady from Byrd. And she made her multimillion dollars. She went to Austin, and in her book that she wrote, she said I had to leave Shreveport because I didn't have any support. She's a Byrd graduate. That was in the late '80s. So we have the people, we just don't have the support. And I believe that's what government should do. Government should put these things in place to give the support to the people so then they can work themselves out into the private sector. And so again, that's the Angel Fund, and I think that's a piece that we're also trying to do. But the main piece you've got to have to make this all work is the development piece. And that's what we're asking y'all for money for.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Now in that last bucket, that's where we fit in, right?

Dr. George: No, you fit in - - - the fit in the bucket that we fit in is the development. That's the piece that we need to put - - - to go hire the talent, to vet these projects.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And that's going to take money for that, right?

Dr. George: That's right.

Councilwoman McCulloch: So, as I understood it, I didn't get that from you guys during the presentation, but there were some figures floating around that maybe there were some expectations from not only the City Council, but the Commission, and Bossier as well.

Dr. George: Right, well, we decided just to - - - Caddo Commission four times, so we're just trying to give you the flavor of the ideas. And my goal I can tell you, I'm trying to raise \$10,000,000 over a five year period of time. \$2,000,000 a year. I know (inaudible) says I don't have that kind of money. I'm looking for all sorts of support. I'm looking at not only from y'all, I'm looking for the Caddo Parish Commission, I'm going over to Bossier, we're going to be doing all this stuff. This is what the BRF should be doing. The hospital deal, I want to make perfectly clear, you know a separate animal. We help that because we think it's economic development, we didn't want to lose those jobs. We thought it was essential to our mission, but this is true of what the BRF should be doing. Once that board gets established, they'll have their own CEO, they're going to have their own game plans, and criteria, and they're going to be doing their thing. The BRF should be supporting us and the reason why you support this, is because they homerun is going to be sitting over in that medical school. You know the homerun, the ones that you know Whole Foods came out of IC2 Institute. Now that's not a - - - but that was a homerun. Victoria Secrets came out of Tech Columbus. We all know about that one, that was a homerun. Austin must have - - - they have a wall with at least what? 200 companies up there now? That they have their plaques when they come through the IC2 Institute, they put their plaques up there. And it's phenomenal and what's happening is, it supports itself. Now, I mean I think Dell, he said that Dell made 36 multi-millionaires when that company was made. And then they start doing their own little companies, and doing their things. And so a lot of that stuff spun out of that. See you know you do this, you don't know if it's going to work or not, but if you're in the game, you have a chance, and you might be able to hit the homerun and if we can hit the homerun, it might turn our economy around, might turn our tax base around, and that's what we're all scared to death about. And this is just a chance to try to do that. It is a lot of money. I know it, but I feel comfortable that this is the right organization. I believe it's the right place to do it at. I think they proved that they've done it. They have a lot of the pieces. When I got there, I was surprised how many pieces

they already had in place, but they don't have this central development team that I think that needs to be done. And if y'all will go, if you read this, go to Tech Columbus and look. This is a great story, I know I've run over my time but it seems like everybody's falling asleep on me. When I came back to town and we were trying to get them in Baton Rouge to do this. So I can just tell you, they're not doing it down there very well at all. Okay? And I came back and I said, let's try to do this at LSU because you know why not do a microcosm, you know if the state can't get off their butts and figure it out, let's try to do it up here. So I got up here, and I met a guy named Tommy (Inaudible) and I told Tommy what I was trying to do. He was a Tech transfer guy at LSU. He said that is a great idea. He says, they're are you doing it at Tech Columbus, and I didn't even know it. He said, they raise me \$800,000 and I'm moving, and so I'm not going to be at this job much longer to help you. And I said, really? I said, how are they doing it? And he said, come with me. So I got on a plane and I flew up there, and that night they raised him a million dollars through this Angel Fund. They had a little (inaudible) be like East Ridge. You know it wasn't something fancy, it was like just East Ridge. They had drinks and food and they set up there and they had about 10 guys. I learned more about coal mining, finding a coal miner that I ever knew before, because some guy built some kind of transistor that would transmit a location yet five miles under the earth. You wouldn't think that was a big deal, but apparently satellites don't work and blah, blah, blah. But he did it. And that was one of the deals and they had all these deals. And they had a little team that vets these things, and then they go back in a room, and people that are interested in investing come up and say hey, I'm interested in investing and they have this process. And they raised this guy a million dollars. So through the process, \$1,800,000 was raised through the wealthy people in that area of Columbus. He moved his home. He lived down on Ellerbe Road, he sold his house and moved his whole family to Columbus. And he's up there now. The Biomed actually made a little investment in his company. So we get to stay on the information trail, and he's still struggling and doing well, but you know I think that's part of the entrepreneurship, and they have I think about five or six employees. They're all making around \$50-70,000 a year, and you know I hope for him that it's successful. But I'm very envious that he should never have left Shreveport. And that's why I'm passionate about this. I hate to see our brightest go to other places and get these kind of jobs when they're right here in Shreveport and we just need this kind of organization to support them, and support our constituents. I mean we need this for us. You know I've lived here and I tell people this all the time, I was born here, I went to Captain Shreve, I went to Youree Drive, I went to Riverside, and I went to LSU and I came back, I'm going to die here. You know so why don't we try to make this a better place. This is my little push to try to make it a better place and that's why I'm here to ask for y'all's assistance. And I hope that y'all read this stuff and not go to sleep and see if you can't see it my way. If not, I think if you do something with somebody else, I think you need to look at this model, because I really believe that this is the right model. Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Any questions?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I see one of the best two lawyers in town sitting back there Ron and my good friend Sam are two of the best lawyers in town Oliver, in case you didn't know it.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Fortunately, I don't need one today.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, okay.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This meeting is not quite over yet.

Councilman Shyne: Well, that's true. And I think we have a State Representative in, Patrick Williams, you wanna just raise your hand, and Dr. George, you all might want to give Patrick one of these, if you didn't. You know we can always use a little money from the state.

And I'm told that he and Bobby Jindal are good friends. So, if you don't have the Governor's ear, he might be able to help you out on that.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Just say how much you need.

Councilman Shyne: Oh okay. Pat, good to see you down hear? Ron, it's good to see you. Now Oliver might need a lawyer before this session is over with. Sam was right, so I don't know about that.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I know to refer to you for my legal help.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Certainly don't want to overlook a third good lawyer, Attorney Curtis Joseph out there. Curtis does a great job for the City of Shreveport. We certainly appreciate him.

Councilman Shyne: Curtis, I'm sorry, my glasses are a little fogged up. I saw Ron earlier. Yeah, there you go.

Councilman S. Jenkins: While I have the floor Mr. Chairman, just want to send some congratulations to our Public Works Department. I had an opportunity to go to, I want to say two or three community meetings this past couple of weeks, and there's a lot of people who complimented the work that they see being done on the streets throughout the City of Shreveport. I know in District G, work has somewhat been completed on Lakeshore Drive and Jewella as well as Midway. I know there are some other streets that are still out for bid. But throughout the city, there is a good buzz, a good enthusiasm from our citizens to see that the 2011 Bond issue, those projects are moving forward. You know people like to see things. They like to see it. Even though it may be somewhat of an inconvenience for the traffic or whatever, they find it to be a pleasant inconvenience, because that's something that shows a sign of progress. So, just wanted to compliment all those persons who were involved with the various streets that are being repaired throughout our city. Good work. We often hear a lot of complaints, but it's good to pass along Mr. CAO some compliments from time to time and that work is being complimented just about everywhere I go Mr. Chairman right now. So congratulations.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Also I'd like to acknowledge the CEO of the David Raines Medical Center, Mr. Willie White. You raise your hand. Glad to have you here with us today.

Councilman Corbin: If there are no other Council recognitions, Mr. Mayor, we turn it over to you.

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

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. Would like to start with the announcement of an event that I think some of us had hoped might have gotten a chance to be able to attend today. It was initially scheduled for 2:30 – 2:45. That's pushed back to 4:00 and then pushed up again to about 3:45. So haven't gotten any texts or emails indicating exactly whether or not it has in fact transpired, but the Governor announced earlier today that he was coming up for the ceremonial ribbon cutting. And I'm assuming this would mean that it will be accessible from this point forward, for a significant stretch of I-49 North. As you all know, there has been an ongoing effort over the last at least 15-18 years. I know dating back to my initial service in the Louisiana Legislature, where Mike Foster appointed me as a member of the I-49 Funding Task Force. He made a Shreveport native and I believe he's at BHP Bullington right now after having served some time at KCS, but Tommy Clark was the first Chairman of that I-49 Funding Task Force. I know that Bob Gorman took on that duty and responsibility for a period of time with Tango Trucking. I think Representative Henry Burn may be Gov. Jindal's current designee to that effort. The good news is, is that as a result of more than a decade and a half of

effort, probably one of the most significant contributions of which came from the work of Congressman John McCrery who delivered some \$200 + million at one time from one of the omnibus federal transportation deals to that effort. I-49 North from the Arkansas/Louisiana state line to I-220, and today a segment of that road that will take one from US Hwy 1, essentially N. Market from that point north to Hwy 71, just between the Hosston and Gilliam area where Mr. White in fact has one of his facilities. That particular stretch of Interstate 49 should be open as of this afternoon, based upon the actions and efforts by as I mentioned, a whole group of folks at the state, the federal and the local levels. As I informed you Mr. Chairman earlier today, the City of Shreveport even despite the fact that this is a state and federally funded project, interstates are funded in an 80-20 federal to state funding ratio with the state providing 20% and the federal government providing 80% of the funding, the City of Shreveport due to the support of the previous council directed some \$5+ million dollars to the effort. So even here at the local level, we have been involved, engaged, and we look forward not just to this segment coming open, but the entire completion of the 33+ miles that will give us for the very first time in this state's history a north/south interstate system that will be able to take you on a controlled access road system from the Arkansas/Louisiana state line all the way down to the southern reaches of Louisiana. So, we're excited. We believe that it obviously will bring with it a great deal of continued opportunity, growth and development for Shreveport, Bossier and North Louisiana and certainly open up without question substantial portions of northern Caddo Parish for development in that it is going to be some 11-13 interchanges between the state line and where it will end up connecting at I-220. Each one of those interchanges represent an opportunity for people to get on and get off and that translates into development for commercial, residential, and all those sorts of things. So, we look forward to getting a chance to drive down that stretch of 49 at soon as we get a chance to wrap up here today. I'm going to go out and see if I can't take Black Beauty up for a quick spin to the country and see how she rides. Also, Mr. Chairman, want to share with you all that Saturday, December 7th, we are convening a master plan update, planning and feedback session. For those of you who can remember long enough it was in December of 2007, when we initially presented the idea and concept of doing a master plan for Shreveport and Caddo Parish. In 2009, that effort took off. In earnest, it was 2+ years in the process of that effort being done. This Council along with the Caddo Parish Commission, as well as the Metropolitan Planning Commission, all signed off on that Shreveport/Caddo Master Plan 2030, sometime in 2011. One of the things that the master plan calls for is a periodic review and update and an opportunity to be able to have a dialogue with interested citizens about whether or not we are in fact still headed in the same direction of the other factors and issues developing around us right now that need to be factored in and used either to expand, redirect, augment, or otherwise enhance the effort of our master planning effort. It is not intended to be a static document that ends up just simply on a shelf, but being used as a means of helping us to further direct and maximize the opportunity and potential that we possess within this region. One thing I had on my list was already referenced by Stacy with the Convention and Tourist Bureau and that is we will be hosting here in Shreveport between the Hilton and the Convention Center, the group Rendezvous South, as she mentioned, that's a consortium with meeting planners who are all touring a group of cities that are inclusive of other communities like Savannah and Irving, TX and Baton Rouge. Shreveport happens to be one and those hopefully will be having a chance to be able to see, visit and view what we have to offer and in turn use that as a means of hopefully helping us to bring back more folks to be a part of what exactly is happening and potentially is going on from a meeting, convention and events standpoint. So, also Mr. Chairman as you can recollect, it was at some point last week, I believe it would have been last Thursday or so, not remembering directly, I left you a voice mail indicating I'd just left a

meeting of the executive committee of the Caddo/Bossier of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security. I shared with you at that time, that sentiment had been expressed at that meeting, by our neighbors across the river in Bossier, that they'd like to end that relationship. Obviously that's the sentiment that we here in Shreveport don't share at this point. It's right in line with what Mr. Webb asked Stacy with regard to the Convention and Visitors Bureau. There have been those rumors about the possibility of that entity possibly looking to go separate and alone and the actual truth of the matter is that, that situation has not taken any direction, but with regard to the office of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security, that interest and desire has been expressed. I shared that with the Chairman and asked that he pass that message along to you all as Council Members. Myself and the Parish Administrator, Woody Wilson and Sheriff Prator were in attendance at that meeting. That group is scheduled to meet back again members on the 15th of January, next year. What I have asked in the interim is to have the opportunity to work with the Parish and the Sheriff to convene and Intergovernmental Meeting to where we would have an opportunity to be able to share in detail exactly the sentiment that has been expressed to us, and to ensure that you all as well as the bulk of our citizens both here in Caddo and Bossier are aware of that, and ultimately provide some feedback. This is a situation that represents a cooperative endeavor agreement and by agreement, any of the parties involved can separate and no longer be a participant by just simply providing 90 days' worth of notice. I do note I think it's quite significant to establish that this is an entity that started some 60 years ago in 1953 as the Caddo/Bossier Office of Civil Defense, for those of you who are old enough to remember that used to be officed over in the parking lot of the old City Hall which is now our Police Department, in that little two-story building in near vicinity where the City Court sits today, and Chuck Maziotti was the guy who was in charge when I came along. For 60 years, that particular entity has served to ensure that there is a coordinated effort with regard to emergencies between the cities of Shreveport and Bossier and the Parishes of Caddo and Bossier Parish. I think the first duty and responsibility that we have as governing officials is to keep our people safe, and this is one of the means and mechanisms by which I think we have collectively done a good job of that. I find it interesting that we chose to partner on other things like conventions and visitors bureaus and sports commissions and ports and what have you, but we seemingly are moving in other directions where we are choosing to go our separate ways when it comes to fulfilling that prime directive, and that is to ensure that we keep the folks who have elected us and given us their trust as safe as possible. Especially during times of great stress and emergencies. So, we're going to be reaching out to Council Staff and Commission Staff and any others who would be interested to see if on Friday, the 13th, if we can't since the City of Shreveport is due to host the next intergovernmental meeting, if we can't convene that for some time in the lunch time hour of the 13th. Would ask that you all check your schedules and give us a chance to be able to see if we can't actually get that meeting set so that dialogue can continue. Obviously we can't stop our neighbors from withdrawing. We would hope that folks on both sides of the river would engage in further discussion and dialogue about what we think is a very important matter and keep together a partnership that has served us all well, and I think is without question, even more necessary as we go into the future. Lastly, Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, since the Council has done the courtesy of having the executive session on the Harrelson matter, on yesterday, which I think was extremely informative and very helpful, but there's also still a large (inaudible) cry of folks out in the neighborhood in particular, the Cooper Road/MLK area who are impacted and affected by this and other folks who drive in and around I-220 area who have questions that because of some of the issues and litigations, we've not been able to give the kind of thorough and complete answers to, we'd like to be able to move forward with having at least one if not more public meetings here in the next

several weeks as well, where we intend to be able to share in detail with our citizens exactly what it is that's going on, who obviously utilize the counsel land direction of our legal counsel with regard to how we conduct those, but we also think it's about time that we empower folks with more information, more knowledge and also maybe give them some direction in terms of how they may want to use the rights that they have as citizens to help better address and resolve this situation as well. So with that Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, turn it back over to you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Mayor, that meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee, I'm assuming that's going to be in Indy Stadium?

Mayor Glover: Well no, we're looking for an alternative location. Staff tells me that it's not going to be available, and so we're looking at Riverview Hall, one of our other available public venues. And we will get confirmation of the date as well the time and location to you all as soon as we can firm it up.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mayor Glover: If there's any information that you could send out to us via email about what the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security, their role, just some basic background information that we can familiarize ourselves with, that would be good.

Mayor Glover: Will do it. In fact, I'll ask I know we have the Chiefs Self and someone here from SPD, we'll ask them to take the lead and pull together an informational packet. We also have some - - - we'll provide a copy of the actual original cooperative endeavor between the two cities, the two parishes, as well as a copy of the most recent cooperative endeavor agreement that goes back to 2007. Absolutely. Definitely want to put you all, and the Commission and others in a position as well as our citizen, in a position to be able to have a full appreciation of exactly the length of the relationship, the nature of it and why we still see great value in it. But as was ultimately expressed during the executive committee meeting, it's very hard to stay in a relationship when someone else wants to leave. But as I stressed then, I stress now, it makes no sense to me to work together on convention and visitors, makes no sense for me to go out and chase badminton and soccer tournaments, it makes no sense to me to go out and develop a port together, all of which are important and have a great benefit and great impact, but first and foremost the responsibility we have is to safeguard our citizens and if we can't figure out how to work together on that, then we've got some real challenges. So, we look forward to the dialogue going forward. We want to talk with all of our partners on the Caddo side as I said in the month of December and then be in a position for that meeting that is scheduled again on the 15th of January, to hopefully to take back a perspective that might end up resulting in some reconsideration.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'll say that just on that note, that I've been (inaudible) a little bit of it on the periphery, obviously one of the big impacts and I certainly agree with you on the intent is the budgetary constraint and where federal funds have been taken away from this organization, maybe more of the burden would be falling on us and maybe double the burden if we lose 50% of our contributors. So there's I mean, obviously a big issue, and it is frankly one of the things that even at our level get significantly affected by the decisions that are made in Washington, D.C. when it comes to public safety. So, I think that is a big part of this, and I'm eager to see how we move forward with this.

Mayor Glover: Excellent point Councilman Jenkins. You're right, I guess to just kinda of expound on that point. Following 9-11 and following Katrina, there were significant increases at the federal level for Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security. Lots of grant dollars and what have you and this local office staffed and equipped itself in a way that was in line with both those resources available at the federal level, as well as at the local, and the state level as well. What's happened is, is that those federal dollars again for a myriad of reasons have begun to

diminish the sequester and just the fact that once a disaster I guess gets behind us, we start to forget just a little bit. So that's part of it, but as we've also been made aware, there's been a decision at the state level to keep a larger portion of those federal dollars at the state office, as opposed to funneling those dollars down to us here at the local level. Obviously, that's a decision that gets made in Baton Rouge as well, and one that we can protest, but unless you have a red or green button down there, it's usually pretty hard to influence. But then also as I have expressed to all the folks involved in similar fashion to what we have here in the City of Shreveport when you end up with fewer resources, you don't stop doing what you're doing, you just simply accept the challenge of having to do more with less, and sometimes, that more with less ends up becoming your new normal, but you don't pack up your tent and decide to stop doing it all together. And so we certainly believe that obviously this office, you know cannot exist and look in the way that it did, say in 2003, in the aftermath of 9-11 and won't look the way it did in 2006 or 2007, immediately in the aftermath of Katrina and Rita. But there is still a need in 2013 just as it was in 1953 for there to be a cooperative effort, and for that to be official, formalized, and staffed to the extent that you have the available resources to be able to do so. Otherwise you still end up with a situation where each side is doing its own thing, but you still end up with multiple other entities, that up until now, had this single one point of contact, now you've got to go here and there and back and forth, and not necessarily have the kind of complete seamless coordination that we have had from going back to 2011 when I was a member of the legislature all the way up to Katrina and Rita, when I was still in the legislature and then here as Mayor through Ike and Gustav in '08-09. So having seen this at multiple levels, knowing first-hand the challenges that we face in terms of responding to issues and responsibilities that entail us having to help and assist others who come from outside a community. The other level of concern I think that we need to be keenly aware of is what happens when we end up with an emergency that primarily affects us here. Because when you look at it, whether it's a tornado or something else, it doesn't respect Parish boundaries or city limits or what have you, and so we could end up with groups of citizens that are greatly aggrieved, where we would have previously had a coordinated effort to assist in addressing those issues, we now end up with one that's (inaudible) and not necessarily coordinated so, again, it's one of those things that any party has the right to make the decision that they are, is one that I think should be a decision, at least from our side, that at least we're all aware of. We understand and that before it ends up becoming absolutely official, that if there is a case to be made for the relationship to go forward, in the way that it has, at least we ought to make that and allow that to be responded to before we pack up our tent and go in our own direction.

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

Reports

Property Standards Report (*Res. 7 of 2003*) 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: Proposed Resolution No. 208 of 2013: Stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of Home Federal Bank to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana restoration tax abatement program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson and C/O. Jenkins)

Councilman Corbin: This public hearing is now open, is there a presentation from the Administration Mr. Sibley?

Mr. Sibley: Yes there is Mr. Chairman. I'd like to ask Mr. Bonnie Moore with Community Development to come forward and present on behalf of the Administration.

Ms. Bonnie Moore: (Community Development) Good afternoon. I'm going to do this presentation for Ebony Mapp who actually put the application together. She's on vacation this week. Home Federal Bank has elected to submit an application under the Restoration Tax Abatement Program for the State of Louisiana for their branch located at 624 Market Street in Downtown Shreveport. Under the application, the bank has made a number of improvements to their store front and their interior of a one-story, 4,260 square feet commercial building. Constructed by Home Federal Bank in 1954, it's about 59 years old. The property anchors downtown and will maintain its long standing use as a bank. Renovations of the property include a new store front, refinishing and re-glazing of the windows to improve installation. Cleaning and repair of the north wall, preservation of marble flooring, asbestos abatement, addition of HVAC, digital control and the addition of several executive offices. The cost of the construction today is about \$210,000, the estimated total cost will be about \$375,000. While they've maintained 17 jobs over the years, the project created 15 construction jobs, it added four permanent jobs and these will be placed in the executive offices. If this application is approved, the City will forfeit \$1,251 in ad valorem taxes over the next five years. DDA, Caddo Parish School Board and the Sheriff's office will forfeit \$272, \$4,117 and \$419 respectively. The following pictures will illustrate the aforementioned renovations. We don't have any before pictures. The first picture represents the store front. As I indicated earlier, the building is about 59 years old. If you remember the old building, it really was not very pleasing to the eye, the new frontage is very appealing. The second picture represents the lobby. The lobby was totally redone, the walls were redone as well, including the marble floors. The next pictures represents most of the walls that were redone in the building, as you can see they look much better than the old ones. And the last picture that I will share with you represents the offices. One of the offices that was redone. And again, it created four jobs when the offices were redone to accommodate those four new jobs. Home Federal was represented by Mr. Ben Nelson whose the Branch Manager, he could not be here today. So, if you have any questions, I'll be more than glad to try to entertain.

Councilman Everson: Could you repeat the number that the City would forfeit?

Ms. Moore: \$1,251 over five years.
Councilman Everson: So that's spread.
Ms. Moore: That's spread over five years.
Councilman O. Jenkins: That's per year isn't it?

Ms. Moore: Per year, over five years.

Councilman Shyne: That's still very minimal for the results that we get from 'em.

Councilman Everson: And we have also - - - this is the location also, just to keep in mind, the city has also redone the sidewalks out front, with street-scaping. So, the block in general not just this building, but some of the buildings to the north of it have also had some - - - this has spurred a little bit of a cleanup on those buildings as well, so that block in general is looking a lot better.

Councilman Corbin: thank you Bonnie. It's always good to see some of our historic downtown buildings be renovated instead of being turned into parking lots or something else. That for someone who's been here a long time, I grew up driving by that building wondering what was in there. So that's a good thing. Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor of the Tax Abatement?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we would officially from the Administration's standpoint add our voice to the chorus of those folks who are in support of this effort. As you all mentioned, it adds a significant improvement to that area downtown. It is across the street from an effort that was helped to be facilitated by the City of Shreveport back in the 1990s in the Williams Administration. The United Jewelers Apartment as well as Lee Hardware, those continue to be some 15+ years later still very popular, and welcomed additions to our downtown. And it appears as if the current digs that the lovely Kristie over there occupies just south of this location might come before future Council and a future administration for some consideration, since it appears it was recently announced that there's a \$3 ½ (million) for sale sign has been placed on that particular structure there. So, great things happening downtown, but change is an ever present constant. So, we want to express our support and hope the Council will give it positive consideration.

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor of this tax abatement ordinance? Is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition? If not, this public hearing is now closed. Mr. Thompson, is there any legislation to be added today?

Mr. Thompson: There are several items Mr. Chairman, would you like me to take them one at a time?

Councilman Corbin: Yes please.

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.

The Clerk read the following:

1. Resolution No. 212 of 2013: A resolution to repeal Resolution No. 133 of 2012 which authorized the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Red River Waterway District relative to the construction and maintenance of a dog park on land owned by the City of Shreveport adjacent to the Red River in Shreveport; determining that a project to construct and maintain a dog park on city-owned property adjacent to the Red River to be infeasible; encouraging the exploration of cost-efficient options for construction and maintenance of a dog park at other locations within the City of Shreveport; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Shyne: Question Mr. Chairman. Mr. Thompson, will we be able to vote on this today?

Mr. Thompson: If it is added to the agenda, it can be adopted today.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'll make a motion to add it to the agenda.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Second.

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor of adding this item to the agenda?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman? I wanted to speak on the issue in general. So I'll take some direction from you, as to whether or not you want me to do that now or at some later point?

Councilman Corbin: Now is fine.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, for both items, 212 and 213, it was our intent for these matters to be allowed to be introduced as a part of the regular course of the

pulling together of the Council agenda. These items apparently arrived at the council office prior to the time that the council staff customarily does that, requiring this extraordinary precedent of having to have a unanimous vote I believe in order for this to be able to be added to the agenda and to be acted upon. It has been expressed to me that there is still a desire for there to be some considerable discussion, both amongst Council Members, as well as between Council Members and the Administration as well as with the public in general, as well as some of the parties involved in some of these matters. And so it would be our request that the Council actually withdraw these measures and allow them to lay over and be introduced for their first actual consideration as a vote at the next meeting, and give us the chance to be able to continue to work with you all, to answer these questions and to further engage in dialogue with other folks who are involved and who have a perspective to offer.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Is a motion required to do that?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean I'm happy to remove my motion if that's what?

Councilman Corbin: If we just take no action on adding these to the agenda, then they just show up at our next agenda.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'll remove my motion.

Councilman Webb: Or, if one person votes 'NO' then it doesn't get added, and it can be added to the next meeting.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm not an obstructionist, I'd rather just take it off and start anew. Councilman Corbin: Mr. Thompson, I would say, lets read 213 at this point.

2. **Resolution No. 213 of 2013**: A resolution expressing no opposition to the waiver of Section 26-57 of the Code of Ordinances; reaffirming the findings and the directives of Resolution Number 120 of 2013 regarding the collection of overcharges from the 2011 General Obligation Bond Election; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: Well I believe he asked for 212 and 213.

Councilman Corbin: That's right.

The Clerk read the following:

3. **Resolution No. 214 of 2013**: A Resolution to recognize the many contributions of Bishop Fred A. Caldwell, Sr. to the Greater Shreveport Community and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor of adding this item to the agenda? Is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition? If not, is there a motion to add this item to the agenda?

Councilman S. Jenkins: So moved Councilwoman Everson: Second.

Motion by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Everson</u> to add Resolution No. 214 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.

4. **Ordinance No. 157 of 2013**: Adopting the 2013 Downtown Development Authority Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor of adding this item to the agenda? Is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition? If not, is there a motion to add this item to the agenda?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, 157 and 158, one is for the 2013 Downtown Development Authority Budget, and 158 is for the 2014 Downtown Development Authority Budget, those two, you might want to keep together.

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Thompson, why don't we do this. Why don't we read through No. 160 and see if we can do this in one - - -

5. **Ordinance No. 158 of 2013**: Adopting the 2014 Downtown Development Authority Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

The clerk read the following:

- 6. Ordinance No. 159 of 2013: Amending the 2013 Grants Special Revenue fund budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 6. **Ordinance No. 160 of 2013**: Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone present who would like to speak in favor of adding this item to the agenda? Is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition? If not, is there a motion to add this item to the agenda? Well, do I have a motion?

Councilman Shyne: So moved. Councilman Everson: Second.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Everson to add Ordinance No(s) 157, 158, 159, and 160 of 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: Councilman McCulloch. 1. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

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

Councilman Corbin: I believe that brings us to Public Comments. I do have two folks who had signed up to speak about the dog park resolution. Even though that is not on the agenda, because they did come here in good faith to speak about it, I will allow them to speak if they still want to.

Councilman Shyne: I think one probably left.

Councilman Corbin: Council will recognize Mr. Marion Marks.

Councilman Everson: I think he left.

Councilman Corbin: Okay, I thought I saw him walk out. And Mr. Dan Keel.

Councilman Shyne: And I think he left too.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Somebody must have gotten a message about it being a holiday and said hey, let's just fix this whole problem and move it along. I don't know who that was, I just heard that out in the hallway.

Confirmation and Appointments: None.

Consent Agenda Legislation

To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions

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

To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolutions: None. 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. 201 OF 2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND BKD, LLP FOR AN EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2013, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City is required by City Charter Section 4.28 to cause to have accomplished an annual financial audit of the City; and

WHEREAS, BKD, LLP agrees to conduct an audit of the City in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter and applicable law; and

WHEREAS, external audit firms are normally selected by the City for four years with one year contracts executed for each of those four years; and

WHEREAS, the engagement of BKD, LLP best meets the needs of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal, and regular session convened that it hereby selects BKD, LLP as the City's External Auditor and authorizes the Mayor to execute an engagement letter and agreement between the City of Shreveport and BKD, LLP for the fiscal year January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, substantially in accordance with the draft of the engagement letter and agreement filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on November 12, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of the resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other 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. Abstentions: 0.

2. **Resolution No. 202 of 2013**: Approving the 2014 Downtown Development Authority Program of Work and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Mr. Thompson: There was some discussion I believe about postponing this until the actual budget ordinance comes up also.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'll be happy to make that motion.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Everson</u> to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Everson: Just as a point of discussion, for those who may not have been present during the conversation about this. The two that we added today are budget amendments. One is for the current year, and one is for next year. And then this pertains to those, so what we talked about doing is just postponing them until we take up all the budget amendments and do them all at the same time.

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. 203 OF 2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT BY SPORTSPECTRUM RACE MANAGEMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which directly benefit the citizens of the City by participating in wholesome activities particularly those programs and events that provide healthy activities and that promote healthy recreational activities and other which serve to benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Sportspectrum Race Management, desires to provide the Downtown Christmas Run on December 10, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the event is sponsored by Sportspecturm, Inc, one of the largest and most anticipated 5K races in the City; and

WHEREAS, more than several hundred walkers, runners, and race spectators are expected to participate in the event which will provide a significant impact on the health of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the use of bicycle barricades, a stage, and other city-owned equipment by Sportspectrum Race Management December 10, 2013 during the Downtown Christmas Run 5K is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the equipment by Sportspectrum Race Management is conditioned upon the execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by Sportspectrum Race Management in favor of the City of Shreveport in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney.

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>Everson</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Corbin</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. 204 OF 2013

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND FESTIVAL PLAZA BY SPORTSPECTRUM RACE MANAGEMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which directly benefit the citizens of the City by participating in wholesome activities particularly those programs and events that provide healthy activities and that promote healthy recreational activities and other which serve to benefit the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Sportspectrum Race Management, desires to provide the Log Jammer Half Marathon and 5K on November 17, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the event is sponsored by Sportspecturm, Inc, the only half marathon and in the City; and

WHEREAS, more than five hundred walkers, runners, and race spectators are expected to participate in the event which will provide a significant impact on the health of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the use of festival plaza, bicycle barricades, a stage, and other city-owned equipment by Sportspectrum Race Management November 17, 2013 during the Log Jammer Half Marathon and 5K is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the equipment by Sportspectrum Race Management is conditioned upon the execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by Sportspectrum Race Management in favor of the City of Shreveport in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney.

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>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Corbin</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. 205 OF 2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH LOUISIANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COUNCIL NO. 17 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL # 13-25 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT

THERETO

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 167 of 2010 authorized the Mayor, after a successful card check, to enter into discussions with AFSCME Local # 13-25 for the purpose of negotiating a written collective bargaining agreement, to be approved by the City Council, with employees in the departments of Operational Services, Community Development, Finance, SPAR, Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Shreveport Municipal Airport, and Property Standards; and WHEREAS, the Card Check was conducted on January 14, 2011 and resulted in fifty (50%) percent plus one of the eligible classified employees in the departments of Operational Services, Community Development, Finance, SPAR, Engineering, Traffic Engineer, Shreveport Municipal Airport, and Property Standards casting votes in favor of AFSCME Local # 3-25 being recognized as their designated representative for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours, working conditions and other conditions of employment; and WHEREAS, as the result of the Card Check, negotiations with representatives of AFSCME Local # 13-25 began on December 20, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Louisiana Public Employees Council No. 17 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO Local # 13-25, substantially in accord with the draft hereof filed for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of Council on November 12, 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 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.

6. **Resolution No. 206 of 2013**: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract agreement between the City of Shreveport and Denny Drive Water System 9DBA Eagle Water, Inc.) for emergency connection of water supply service, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Everson</u> to postpone 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 208 OF 2013

RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S ENDORSEMENT OF HOME FEDERAL BANK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA RESTORATION TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMEN JEFF EVERSON AND OLIVER JENKINS

WHEREAS, the Restoration Tax Abatement Program has been created by the Electors of the State of Louisiana as Act 445 of 1983, and amended by Act 783 of 1984, Article VII, Part II, Section 21(H) of the Louisiana Constitution and Louisiana R.S. 47:4311-4319, to authorize the Board of Commerce and Industry, with the approval of the Governor and the local governing authority and in accordance with procedures and conditions provided by law, to enter into a contract granting property owners who propose the expansion, restoration, improvement, or development of an existing structure or structures in a downtown development district, historic district, or economic development district, established in accordance with law, the right to pay ad valorem taxes based upon the assessed valuation of the property prior to the commencement of the expansion, restoration, improvement or development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to promote economic activity, create and retain job opportunities, and improve the tax base throughout the City for the benefit of all citizens; and WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to foster the continued growth and development (and redevelopment) of the City to the continued prosperity and welfare of the City; and WHEREAS, this project is located in a Downtown Development District; and WHEREAS, this project is a commercial property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular, and legal session convened that the City Council hereby approves **HOME FEDERAL BANK'S** application number **20110790** for property located at 624 Market Street for participation in the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program.

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>Everson</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 210 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-18" 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-18" 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-18" 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 McCulloch, 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.

9. **Resolution No. 211 of 2013**: Authorizing the Finance Director to create certain journal entries relative to the closing of the Information Technology Internal Service Fund, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there's a budget ordinance on introduction which will actually budget the money for this. You may want to wait to postpone this until we can take up that budget ordinance.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to postpone 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.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, one item that was added can be taken up at this time.

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 214 OF 2013 A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF BISHOP FRED A. CALDWELL, SR. TO THE GREATER SHREVEPORT COMMUNITY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN SAM JENKINS

WHEREAS, Bishop Fred A. Caldwell, Sr. has been Pastor of Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Church for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Fred A. Caldwell has, during his 32 years of faithful service, increased the size, scope and influence of the Greenwood Full Gospel Church: He has developed multiple ministries, and he has created a unique concept, "One Church In Two Locations"; and WHEREAS, Bishop Fred A. Caldwell has brought "Good News" to men and women, boys and girls throughout the ArkLaTex as President Founder and CEO of Amistad Communication (owner of radio station KSYB, 1300 AM), and as host of "Know Your Bible International Radio Broadcast," and "Talk to the Bishop Live Call In Talk Show"; and WHEREAS, Bishop Fred A. Caldwell has also ministered to the earthly needs of the Greater Shreveport Community: Bishop Caldwell is the developer of Timber Knoll Gated Housing, a 19 acre subdivision in the heart of Shreveport, and he has led the effort to provide food, shoes, fans and bicycles for the needy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Shreveport City Council recognizes the many contributions that Bishop Fred A. Caldwell, Sr. has made to the Greater Shreveport Community.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Shreveport City Council thanks Bishop Fred A. Caldwell, Sr., for his commitment to the citizens of Shreveport; for improving their lives spiritually, and for tending to the physical needs of citizens, especially to "the least of these . . ."

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

Councilman S. Jenkins: Just wanted to congratulate Bishop Caldwell on his 32nd anniversary. In his ministry he has done a great deal of work, not only in his church, but in the community as a whole, and around the city. Just wanted him to know that we certainly congratulate him and keeping a good eye on the things that he's doing. I really appreciate the many contributions that he has done over the years. And I would appreciate the Council's support on this resolution today.

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 Resolutions (Not to be adopted prior to December 10, 2013)

Introduction of Ordinances (Not to be adopted prior to December 10, 2013)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, under Introduction of Ordinances, there's one to be removed I believe, No. 154.

The Clerk read the following:

6. Ordinance No. 154 of 2013: An ordinance creating an account for funds received through the FY2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program-Fire Prevention Safety Grant and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman <u>Shyne</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Webb</u> to remove Ordinance No. 154 of 2013 from the agenda.

Mr. Thompson: And I believe that Ordinance No. 159 will replace that one.

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.

The Clerk read the following:

- 1. Ordinance No.149 of 2013: An ordinance enacting Chapter 39 of the Code of Ordinances, titled Human Relations, relative to discrimination, definitions, and unlawful practices in connection with such discrimination; To provide for certain exclusions; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson/C/O. Jenkins)
- 2. Ordinance No. 150 of 2013: An ordinance amending and reenacting Sections 10-172 of the Code of Ordinances relative to alcoholic beverages and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 3. Ordinance No. 151 of 2013: An ordinance amending and reenacting Article X of Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Charitable Solicitation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 4. **Ordinance No. 152 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(IT)*
- 5. Ordinance No. 153 of 2013: An ordinance declaring a public servitude on certain adjudicated properties and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)
- 7. Ordinance No. 157 of 2013: An ordinance adopting the 2013 Downtown Development Authority Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 8. Ordinance No. 158 of 2013: An ordinance adopting the 2014 Downtown Development Authority Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 9. **Ordinance No. 159 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Grants Special Revenue fund budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 10. **Ordinance No. 160 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 11. Ordinance No. 155 of 2013: ZONING C-83-13: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property

located on the SW corner of west 70th and Bernstein Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, be and the same is hereby changed **from B-3, Community Business District to B-3-E, Community Business/Extended Use District limited to "a compress natural gas fueling station only"**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne)

12. Ordinance No. 156 of 2013: ZONING APPEAL C-77-13: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport zoning ordinances by rezoning property located on the SW cornier of Emery Street and Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA from R-2, Suburban Multi-Family Residence District to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Everson</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>O.</u> <u>Jenkins</u> to introduce Ordinance No(s). 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159 and 160 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman S. Jenkins: On No. 149, I know we have some persons who came down I believe who worked very hard on this ordinance, this human relations ordinance. I don't know if the authors to just come up and be recognized, or say hello, or - - -

Councilman Everson: Y'all want to wait? I think they look forward to next time. Certainly.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Absolutely. I know they had visited with me on a number of occasions, and put a lot of hard work and a lot of thought into what you're doing. So, glad to see something has made it to the agenda. So, congratulations to you on the introduction. Let me ask a question now on No. 151. I kinda looked at it a little bit yesterday, but not that close Mr. Chairman. Tell me again, what we're doing with 151. I ended up getting a telephone call on it last night, and it appears that it may be some concerns that a lot of intersections that are customarily being used by these charitable organizations, (inaudible) passes, those intersections may no longer be available. I'm just trying to - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, and I will summarize what the discussion was. Originally, there were two provisions in there. 1) was that intersections that at 35mph or less, one can do it. And unanimous sentiment from both Fire and Police, that that was too fast for cars to be traveling at 35, maybe 40, 45, maybe sometimes 50 with people standing up on the street corner in the intersections. Okay, that was one part of the provision. So in this proposal, we have reduced that provision to intersections that are 25 mph and less. Another part of the provision was a provision that essentially granted the opportunity to waive it, and that was removed. And so - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: It was removed?

Councilman O. Jenkins: So now, they have to come to the Council if they wanted to do it as a waiver.

Councilman S. Jenkins: But there is a provision there, where if an organization wanted to go out and go to some intersections where the speed limit is more than 25. Instead of going to the Police Chief, it'll just come straight to the Council? Is that what - - -

Ms. Glass: It's not actually written in the ordinance, but that would be under the Council's normal I guess you'd say already to on certifications, but could cause to suspend the provisions of an ordinance.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So a group that, say for instance, the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, and I understand the concerns of the Police Department, I absolutely do. I'm just

trying to balance it with the I guess the concerns of a number of organizations that have their annual can shakes.

Chief Willie Shaw: Let me speak to this just a little bit here and all of those are good things, and God bless 'em, they're out there for a good cause, and I'm not trying to stop them from fundraising. When you look at this particular ordinance as it's written today, it puts the oneness on me and the Mayor to authorize something that the Council won't do by law. And so therefore I'm taking on the responsibility for allowing people to go into those intersections, and we did a comparison, the top 20 intersections for accidents are the intersections that they want to get into. And how can I do that in my right mind knowing what I know, that eventually something is going to happen. Somebody is going to get hit, somebody is going to cause a wreck. It hadn't happened now, but whose liable? Is it the group that's out there soliciting? Is it the City? Is the Chief? And the bottom line is, the ordinance gives me the authority to say no, and I'm in that position, where I, January 1, whether it changes or not, I'm going to say no. And the only reprieve is to come to this council to get you to suspend the ordinance to allow them to do so. Because right now, we have all different kinds of things in the middle of these high volume intersections, where people are moving at high rates of speed. Now I don't want the responsibility of telling somebody, yeah you can get out there and they get hit. Or get out there and something happens by accident, and somebody slams on the brake and a kid flies through a window and dies, whose responsible for that? Is it going to be whatever solicitation group? Or is it going to be me, or is it going to be the Mayor, is it going to be this Council, is it going to be the taxpayers? Who knows, but is it worth it. There's many other ways to do that. And I know not every group does the same thing, but if you walk out this weekend, or weekends in the past, you see little groups out there in the middle of intersections, you see people selling papers, you see people walking up and down the middle line, you see all kinds of things, car washes, all kinds of things are going on, and just by the grace of God, nobody's been run over. For us to put somebody at Mansfield and Bert Kouns, Youree and Bert Kouns, Hollywood and Jewella, Greenwood and Jewella - - - I mean, just constantly we put these people out here based on not the Council, not the ordinance, based on something that Willie Shaw has authorize with the approval of the Mayor by ordinance. The ordinance says 35mph. Anything above that, then I've got to approve it. And the reason that has come to pass is I have people that sign those things for me. The guy that signs them wasn't in one day, and they brought it to me, and I said, 'Whoa, what are we doing here'? Cause I always thought it was by ordinance that they were out there, I didn't know that it was by my authority. So, I'm putting the city in a very litigious position, and I'm not going to do that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And I can certainly understand and respect that position. Basically what's happening here now going forward is a group is having an annual can shake or something like that, they would have to come to the council to get some exception to this?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Like they do for alcohol.

Chief Shaw: They would have to come to you to suspend the (inaudible) for them to operate.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And what was the reason for decreasing the speed limit from 35 to 25? The same thing, I guess.

Chief Shaw: The same thing. It's safety.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, alright.

Councilman Corbin: You know I go back to some comments the Mayor made earlier, is one of our responsibilities is public safety, and I've been behind Mr. Shyne in traffic for instance. Top down, on his cell phone, going through an intersection.

Councilman S. Jenkins: At 65 mph.

Councilman O. Jenkins: And it's a fancy car.... A fancy foreign car. (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: Dale, you see my friends?

Councilman Corbin: But the point is, it's become so common at so many intersections all over town that I almost think that the issue is who can get there first to start, whether they're raising money for their basketball program, or you know good causes, mediocre causes, whatever. I guess I don't want to see a situation where we put some meat into the ordinance and we make some changes. But then a group is going to come up and say we need to do this, it's the only way we can raise money, we're going to come back and ask Chief Shaw what do you think? He's going to say, I'm not for it, but we override it anyway. I mean it's a good time to consider taking a stand to not have the collections going on in the streets. You know whether some of these groups end up getting directed to a business parking lot or something where they can have some sponsorship and be out of the middle of the street, but I just see issues with being in the middle of traffic. Because I think we all know even if the intersection is 35mph, 90% of the people are probably going 40 or 45 trying to beat that light. And I just think it's become a problem in the city. And we talk about litter, and we talk about different things, and I think this is one of those problems.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Now this includes the Fire Department.

Councilman O. Jenkins: That's what I was about to say. Now he stood up there and said, and I'm not going to quote, he said, I recognize that my fundraiser is one of the biggest - - - I don't want to use the term culprit, but are going to be certainly affected by this. But he said, I can't justify it based on what I know as a public safety official to continue to allow it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm willing to give it a try. I guess we could see how it works out over the course of the next year. I hope we don't get into a scenario where we approve one group and not approve another group, and I guess we'll just see how it goes. Thus far when we do our exceptions for alcohol, especially in Jeff's district there's been consistency. So I guess (inaudible). Thank you so much Chief.

Councilman Shyne: Let me say this before we go on from there.

Councilwoman McCulloch: You're looking good Chief.

Chief Shaw: Thank you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Wow.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I'm single, I can do that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I see you can and you did.

Councilman Shyne: I would hope that this piece of legislation, that the Council would not make any exceptions. Because what you're looking at, is putting the city in a position where they're going to be liable for three or four million dollars. We don't have that kind of money.

Councilman S. Jenkins: They sign waivers Councilman Shyne. They can sign certain waivers.

Councilman Shyne: I don't want to - - - let me say this. I don't want to get into that, because as a high school coach, we used to get into that, saying that you could sign away your right and we found out, you really can't do it. So Mr. Jenkins, I wouldn't want to get into that, but I would hope and I'm saying this because I have some of those organizations who have members in my district. And I would hope that they would not come to me and ask me to put the city in a position where they would be liable. I would like to work with them, like Michael said. And Oliver knows we had a long discussion on this. Work with them and find other ways by which they can raise some money, even the Fire Chief came up and said, that he realizes that this is not good. Because I've seen this. I mean, I've seen people walking down the streets and somebody behind almost run into 'em. And I hate to say this on TV, but some of them were ladies and they

would - - - I've seen 'em drive off cursing or saying something bad, and I had to draw up because I knew what would happen if it had been an accident. So I understand what you're saying, and I feel for them. But it comes a time, when you just have to - - - Oliver I don't know whether this is a good term, you have to kinda draw the line in the sand.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I will certainly vote for its introduction and reserve my (inaudible).

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.

Mr. Thompson: You've received, Council Members have received a number of emails and a letter concerning Ordinance No. 156, a Zoning Appeal, C-77-13. I believe that Mr. Sam Jenkins talked to Mr. Anthony Washington today and Mr. Cory Booker, and based on that conversation, I told Mr. Harvard Scott that Mr. Jenkins would probably make a motion to postpone any decision on this appeal until the 20th of December.

Councilman S. Jenkins: That is correct.

Mr. Thompson: So a motion would be in order - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yeah, let's go head on and postpone any action Ordinance No.

156.

Councilman Shyne: I'll second that.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I did talk with the parties involved.

12. Ordinance No. 156 of 2013: ZONING APPEAL C-77-13: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport zoning ordinances by rezoning property located on the SW cornier of Emery Street and Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA from R-2, Suburban Multi-Family Residence District to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to postpone any action on Ordinance No. 156 of 2013 until December 20, 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.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Now what about No. 153? They appear to be joined at the hip. That's actually for a public servitude to be on this property to accommodate the - - - the way I read it, that's what it seems like it says.

Ms. Glass: Mr. Chairman, I can maybe provide a little information. Mr. Stadtlander may also. That's a procedure. It's similar to when you declare ownership of adjudicated properties, but in this case, you're declaring ownership or you're declaring a servitude, rather than ownership. I don't have information about how that's related to the zoning case. It does (inaudible) as the property owner.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This is a different - - -?

Councilman Corbin: Is this the same property or the same owner?

Ms. Glass: That I don't know.

Mr. Stadtlander: This piece of legislation is directed at allowing a servitude for electrical service to the pump station. Last Council Meeting, you passed legislation that actually allowed the servitude over the property. That was Resolution No. 139, so there's already a servitude on the property that allows us to put the pump station there. This allows us to put electrical service on it.

Councilman Corbin: And that is the property that's in Ordinance No. 156.

Mr. Stadtlander: The current ordinance? Yes. No, 153

Ms. Glass: They're talking about a zoning ordinance.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yes I understand that some property is going to be developed and Mr. Scott owns the lot next to it.

Mr. Stadtlander: Correct.

Councilman S. Jenkins: The lot that's next to the property being developed is No. 153? Is that the same piece of property?

Mr. Stadtlander: That's correct. Yes sir. That's right, and Mr. Scott is deceased.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Yeah, but his son.

Councilman S. Jenkins: But his son is the one that's - - -

Mr. Stadtlander: And it is an adjudicated property, and like Ms. Glass said, this doesn't forbid him from getting compensation that he would be due for the servitude, if he would settle his tax liabilities on the property.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This seems to be something separate.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well, let's start from the beginning. You've got a landowner that is objecting to the neighbor's parcel's rezoning, correct?

Mr. Thompson: Right.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Not part of that neighbor's rezoning, that neighbor has asked for this servitude so that he can get power and whatever that other thing is that - - - to the property for its new use. Is that correct?

Mr. Stadtlander: The City is asking for the servitude.

Councilman O. Jenkins: To support his intended use on that particular - - - this newly revised zoned use. That's what we're talking about?

Mr. Stadtlander: Yes.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay, now for some reason if we were to overturn the zoning application, would the city still be requesting this servitude?

Councilman S. Jenkins: That's what I'm saying. I think they're connected.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Then I have to agree with you that I don't think we'd be requesting it.

Mr. Sibley: Would we need it otherwise Malcolm?

Mr. Stadtlander: I do not have an answer for that. Where's - - - yes. According to Barbara, we would still need it.

Mr. Sibley: It's for the pump station.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well, if it's for a pump station though - - - okay.

Mr. Thompson: Well the property here says no municipal address, is that the same property?

Councilman S. Jenkins: The lot that Mr. Scott has?

Mr. Thompson: Yes.

Councilman S. Jenkins: It's no house on there. I think it's just a lot.

Mr. Stadtlander: There is no municipal address, that is correct. And the property - - - I mean it's a lot number. It's Lots 2 and 3, block 2, West Shreveport Subdivision.

Mr. Thompson: If we had a map, I mean at the next Council Meeting, we'll get all that information to everybody.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Just know that we may postpone it along with the other item. Right now, we may not have to - - -

Mr. Thompson: If they're connected.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yeah if it comes up and it's connected (inaudible)

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

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 143 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 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 Everson, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins 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. 144 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 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 S. Jenkins seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins 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.

3. Ordinance No. 145 of 2013: An ordinance amending the 2013 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 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 S. Jenkins, 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.

4. Ordinance No. 146 of 2013: An ordinance revising, amending and enacting Section 78-386 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to Permit Required, Fee; Duration; Waiver of that Fee, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on <u>November 12, 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>O. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>S. Jenkins</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.

5. **Ordinance No. 147 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Airport Taxiways*) (G/S. Jenkins)

Having passed first reading on November 12, 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 S. Jenkins, 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.

6. Ordinance No. 148 of 2013: An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 112 of 2013 which created a two-way stop intersection at Creswell Avenue and Southfield Road, and to enact the intersection of Creswell and Southfield Road as a four-way stop intersection, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on November 12, 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 O. Jenkins, 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.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 143 OF 2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 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 L (Transit Improvements):

- -Reduce the General Fund appropriation for 2006 Sportran Capital Improvements (06L001) by \$4,961 and transfer funds to 2009 Sportran Capital Improvements (09L001).
- -Reduce the General Fund appropriation for 2007 Sportran Capital Improvements (07L001) by \$1,754 and transfer funds to 2009 Sportran Capital Improvements (09L001).
- -Reduce the appropriation of Other Funds for 2009 Sportran Capital Improvements (09L001) by \$7,285 and increase the General Fund appropriation by \$7,285. The \$7,285 General Fund appropriation is the sum of three transfers as follows: \$4,961 (06L001), \$1,754 (07L001), and \$570 (12L001).
- -Increase the appropriation for 2011 Sportran Capital Improvements (11L001) by \$551 to reflect \$450 in additional funding from the Federal Transit Administration and \$101 in General Fund match transferred from 2012 Sportran Capital Improvements (12L001).

-Reduce the General Fund appropriation for 2012 Sportran Capital Improvements (12L001) by \$671. Transfer \$570 to 2009 Sportran Capital Improvements (09L001) and \$101 to 2011 Sportran Capital Improvements (11L001).

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 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 severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 144 OF 2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED HEREIN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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 General Fund Budget to adjust appropriations, to re-allocate funds to the appropriate budget line items; 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. 135 of 2012, the 2013 General Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

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Decrease Contractual Services by: \$75,000 Increase Materials & Supplies by: \$75,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 135 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 shall be 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 portions thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 145 OF 2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2013 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue 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 Number 138 of 2012, the 2013 budget for the Community Development Special Revenue Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 1. (Estimated Receipts):

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Increase Prior-Year – State ESG By	\$ 154,500
Increase Prior Year – WIA Grants By	706,400
Fiscal Year 2013 Funds:	
Decrease – Housing Admin Gen Fund By	163,100

Increase – Com Dev Admin Gen Fund By 163,100

In Section 2. (Appropriations):

From Prior Year Funds:

\$ 154,500 Increase Prior-Year – State ESG By

WIA Program – Workforce Devlopment

Increase Prior Year – WIA Adult Program By 466,400 Increase Prior Year – WIA Youth Program By 104,300 Increase Prior Year – WIA Dislocated Program By 135,700

From Year 2013 Funds:

Housing & Business Development

Decrease – Housing Admin Gen Fund By	\$ 189,000
Increase – Housing Admin Supplies By	5,900
Increase – Housing Admin Contractual By	20,000
Community Development Administration	
Increase – Com Dev Admin Personnel By	35,500
Increase – Com Dev Admin Supplies By	8,500
Increase – Com Dev Admin Contractual By	117,100
Increase – Com Dev Admin Contractual By	2,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof shall be 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 portions thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO 146 OF 2013

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE, AMEND AND ENACT SECTION 78-386 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO PERMIT REQUIRED; FEE; DURATION; WAIVER OF FEE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 78-386 is hereby amended and revised as follows:

Sec. 78-386. Permit required; fee; duration; waiver of fee.

(a) Permits shall be required for all boats operated on Cross Lake and C. Bickham Dickson Lake, and the owner of each boat shall make application for such permit with the superintendent of the Shreveport Police Department Marine Patrol Division. Such permit shall be issued upon the payment of the fee set forth in this section, and the showing of a valid state boat registration

certificate, when required.

- (b) Permits for all boats shall be issued for a fee of \$20 for annual permits or \$40 for two year permits. This permit shall be displayed on the boat in the same line and immediately following the state boat registration number.
- (c) Commercial or rental boat permits shall be issued for a fee of \$75 annually or \$150 for a two year permit regardless of the number of boats. This permit shall be kept by the owner of the business and each boat provided for rental shall be identified with the business name of the permit holder.
- (d) Boat dealer shall be issued permits for demonstrators, regardless of number, upon application to the superintendent of the Marine Patrol Division and payment of the \$75.00 annual permit fee. Permits shall be displayed on or carried in such demonstrators and shall be shown to proper enforcement officers upon request.
- (e) All permits issued under this section shall expire on the last day of the twelfth month for annual permits or the last day of the twenty-fourth month for two year permits following the date of issuance.
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the chief administrative officer of the city reserves the right to waive such fee or fees for special events including, but not limited to, regattas, races and the like.
- (g) The term "boats" as used in this section shall include surf-sailing boats or boards. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions 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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 147 OF 2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN S. JENKINS

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget to amend project funding 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. <u>133</u> of 2013, the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget, be amended and re-enacted as follows:

In Program H (Airport Improvements):

The project initially established in <u>Ordinance #60</u> as Rehabilitation of Taxiways B, D, E and F at Shreveport Regional Airport will be renamed **Rehabilitation of Taxiways B, C, D & F** due to a change in the Scope of Work and increased budget requirements. The budget for this project will be increased from \$2,850,000.00 to \$5,000,000.00.

This project established in Ordinance #60 will increased the budget due to the receipt of additional Federal Funds needed to complete not only the base bid for the project but the additive alternate as well. The increase will also be used for additional resident project representative services being provided by the consultant. The current budget of \$4,070,000.00 will be increased to \$5,000,000.00.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions 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 hereby are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 148 OF 2013

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 112 OF 2013 WHICH CREATED A TWO-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT CRESWELL AVENUE AND SOUTHFIELD ROAD AND TO ENACT THE INTERSECTION OF CRESWELL AVENUE AND SOUTHFIELD ROAD AS A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman O. Jenkins

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Ordinance No. 112 of 2013, which created a two-way stop intersection at Creswell Avenue and Southfield Road is hereby repealed. The intersection of Creswell Avenue and Southfield Road is hereby created and established as a four-way stop intersection requiring that all traffic and vehicles shall come to a full stop before entering the intersection.

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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Thompson, is there any tabled legislation to be considered today? Mr. Thompson: On yesterday we discussed removing Ordinance No. 113, 114, and 115.

Tabled Legislation.

- 1. **Ordinance No. 170 of 2012**: 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*)

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Corbin to remove Ordinance No(s) 113, 114, and 115 of 2013 from the agenda. 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.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would also indicate that even though we're not advocating removing the budget ordinances from the agenda, they can be and should be voted on at the next meeting.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: I mean from moved from the table.

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.

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

Ordinance No. 125 of 2013: 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.

<u>Ordinance No. 127 of 2013</u>: 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.

<u>Ordinance No. 132 of 2013</u>: 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.

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

Ordinance No. 135 of 2013: 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 November 11, 2013 until December 9, 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 20, 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*)
- PSD1300088: 1447 Andrew Ave., Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Mr. Don W. Ellis Sr., 1460 Kenneth Ave., Shreveport 71103 (Postponed October 21, 2013 until November 25, 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)
- PSD 1300082 5918 Attaway Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Jerome Fields, 5954 Attaway Street, Shreveport, LA 71108 (F/Shyne) NEW (Postponed October 21, 2013 until December 20, 2013)
- PSD 1300135 795 W. 70TH Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Liaqat Ali, 550 Atkins Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) (Postponed November 11, 2013 until January 13, 2014)
- PSD1300218 360 E. 68th Street, Shreveport, LA (C/O. Jenkins) Mr. Daniel Southern, 368 E. 68th Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (C/O. Jenkins) (*Not to be considered prior to November 25*, 2013)
- PSD1300137 1447 Hollywood Avenue, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Ms. Mary Dickens, 6004 Fox Ridge, Shreveport, LA 71129 (G/S. Jenkins) *NEW*

Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals

Denial of application for renewal of Alcohol Beverage Permit for Raceway #6802, 3701 Hearne Ave, Shreveport, LA 71103 (B/Everson) (Postponed November 11, 2013 until November 25, 2013)

Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals

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) (Postponed November 11, 2013 until November 25, 2013)

Councilwoman McCulloch: At our last meeting, there was a request from the Council regarding the actual application date that Mr. Williams submitted, versus the actual date the ordinance was passed by the city. As I understood, prior to today's meeting, the MPC actually passed this ordinance prior to it being presented to the City Council, and of course, there was proper notification according to Roy of the ordinance change. As most of you all that were here at our last meeting witnessed, Mr. Williams expressed that he did not file the application in a reasonable time. Which based on what I'm showing here, he possibly filed his application more than 30 days after the ordinance had passed. Since I've been in office this term as city council representative and attending several association meetings with MLK CDC, MLK Association, and some of the other community groups as well as Southern University, and being a member of the Master Plan Committee and actually vising the master plan for the City of Shreveport in this particular area, this would actually go against the ideas and the plans of the master plan. So for that reason, I'm going to uphold the decision of the MPC.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Second.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And I would appreciate this Council's support.

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Williams, would you like to address the Council?

Mr. Floyd Williams: (2203 W. Algonquin Trail) I think that you all have done your research and made your decision, and at this point, we're just moving on. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman McCulloch: You too Mr. Williams.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Williams.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Thank you Mr. White, and Ms. Rogers, thank you for being here today.

Motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to uphold the decision of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. 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.

Other Appeals Taxi Appeal Reports from officers, boards, and committees

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, if I may, the Audit and Finance Committee Report. The committee met on Friday, November 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., and we reviewed recently issued Internal Audit Reports. Among those were the Landfill Division, Property Tax Refunds, and Engineering. The audit reports concerning administrative issues and concerns. Our city administration said they would put in place the necessary internal controls and procedures to correct the problems identified in the reports. The Committee will continue to monitor these areas and others to ensure management has established the appropriate procedures to operate efficiently

and effectively. That's our report. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: I guess as a last official duty as Chairman, if there is no objection, I would like to propose a subcommittee of the infrastructure committee. For lack of a better name, I'm going to call it the 'Dog Park' Committee. After thinking about all of our discussion that we've had, especially yesterday, telephone calls and emails, I think a lot of the activity around the dog park continues to come back to we're not talking about the right things. And certainly everyone has an opinion about that. But I propose that we set up a subcommittee under the Infrastructure Committee, Councilman Everson chair that if he's willing.

Councilman Everson: Just a point of order. Was curious, do we have a Dog Park study group already? There was a group that I remember before any of this got to the point where we are now, there was a group that was meeting to talk about you know what needed to be in the application, what made a site appropriate or not appropriate, and Shelly is that - - - was that a - - - sort of an ad hoc, an administrative forum, I don't remember what.

Councilman O. Jenkins: We had representation from the Parish, from both Parish legal, as well as Animal Control - - -

Councilman Everson: That may have just been a working group, but it was definitely a group that met regularly.

Ms. Ragle-Stone: It was not a formally - - - the Council didn't create that committee. It was a committee that we put together. Groups of people who had either an interest may it have fallen in your Council Districts, from the locations that we were talking about, and then just experts in their fields, like Animal Control, the Police Department, parish officials. So, it wasn't an official committee of the City Council. It was a working committee that we put together at SPAR to start looking ordinances, locations, etc.

Councilman Everson: May be a good group to include as the basis of this group.

Councilman Corbin: Let's consider this if it works. Let's create as a Council Committee, but be sure, and Jeff if you would Chair it through Infrastructure, put two other Council Members to be on it, Certainly Administration, Ms. Ragle, I'd like somebody from the Dog Park to always be included, the Dog Park Alliance, and somebody from the Parish if they would like to be there. I'd like to see, and I know this is a short timeframe, but I'd like to see information come back to the Council by December 20th, and we have the top three sites, we define what as a requirement, and I know this is part of this is an exercise that's gone through before, but we can't seem to agree on it. I'd like to see this committee come back and say, what are the minimal requirements that Shreveport will accept in a dog park. If it's just a gate and a fence, fine. If it's a gate and a fence and three benches, whatever it is, we need to define these are the minimum requirements associated with each of these sites moving it forward. Attach some costs to that because we have cost estimates running out our ears. So I think we can attach cost to that, and what funding sources are out there. And I think we owe it to the citizens and to ourselves to have that information and be ready to discuss it December 20th if at all possible. And if there's no objection, let's go forward.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, would on the 20th of December, what form of decision would you envision the Council being in a position to make? I offer that because obviously, we've had various forms of draft resolutions before the Council dating back to September, if not August. We've also continually asked for some alternative scenarios that some Council Member might be willing to step up and offer. We also offered a draft budget ordinance that would have actually created a project. Again, no Council Member has stepped up at this point. So specifically by the time, and we've obviously asked for the Resolution 212 that's on the agenda to be postponed to give some additional time in line with what you're suggesting. So that we're understanding, we're

clear, by the time we get to the 20th of December, what would be the decision, or what particular actual instruments would the Council be acting on, deciding on, debating, discussing at that point.

Councilman Corbin: We'd like to see a recommendation on December 20th. Here is our preferred agreed upon site, here's what we want there, here's our funding source, here's how to move forward. I just think we continue to get distracted in some of our conversations about what we're doing. I'd like to say we could do this and have it in two weeks. I'm not sure that can happen. But as I go back and I reflect on our conversations yesterday, we can't even agree on the definition of what we want a dog park to be. And I think if we can't get passed those basic points, we're never going to get to the point of how do we fund it, where do we put it or any of that. You know, I'm just one voice tossing this out there. And if we can refine it a little bit, or somebody's got some better suggestions, lets' get serious.

Councilman Webb: Question Mr. Chairman. Will the Administration be providing those figures were referenced yesterday fairly quickly? Or

Mayor Glover: We will work as quickly as we can to get what the Council and what the public needs in order to be able to make a decision. And I guess part of what I would also and we'll target next week Mr. Webb to try and get that in fact, we were prepared today if necessary to come up and talk about some of those other considerations as well, but we'd rather put those on paper for you. But I think part of what Mr. Chairman, I want to offer is that let's make sure we don't lose sight of the appropriate role and perspective of the staff who we ask to give us the benefit of their professional knowledge. Because the last thing that we ultimately end up needing to try and do in an effort to try and fix what obviously has an administration, we think is a (inaudible) flawed set of circumstances. We end up deviating from what should be best practices. If Mr. Webb tells me that we're going to build tennis course out in West Shreveport, then I don't need to come up and try to figure out how we come with a tennis court that can end up shaving a few feet off the end and the edge and what have you so we can fit a given set of circumstances, if what's needed is an appropriately designed tennis court. The same as if we're designing a baseball field, or a soccer field, those need to be done in a way and a fashion, that meet some minimally acceptable standards. The staff refers to those as best practices. If the intent here is to come in and take what is, especially with regard to the Riverfront area, Clyde Fant Parkway, the most prized piece of land that we all collectively own here in the City of Shreveport as Shreveporters, and end up with a design standard or a quality level that is not in line with that, then that is something that obviously I think we need to not allow ourselves to get shoehorned into in our efforts to try and appease a group of folks who have started us off with bad information down the road that's led us to a point to where this situation is where it is. With regards to the estimates, there are only three that are there right now, in terms of a basic dog park. That's what Staff came up with and that was requested by at least Council Members independent estimates of the staff's work, that both came in at numbers \$60,000 and \$110,000 higher than what the staff had put together. But certainly we will engage and provide all that we can to ultimately hopefully put a Council in a position to make a decision on this. Frankly, Mr. Chairman, would have like to have had it done before your Chairmanship is up. It certainly should happen before this calendar year resolves itself. Because there are way, way and I don't want over emphasize that, but there are way, way more important issues that this council, this administration and the citizens of the City of Shreveport should be engaged and involved in. And frankly, I shudder to think how much farther we would be along in so many other areas, had we managed to be able to effectively channel this much sitting energy, this much political capital into some of those worthwhile adventures. We just had a man come down here, well two men actually, talk to us about economic development, entrepreneurship, our hospital that's now been taken over and run by a group of private non-elected citizens and none of

us had a question for him. But we're going to sit here and spend yet another part of a calendar year chasing down this dog park. So I appreciate you giving us a deadline, which is the 20th, which we will take, and hopefully what that will represent is some action that we can put ourselves in a position between now and then that puts this issue to rest. That has no other lawyers out here clocking hours. You know folks who take umbrage at that and think that that's something that represents a problem. Had it not been for that action to put us in this position, we'd be heading down a path right now that would be resulting in even hundreds of thousands of dollars more than what we've spent on legal fees. And so, again, we accept the challenge. We hope to be able to put ourselves in a position to meet with you guys. In fact, I'd like to suggest as early as next Monday or Tuesday, because that's when we were going to be reaching out to you all and other folks to engage them. But we're amenable as early as this Monday and Tuesday to sitting down to figuring out how to put a point on this. And please let's make this more of a two-way deal because as I said earlier on yesterday, you got Resolution 133 from 2012, that all seven of you voted on. But one thing I'm convinced of right now, that there's at least a few of you who wouldn't vote for it today. And there are some of you who would want to not vote for it today. And if that is the case, then we need to ultimately understand that that is not in the best interest of the City of Shreveport and do something about it.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mayor Glover, and I agree, I mean I think that we have talked about best practices and we come back to what's the minimum that we can do. In the end, if we're going to move forward with the dog park, it's a city park, and it should not be shortcut or treated any differently than any other city facility. If we were opening those four new soccer fields, we would not say, well we can't afford grass. So I think it's time to get serious about this, look at a deadline and let's get past this because you're right. We've got many issues that affect far more people.

Mr. Thompson: I have a question for the record. Did the motion to approve the minutes include November, 11th, November 12th, and November 18th?

Councilman Corbin: They may not have included the 18th Mr. Thompson. Can I amend, or do we need to re - - - make a second motion just for the 18th?

Mr. Thompson: Why don't we just do a motion to - - - Councilman Shyne: So moved for the 18th Mr. Chairman

Councilman Webb: Second.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Webb to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting, Monday, November 18, 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.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Clerk's Report

Councilman Corbin: That would not be your Clerk's report would it?

Mr. Thompson: Yes it was.

The Committee "rises and reports" (reconvenes the regular council meeting)

Election of Council Officers

Chairman of the Council

Motion by Councilman <u>O. Jenkins</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Everson</u> to elect Councilman Joe Shyne Chairman of the Council. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: Councilman Shyne. 1.

Vice-Chairman of the Council

Motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to elect Councilman Everson Vice-Chairman of the Council. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Absent: Councilman Everson. 1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

November 25, 2013

Harrelson Materials Management, Inc. v. City of Shreveport Docket Number: 554,370-A First Judicial District Court Caddo Parish, Louisiana

City of Shreveport v. Harrelson Materials Management, Inc.
Docket Number: 505,142-A
First Judicial District Court
Caddo Parish, Louisiana

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:42 p.m.