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Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
February 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Ron Webb at 3:03 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2009, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Walford.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Lester.

Councilman Webb: Last week, we had our first meeting televised with our new digital technology with some changes that were made, and I understand that there were several texts from TV audience that they couldn't pick up what was said, and I know that they worked on that for the last couple of weeks, and hopefully you are hearing us out in TV land like you should be and if you're not, please let our office know so that we can make whatever corrections we need.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday January 26, 2009 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 27, 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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

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

Councilman Webb, Mr. Mayor, you got anything for us today?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, it is my great privilege and pleasure to present to you all today, one of our own. A young lady who is a graduate of my Alma Mater, her mother and father are long time Shreveport residents, they are church members of our esteemed Council Member from District A. And they are members of the Shreveport community. I'm going to ask that they join me at that point. Mr. Herbert Murphy and his lovely daughter, Ms. Ashley Murphy. You all are probably stirred by that very poised manner by which she stood, and then walked here to the podium, that Ms. Murphy is a 2002 graduate of Caddo Magnet High School, and went on to the university, and all these other wonderful things that she's done over the years. She's also a featured dancer with the Dance Theatre of Harlem. And she's performing here in the City of Shreveport over the next two days, if I'm not mistaken. Today, and on tomorrow at the Strand Theatre tonight, and tomorrow. In fact Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council, I'm going to do all I can to insure that we get out of here today as expeditiously as possible, because it is my great desire to escort my lovely wife to tonight's performance, which starts at 7:30. And so we are certainly hopeful that those folks who are here in attendance and those who are watching us by television, who have not ever had the pleasure of viewing the dynamism of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, that they would certainly take the

opportunity to come out and on this night or tomorrow night, to maybe become a patron of the arts, and enjoy tomorrow during the day 10:00 a.m., and at 12:00 noon. 7:30 tonight, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon tomorrow, that they would come out and become patrons of the Arts and supporters of the Strand Theatre. Mr. Wooley who spoke very passionately about the Strand at our last meeting, and I obviously share those sentiments. And so tonight and tomorrow morning, and tomorrow at noon, we have a (inaudible) of those great efforts, the Strand as well as the Dance Theatre of Harlem. I had an opportunity to see the Dance Theatre of Harlem for the first time almost 20 years ago. I believe it was 1990 or '91, and to my recollection

Councilman Shyne: We brought them to town. The Caddo Parish School System through Fair Park High School.

Mayor Glover: That was a flash from the past. Ashley, that might have been (inaudible) time you were born.

Councilman Shyne: (Inaudible) Antoine was the principal.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Antoine, God bless him, was in fact the principal was one of the leaders, A Fair Park Coach, and that was my first opportunity to have the chance to experience the grandeur and the wonder of the Dance Theatre of Harlem. In fact, I know that the culminating event of the performance on that particular night almost 20 years ago, was the Dancing of the Firebird, which if you have never had an opportunity to see the Dance Theatre of Harlem perform the Firebird, then you truly have not lived as deeply and as passionately as you could. And I think it is worth noting that our own Ms. Ashley Murphy will be the featured performer in tonight's version, or at least that's what I've been told, that she will be the featured performer in tonight's version of the Firebird. And so, I would invite you fellow Council Members, and all of you in attendance, and all those who are watching, that you would be well served and greatly delighted that you would come out and participate, and in recognition of the great accomplishment that Ms. Murphy has achieved as a member of one of the most distinguished dance companies anywhere in the world. I believe as Mayor, it is more than fitting and proper that we show her proper honor and proper recognition. And so in witness of, I have issued this proclamation.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Shreveport's own, Ashley Murphy will perform with the Dance Theatre of Harlem on February 10, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy is the daughter of Herbert and Suzie Murphy and she is a 2002 graduate of Caddo Magnet High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy began dancing at age three; she performed with the Louisiana Dance Theatre, Shreveport Symphony, Shreveport Opera, Shreveport Regional Arts Council and Red River Revel; she performed in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Orlando and Chicago and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport is proud of the hard work, persistence and perseverance displayed by Ms. Murphy to earn a position with the Dance Theatre of Harlem;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, CEDRIC B. GLOVER, MAYOR of the City of Shreveport, do hereby proclaim TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009, as:

"ASHLEY MURPHY DAY"

in the City of Shreveport, and urge all citizens to offer sincere congratulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Shreveport to be affixed.

Cedric B. Glover, Mayor

Ms. Murphy: I'd just like to thank the City of Shreveport and all those who have helped me over the years. And I hope to see you tonight at the Strand at 7:30. Please come out and support the Dance Theatre of Harlem, so that we can come back in future years. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: And also before you leave, I know Council Members want to make a point of recognizing Mr. Herbert Murphy, the father of Ashley, as I mentioned earlier. You all confirmed him as one of the newest members of the Shreveport Housing Authority. So that you can put a name to a face, Mr. Herbert Murphy.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I thought he was an older gentleman. He looks real young today. I believe the Mayor has a tendency to put people on the Board who kinda looks like him, with that youthful look.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, if I could, I would be remiss if I didn't say personally to Ashley how proud we are of you. To see where you have gone, and come and blossomed into, to the Murphy family, they've done an outstanding job of nurturing the talent that God's put in you, and those of us who have been privileged to be in your village and are very proud of what you have become. I can only imagine when my little daughter is just getting started in dance, I can't watch her dance on stage without crying. And so, maybe at some point, you can instruct me, if you can actually get that done, we'll talk about that after the meeting. It's a beautiful thing and we're very, very proud of her. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Mathew Morgan: (Tour Manager for Dance Theatre of Harlem) And I just wanted to say on behalf of the company, thank you to the City of Shreveport. We have been all over the State of Louisiana. We started our tour in Ruston. We were later in Monroe, Alexandria, and now we're here. And then from here, we're going to be heading on to Baton Rouge, and two stops in Mississippi. And I just wanted to say on behalf of Dance Theatre of Harlem, tomorrow, is our 40th Anniversary, Dance Theatre of Harlem will be 40 years old tomorrow. And many of you understand the difficulty in maintaining a company in this economic climate in the Arts. And so, we're grateful to the people of Shreveport and Louisiana for the support in helping to make this tour for our young people possible. If you miss us today, you can see us at one of the other tour stops before we get out of Louisiana. It's been a great time, thank you so much.

Mayor Glover: The Mayor's office is also found it fit and proper based upon the extensive presence of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, not only here in Shreveport, Bossier and Northwest Louisiana, here during the month of February, but because they will be throughout the entirety of our state during this month. We have also declared the month of February, Ashley we have you to thank that this great effort (inaudible) that you were a part of, we have declared it "Dance Theatre of Harlem Month" here in the City of Shreveport. Mr. Chairman, just a couple of other recognitions that we'd like to make, and I'd like to ask Chief Crawford to join me at this point. Chief Crawford and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a true Shreveport hero, Mr. Rodney Jerry. Mr. Jerry would you come up and join me please? Jerry is a true Shreveport hero. He saved the life of his neighbor, 84 year old Mr. Lonnie Brooks, by rescuing him from his burning home. On January 25th of this year, at 4:17 in the morning, Shreveport Fire crews were dispatched to Mr. Brooks home at 3218 Sidney Street in the MLK community, also known as Easy Living. They arrived to find the rear of the wood frame home engulfed in thick smoke and heavy flames. Firefighters knew that Mr. Brooks was confined to a wheelchair, so they rushed in to find him. But they quickly found that he was not there. Mr. Brooks' neighbor Rodney Jerry, who lives at 3221 Sidney, plowed through the thick smoke and flames and discovered Mr. Brooks in his bed. He put him into his wheelchair, and rescued him from his burning home. Firefighters say that it was amazing that neither Mr. Brooks nor Mr. Jerry didn't receive any injuries whatsoever. So, in recognition of his heroism, and his bravery, it is my great privilege to present Mr. Rodney Jerry with the Mayor's Award of Excellence.

Chief Crawford: Thank you so much. It's a great day that I can address the Council and bring great citizens such as Mr. Jerry before you today. The people expect this of firefighters and police officers, but when an everyday citizen and outstanding young man such as did sets a great example, he's someone that I want in my Fire Department (inaudible), and I'm going to talk to him after this. For your bravery Mr. Jerry, in recognition of the lifesaving actions on January 25, 2009, we commend you as the Shreveport Fire Department, because of your willingness to become involved, when this house at 3218 Sidney Street caught fire, you entered the structure at great risk to your own personal safety, and rescued the resident from the burning residence. May I offer you this Shreveport Fire Department's Citizens Commendation. Congratulations.

Mr. Jerry: I wanted to say thank you all. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Mayor, and Chief. This is the second time someone from District A has run into the building. Sign these guys up.

Chief Crawford: I've got the other guy already, and we're going through the process. And now here is another one.

Councilman Lester: There you go! Count 'em. Two for two.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Mayor. Easy Living sounds like it might be on what we used to call the Cooper Road.

Mayor Glover: Yes sir Mr. Shyne. Without question. Where courage and bravery is not uncommon. And now Members of the Council, and Mr. Chairman, to three of our own. First I'd like to start by calling up Ms. Virginia Lee. Which each of you should know, if not the person of, certainly the voice of. Mike, where are you.

Councilman Shyne: She's doing God's work Mr. Chairman. Anybody who can put up with Mike Strong, is doing the Lord's work.

Mayor Glover: There is a special place in Heaven for Virginia Lee, not only because of what Mike Strong puts her through, but for what the seven of you and I put her through, not to mention the citizens of the City of Shreveport that she hears from on an ongoing and frequent basis. But she does so with great class and great aplomb, and great dignity, and so we are grateful for. And so, in recognition of the fact is the Confidential Secretary of Mike Strong, Director, Department of Operational Services, the Pelican Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals announce that Virginia Lee, a loyal, dedicated and longtime employee of the City of Shreveport has passed the Certified Administrative Professional exam. A demonstration of her eagerness to do the job to be the best that she can be, so that she can serve the citizens of the City of Shreveport ever better. Virginia has been a member of the association for 24 years. We congratulate her on her well deserved, and well earned accomplishment. So, in witness thereof, we have presented today, or are presenting her today with this Mayor's Award of Excellence.

Ms. Lee: I had to write my words down, I'm not quite as eloquent as some other people. Mr. Chairman, Council Members, Mayor Glover. I appreciate your recognition of the effort I made to achieve the Certified Administrative Professional (CAP) certification. During the 25 plus year that I have worked for the City, I have had the strong support and encouragement of my supervisors, including Tom Dark and Mike Strong. Thank you, Mike. I believe that membership in, and being active in, a professional organization like the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) gives an employee the opportunity to grow in many ways that are beneficial to the City. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mike is just eager to send her back to work. So, thank you Virginia. Next, Tom Mattox, would you join us here please? Tom Mattox, who we all know, Tom is the purchasing agent for the City of Shreveport. And he received the 2009 President's Service

Award at the Fourth Annual Conference of North Louisiana Chapter of National Institute of Governmental Purchasing. The President's Award is the highest honor bestowed by the North Louisiana Chapter. This summer, Tom on behalf of the City of Shreveport played a leading role in preparing municipalities for the acceptance of electronic bids. It was Tom Mattox and his staff that took the initiative to research online, electronic bid solutions. While other cities were unprepared, and unaware of a January 2009 mandate, Mattox, and the City of Shreveport took the lead providing information and creating opportunities for education not only for local vendors, but to vendors statewide. Council Members, Shreveport set the standard for the state, in the implementation of electronic bid process. Shreveport was the first in the state to hold a workshop for vendors on the new electronic bid process. Tom and Mayoral Staff, Karen Barnes did an outstanding job of putting on at least two of those seminars, possibly more. I know at least two that I'm aware of, that put local contractors and vendors in a position to be able to have a heads up and a foot ahead in terms of this new process, and so for your excellence achieved, Tom, it's my privilege to present to you this Mayor's Award of Excellence.

Mr. Tom Mattox: It is my privilege and honor to work with a great group of dedicated professionals, and to work for a great group dedicated professionals. And I do appreciate this very much. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: And Council Members, last, but not least, another one of our own. Mr. Patrick Wesley.

Councilman Shyne: Patrick! Alright.

Mayor Glover: Come on up with him Shelly.

Councilman Shyne: Patrick is a good ole Grambling Boy who graduated from Grambling State University. That's why he's so sharp.

Mayor Glover: He might correct you on that one. He's from Grambling. But I think he strayed away from the nest a little bit, if I'm not mistaken.

Councilman Shyne: Where did he stray to Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: He strayed to Natchitoches if I remember correctly. I remember those recruiting - - - I think Mr. Sibley might have gone and paid a visit while he was at the Congressman's office.

Councilman Shyne: I'm going to take some of that back.

Mayor Glover: But without question, he's from Grambling.

Councilman Shyne: Well I'll leave him with that part.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Council, Patrick Wesley, who is our beloved Assistant Director of SPAR, on Tuesday of last month, Tuesday, the 27th of last month, Patrick Wesley was sworn as president of the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association. The L.R.P.A. is the leading parks and recreation organization in the state of Louisiana. Patrick who is an exemplary employee has worked at SPAR for over a decade. As President of the L.R.P.A., Patrick has outlined his goals for 2009 and 10 to increase memberships, promote parks and recreation in rural communities, and to establish and maintain collaborations to address - - - it didn't say adult obesity, but just the youth obesity. We're going (inaudible) and see if we can't share some of that as well. So, it is my great privilege based upon the outstanding work that Patrick has done, both for the City of Shreveport and for the L.R.P.A. to present him with this Mayor's Award of Excellence.

Mr. Wesley: Thank you again Mayor. I'm humbled to receive this recognition. Anytime you hold a position like this, you have to have support from your boss and supervisor, so again, I'd like to thank Shelly and all the members of SPAR as well as the Council for your support. Again, another one of my goals is to make the City of Shreveport proud. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Shelly is looking so young, I thought she was a college Intern.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, the last two things I want to do before I take my seat is I want to take a minute to pay special recognition to a group today that has started an effort that is much needed here within not only Shreveport, but throughout the entire area of Northwest Louisiana, and that group is the Providence House. Today was the ceremonial ribbon cutting for their new state of the art 100 bed facility for battered women and children. As we are well acquainted, over the last year when you've had the City of Shreveport with a contingency plan in place that was ready to move forward at a moment's notice to provide shelter for abused women and children, we know that we've had a crisis with regard to having a stable place, location, staffed as well as wrap around services for those individuals who find themselves the victims of domestic abuse. And so in an effort to make sure that that particular void never exist again the wonderful folks at the Providence House led by Executive Director Simone Hennessey supported by their outstanding board, which your Clerk, Mr. Arthur Thompson, was a long time member, but as I found out earlier today, Arthur, Mr. Shyne became a little bit to curmudgeon and they found him a little too grumpy. I was told they held most of those meetings immediately after Council Meeting. That might have accounted for the mood. But he has been replaced by his lovely wife, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, as a member on the Board at Providence House. But more specifically a 100 bed facility here that will be provided in a secure safe location for those individuals who are the victims of domestic abuse and their children, and the thing that is also significant that I mentioned a second ago, not only is it providing shelter, but all of the supporter services that are necessary to deal with and address the poor unfortunate individuals who find themselves in these circumstances, but also develop a linkage between domestic abuse sheltering situations as well as the additional services that the Providence House has offered for many years in our community. So, it's a transition from a bad situation to a stable situation to a progressive situation. And so we than all the folks at the Providence House for the great work that they've done. We thank their Board Members for the vision that they've shown, and we are certainly happy to be working with and be partnering with as they move forward to serve the community. I want to lastly thank the good folks at the Deaf Action Center. We have here today a new addition to the Mayoral comments portion of our Council Meeting, the ability for those individuals who are challenged in terms of their hearing, to be able to at least know what's being communicated during this particular portion of our meeting. We look forward to working with them and the Council Staff as we move forward, and to give them the opportunity and the option to provide even more and greater access for our deaf community. So, thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you Members of the Council, and thank you to the Deaf Action Center.

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

Councilman Webb: Does any Council Member have any distinguished guests?

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I know this is a little unusual, but I have a constituent here who follows the Council religiously. And I know he's your friend as well as mine, and he had his birthday yesterday, and I'd just like to take a moment to wish Sammy Mears a happy birthday. Happy Birthday from all of us.

Mr. Mears: Yes, I'd like to say something. Birthdays only come once a year as everybody knows. And the thing is that when they come once a year like Monty said yesterday, you only have to wait 365 days more before the next one comes. Joyce and Horace English sent this birthday card to me just the other day, and I was very thrilled to get it today. Because it

doesn't talk, it does this. "You know you make me want to shout." This card SINGS! And I'll bide my time until I get home to put it in the right place, where I want to.

Mayor Glover: I've had the distinct privilege of attending I believe the Noel United Methodist Church, where this young man is a member of the choir, so I guess I'm a little confused here. He brought us a card that sings, maybe we'll get a chance to invite him back to actually sing for us.

Mr. Mears: April 4th on Saturday, they have the Easter Celebration at 1:30 p.m., and you're welcome to come.

Mayor Glover: Look forward to it.

Councilman Webb: Moving on. We've got Resolution No. 9 of 2009. Councilwoman Bowman.

Councilwoman Bowman read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION TO WELCOME ALBERT MCLEOD BETHUNE, JR., THE GRANDSON OF THE LATE MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILWOMAN BOWMAN

WHEREAS, Mr. Albert McLeod Bethune, Jr., is the grandson, the adopted son, and the oldest living descendant of Mary McLeod Bethune, founder and former President of Bethune-Cookman College, a historically black college in Daytona Beach Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albert McLeod Bethune's grandmother, Mary McLeod Bethune, founded the Daytona Educational and Industrial Training School for Negro Girls in 1904. In 1923, the school merged with the Cookman Institute of Jacksonville, Florida and became a co-ed high school. A year later in 1924, the school became affiliated with the Methodist church. By 1931, the High School had become a junior college, Bethune-Cookman College. The Junior College became a four-year college in 1941 with a baccalaureate program offering liberal arts and teacher education. On February 14, 2007, the Board of Trustees approved the name Bethune-Cookman University after the institution established its first graduate program. Mrs. Bethune retired in 1942 as president at which time James E. Colston became president until 1946 when Mrs. Bethune resumed the presidency for a year; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport and the Caddo Parish School Board have recognized and honored the accomplishment of Mary McLeod Bethune by naming a school (Bethune Middle Academy), and a street (Bethune Drive) in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albert McLeod Bethune attended and received a BS degree from Bethune-Cookman College in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albert McLeod Bethune, as librarian and archivist at Bethune Cookman College for thirty years, continued the Bethune tradition of promoting education and providing educational opportunities for African Americans students, and as archivist he preserved the rich history of African-Americans for generation to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albert McLeod Bethune is married to the former Marian E. Robinson, and he is the father of eleven children; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2009, Mr. Albert McLeod Bethune, will be the speaker at Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church, for a program by the New World Book Club with the theme: "A Powerful Past..., A Promising Future..., The Essence of Education".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City of Shreveport welcomes "Mr. Albert

McLeod Bethune, Jr., to Shreveport, and encourages all citizens to extend to Mr. Bethune every courtesy in recognition of his many accomplishments **and the accomplishments of his grandmother, Mary McLeod Bethune.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be signed by each member of the City Council, and executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to Mr. Albert McLeod Bethune, Jr. and the other original filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Lester read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE LIFE OF MILLARD FULLER, THE FOUNDER OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND THE FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Calvin Lester

WHEREAS, Millard Fuller died on February 3, 2009, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, Millard Fuller was the founder of the Habitat for Humanity and the Fuller Center for Housing, organizations that built hundreds of thousands of homes for those who could not afford to buy their own; and

WHEREAS, the Fuller Center for Housing brings volunteers from different states, cities, areas, and backgrounds together to form a temporary community to provide housing for families who need shelter; and

WHEREAS, in September 2006, the first “Linda and Millard Fuller Blitz Build” came to Shreveport, and ten houses were built in a week; and

WHEREAS, today, in the Allendale Community of Shreveport, a total of 38 homes built by the Fuller Center for Housing, bring to Allendale new life, energy, and a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, Millard Fuller never stopped working towards his one goal: to eliminate substandard housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened _____, that the City of Shreveport expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of Millard Fuller on his untimely passing and memorializes Millard Fuller for creating Habitat for Humanity and the Fuller Center for Housing; organizations which built and continues to build, hundreds of thousand of homes for those who could not, and cannot, afford to buy their own – including dozens in Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Shreveport thanks Millard Fuller for making Shreveport a better place to live by reminding us that we are our brother’s keeper and that service to others is the rent we pay for our space on our planet.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt.

Councilman Walford: Just in the way of a brief comment on this one, not to terribly long ago, Mr. Shyne and I had the opportunity to have lunch with Mr. Fuller. And I have to tell you,

he was quite a gentleman and very committed to what he was doing. It was what would you call it Joe? Energizing?

Councilman Shyne: It was, it was energizing.

Councilman Walford: I mean, he believed in what he was doing, and he had a way of conveying that to you, so it was no doubt. It was really a pleasure to have lunch with him.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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

Reports: Property Standards Report

Mr. Holt: No report, but I'll be glad to take any concerns you may have.

Councilman Webb: Council Members, you have any concerns for him? I guess you get off light today.

Public Hearing: None.

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

Adding Items to the Agenda (Clerk reads items into the record - public comments allowed on items proposed to be added, then items can be added only after unanimous vote [See Act 131 of 2008])

Public Comments (Comments on items to be adopted)

Mr. Harold Mulkey: (6931 E. Ridge Drive) We purchased this property over 12 years ago, and have made numerous upgrades over the years as have most of the homeowners on both sides of 6900 block of E. Ridge Drive. At least three of the residents have recently made additions to their home costing tens of thousands of dollars. E. Ridge Drive area of the Pierremont Subdivision is an old and established neighborhood. When the Querbes family was about to develop their large tract of property to the east of us at Cross Bayou, we attended several meetings in regard to the development of the tract. The whole development hinged on the extension of Fern Avenue from Pierremont Road to join an existing Fern extension, at E. 70th Street. Also the development of Pierremont Place, the gated community proposed and ultimately built by the Simon Brothers depended on the extension of Fern Avenue. This extension and the proposed commercial development of the Querbes property affected two olden residential neighborhoods. The first was I believe, called the Clingman Park Neighborhood at the north end of the extension, whose main concern was a large amount of automobile traffic, the extension would create. Their concerns were met by an agreement that this new extension of Fern Avenue would be reduced to only one lane in each direction. Done. Their concerns were met. The second neighborhood was at East Ridge Drive area of Pierremont Acres across the bayou, but in close proximity along the entire west side of the development. After negotiating, it was promised that a green zone between Fern Avenue and the bayou would be established as a buffer zone from the proposed commercial areas. This was done with the exception of a larger than expected lot that was created by the curve in Fern Avenue necessary to join the existing Fern extension. We had been told that this site would be developed at the (inaudible) area, but when it turned out to be a possible building site, the developers asked that it be zoned B-1, to be

developed with residential like buildings for offices, just like the ones down the street, to quote a statement made at one of the meetings. The use of this lot has been very controversial. Several potential buyers had backed away from considering it after learning about the promises made, broken and re-made. Last year, Mr. Matt Brown who owns Sports Spectrum had entered into an agreement to purchase the property, and had asked for and received a B-1-E zoning exception to build a building for his business on the corner portion of the property. With the balance of the property to remain B-1 buffer zone for offices as agreed upon previously. Since Mr. Brown's business is much like office space with low traffic, and a basic 7-7 type of operation, his request did not meet a lot of opposition, except on principle. More recently Mr. Brown has agreed to build a second building on the property and to lease it to Mr. Frank Harris, who uses a full service restaurant with an outdoor patio for dining, the sale of high alcoholic beverages, and with opening hours until midnight. He asked for and received B-1-E zoning exception over the protest of the neighbors affected on the east side of the 6900 block of East Ridge. Later the rezoning went before the Zoning Board of Appeals, and was upheld again. Over the protest of the same affected neighbors. The promises and agreements made by developers and zoning authorities of the City of Shreveport have no meaning. Zoning laws are put in place to protect neighborhoods such as ours, not to put money in the pockets of property owners and developers, who too often put profit ahead of principle. I completely agree with minor exceptions to accommodate, but this re-zoning is not a minor exception, it is a major exception, that is the proposed restaurant, B-3 privileges in a B-1 location. This sets a precedent, as there still remains another section of this lot to be developed. The same thing could happen again. I have nothing against Mr. Brown or Mr. Harris, and I wish them success in their business ventures. But I respectfully ask the City Council of the City of Shreveport to overturn this zoning exception, and return this property to its original B-1 buffer zoning, in order to protect our homes from further encroachment of B-2 and B-3 type commercial establishments. This is not about personalities or politics, which are certainly involved. It is about citizens' rights to protection per Shreveport zoning laws that should be upheld by its governing bodies. I believe that this is what the zoning laws were intended to do. I thank you for your consideration, and thank you for the extra time.

Mr. Hilary Bransford: (330 Marshall Street, Suite 200) I represent the owner of the subject property, Matt Brown, and I also represent the perspective tenant, Frank Harris. Matt and Frank have diligently worked since last August to work with the neighbors, and when we speak of the neighbors, let me define that for you, because there has been some confusion. Those who oppose this use are the people who live on the east side of the bayou on East Ridge. There is no neighborhood association for East Ridge Drive, there are individuals, Mr. Mulkey and the bulk of his neighbors have been in opposition to us. Early on in August, Matt, Frank, myself, Chris (inaudible) the architect worked with all of the neighbors, in both Pierremont Place and East Ridge Drive, to answer any questions that they may have regarding this use. Frank Harris is a very gifted, talented, professionally trained Chef. He is originally from Shreveport, he is trained in many other areas, he even lived in Italy for a while. He could operate his restaurant anywhere. He chose to come home to Shreveport. It is his hometown, he has a young family that he is raising, he has an impeccable reputation for quality of his food. He is bringing a very unique concept. It is very casual small restaurant. It is only 3500 square feet. The patio that has been discussed is fully enclosed with the exception of one side at this point. Those were all items that were discussed previously during the MPC and ZBA approvals. We have made numerous concessions to allow for a roof on top of the patio area, three sides enclosed on the patio area, a patio that will now close at 10:00, a patio that will have no music, no speakers, nothing other than the voices of the people who are on the patio. Again, 1100 square feet is very, very small. A few tables at the most outside, but it provides a unique atmosphere for the concept

that Frank Harris wants to bring to Shreveport. Matt Brown as you all know owns Sports Spectrum. He is under construction for his building currently, and also the other building that is in question at the moment. Matt has been in Shreveport for over 30 years. He is an advocate of health and fitness. He is very well respected. He is making a tremendous, a tremendous investment in the City of Shreveport. This is a multi-million dollar project. It is architecturally designed by Somdal Architects. The entire building, both Matt's building, the Sports Spectrum, and the subject property are finished on all four sides, so that the bayou side is looking at a building that is as beautiful in the back as it is on the front. In addition to the building being on the property, we have also agreed to substantial improvements on the hedges, trees, landscaping, to further buffer the neighbors, the few neighbors that are on East Ridge side that had these concerns. I do want to emphasize that Frank Harris has gone to extraordinary measures to communicate his desires to open this very unique product in Shreveport. It's something that you'd see in Dallas, and other big cities. It's not the kind of restaurant that we have here. It's very unique, it's family oriented, it's very affordable, it is very, very, upscale and quite nice. It would be a fabulous addition to any city. He doesn't want to be in a strip center, he doesn't belong in a strip center. When Frank happened upon Matt's plan at the architect's office, Frank knew immediately, that was the location that worked for him. It is close to his home, and it is also close to his customers. I have as Frank submitted to you on January 18th, a 30 page document with all of the supporting comments, from not only neighbor, and when I say neighbors, 16 residents of Pierremont Place have specifically stated that they are complete and totally in favor of this use, as well as 8-9 residents on East Ridge Drive. Three of whom live directly across the street from Mr. Mulkey, and the other people who have the opposition. So even within that block of concern, those neighbors directly across the street are in complete and total support. They understand the concept, they recognize what a value this is, they understand the investment that's being made, the tax dollars, the tax base that will increase by this (inaudible) new edition to Shreveport. I'd also like to point out that there is no other restaurant in Shreveport who would ever encountered these types of requirements, a roof on the outdoor patio, to be enclosed on three sides. We have a wall on the front that's (inaudible) planter box. It is really what I would refer to as an enclosed patio. Those were all concessions made during the MPC and ZBA deliberations and discussions. We worked very carefully with Charles Kirkland and his staff, with all neighbors on both sides of that bayou to do everything that we can to provide a fabulous quality product. These two gentlemen, as I said and you probably know them yourself. They are well respected, they have deep roots in the community, and they wanted to bring something unique and wonderful to Shreveport. And I ask for your support today, to uphold the unanimous approvals that we received at ZBA and the MPC for this wonderful use.

Mr. Frank Harris: (706 Unadilla) I am a native of Shreveport, grew up here, from the time I was born through - - - after college. Went to culinary school in New York, came back to Shreveport in 2001. I've operated a private chef's business since, (inaudible) people's home and preparing wonderful meals for them. Anyway, I wanted to show you some drawings if I could, could I put them up on the overhead? Every since we started this project, it's been my desire to be open and honest about our intentions about our plans we had, and to get the opinions of the neighbors. We've met with everybody that wanted to meet with us. We've done, I believe, as good a job as we could to address their concerns, which I understand. I know that if something was coming in right behind my house, I would want to know all about it, and I would be concerned, but it is my feeling that we've gone above and beyond to meet those concerns. This is a drawing of the patio that we're proposing. This building right here is the proposed restaurant. This building is Sports Spectrum. What this doesn't show is there is going to be a three foot tall planter box here completely closing off entrance from the front, which is the only

open side. The only opening that we would have there is if the Fire Marshall were to ask us to have an entrance from the parking lot. But that would be only if he demanded it. In the back, this (inaudible) is only 24 feet wide, in the back is a sound fighter systems sound wall. And it completely absorbs any sound on the patio, like Ms. Bransford said, the only sound on that patio is going to be generated by people talking. This roof connects on all three sides. So virtually, it is enclosed for all intents and purposes. The only open part faces away from the neighbors on Fern Avenue. I've also argued, and I think it's very justifiable that the neighbors behind are going to hear less noise from the other businesses that will be eventually built across the street. Traffic from the BMW dealership, from the bank. If this sound wall is built with the patio, then you'll hear less than if the patio is not there, and the sound wall is not there. So, this completely absorbs sound. The sound waves hit it and they go in and they die. They don't bounce off and reflect. This is another drawing showing, these are all generated by the sound wall. This is another drawing showing the distances between the back of the patio wall to the nearest home is 413 feet. This is a drawing to show you the front of the building with the patio there, and the Sports Spectrum. So again, I'm just showing y'all that this is a beautiful development that I feel like any neighborhood would be proud to have close to them. And I appreciate your consideration. Thank you very much.

Mr. Steve Soileau: (1550 Creswell) I'm the attorney for Matt Brown's Sport Spectrum, and the development which is called AJR Properties. You have before you an appeal of a unanimous decision of the Zoning Board, it's been through MPC. And you have an appeal by four owners out of many. Only four. Only two of which are adjacent are here today. And you also have a gentleman who is an attorney who doesn't actually represent them, he actually lives across the street on East Ridge. So what I would like to generally do is say that I echo what Mr. Harris and Ms. Bransford have said. This is going to be a beautiful development, it's going to be neat. One of the things that Mayor Glover talks about, the neat things we face in the city. Not sure if he's absolutely clear, but it just showed you the patio. That's the side facing Fern, and the wall is between property owners - - - he was showing you the front side, the neighbors are back across the other side, some 400 feet. So you have all this on one side, and you have the four folks and somebody else across the street on the other side of this zoning appeal. The decision of the Zoning Board you have before you, it sets forth specific restrictions of the uses that can be made of the patio and of the restaurant. I would submit to you that Matt Brown, AJR, and Mr. Harris have bent over backwards, have done back flips, I think with everybody that they could meet with. Have spent a lot of time with Councilman Long, and everyone who is interested and made accommodations, reassurances, changed things around to try to make folks happy, and unfortunately, as (inaudible) know, you can't make everybody happy all the time. So, I would urge the Council to uphold the ruling of the Zoning Board. There is still some ongoing discussions, and in discussions, we had actually asked Councilman Long, and others, we thought we reached an agreement, but we couldn't reach an agreement on how to make sure that what we just showed you would remain permanent. And we've advised everyone that if we were going to change anything, we would have to come back to the Zoning Board and the City Council, and abide by them, but we haven't been able to satisfy the landowners even with that. But we would urge you to uphold the decision of the Zoning Board. Thank you.

Mr. Frank Moore: (414 Spring Lake Drive) I'm not sure if I'm out of order, my comments are regarding an appeal to the Metropolitan Planning Commission, which is item 11. It's a small lot in the Oak Hills Subdivision which is in question. And if I could do the same thing that he did, I'll just show you so you can look at it. The section that I have here now shows two lots. Site A and Site B, which was mentioned in a deed saying Lot 7, which is slightly larger, which comes to the dotted line, and half of Lot 8. Some 40 years ago, The Tilbury

family, in the deed it was mentioned that it was an option which would (inaudible) was not in the covenant of the subdivision, but there was an option that it could be made into two building lots, and Lot Site A, which is specifically 120 feet wide X 140 feet deep, and Lot B, which is in itself 107 feet and some inches X 140 feet, which is a fairly good size lot. The question there was that Lot 7 in it's entirety was sold to a new buyer including that 30 foot strip which is between the red line and the dashed line, that was originally intended to be an optional building site. More specifically, it looks like that. The part that was sold is yellow. The part that is in question today is blue. That is a very small lot, 77 feet wide X 140 feet deep, and this is the way it looks in regard to the whole neighborhood. One of the stipulations in the city building codes for re-subdivision is that no subdivision can be less than the average of the two lots on either side. You can clearly see that that lot is much less than this lot, and significantly less than this lot. So that particular parameter, it does not meet the requirement. In addition to that, when all of us that are property owners in that are who bought our property, we were assured that the whole situation would be controlled by an Architectural Control Committee, and a tentative plan was submitted to the Architectural Committee, to use that small, what we refer to as a half lot. Architectural Committee turned it down, because it did not configure with the balance of the lots. We all have an investment in that are, and to put a small lot like this in which would actually mean that the house would be in fact small, and that the garage would need to be on the front, and none of the other homes have that in place. That made it undesirable, and actually would reduce the property value. So the Metropolitan Planning Commission looked at this, and a letter signed by all the adjacent property owners which has been submitted to you and unanimously agreed that this is not a buildable site, never intended to be a buildable site, half lots were never intended to do that, and we hope you will uphold that ruling. Thank you very much for your time.

Mr. Geoffrey Westmoreland: (333 Texas St) I'm here representing my client, Virginia Lewis Tilbury, and her son Michael Tilbury. I presented to the Council early in February a package with a letter, and I would like to summarize that. I know that we are unfortunately at the end of the agenda today, or almost at the end, but while y'all are still fresh, I'd like to go through this if I could because I see that y'all have a lot on your plates today. I'd like to address a couple of things that Mr. Moore said, and I respect Mr. Moore and also respectfully disagree with a few of the things that he said. One is the statute. As Roy told you yesterday, the statute says that the filing has to be at least the same size as the average size of all the lots in the filing. Not the same size as the two lots on either side, the average size of all the lots within the filings within the subdivision, unless good cause is shown to deviate from that standard. The smallest lot in Oak Hills is 15,000 square feet. My client's lot will be almost 11,000, it's 10,892 square feet as shown on Page 3 of my letter. So again, we recognize that it's smaller than the lots in the filings, so we must show good cause. And in our letter in the exhibits, I think we've done that. And again, respectfully disagreeing with the MPC which they agreed if you listened to their record, is a very close case. When the Tilbury's bought this lot, as Mr. Moore showed you, they set it up as two building sites. They in the deed stated that the clients could build on two of those sites, but granted part of one of those sites has been taken not necessarily in this transaction, but it was taken when the house was built back in the 60s. So it sets up two building sites, it's not a surprise that it might be two homes there, it's not a surprise that if you look at the lot that Mr. Moore put up there, a hundred foot lot, is still smaller than most of the lots in the subdivision. So, it was okay under those parameters, but now it's not okay. As I told you yesterday, not allowing this subdivision, will simply take this lot out of commerce. There will be nothing that can be done with this lot. My client owns this lot. Another party owns the house on Lot 7, (Inaudible) Philips owns the house on a part of Lot 8, and the next lot over. So, neither of those parties have expressed any real interest to us in buying that lot, so now you have three owners of

three lots. My client simply is not going to hold onto this lot and just hopes that something happens with it. If it is not subdivided and able to be sold, it will be taken out of commerce. No one has come forward and told me what I can do with this lot. If this is not passed. Okay? For Exhibit 2, we showed you that the site plan of a residence of 3200 square feet, a brand new residence to be built on this lot. Again, I disagree with Mr. Moore. This lot will hold a home, it will hold a 3200 square foot home, while that may be smaller than some of the homes in the neighborhood, there is absolutely been no evidence presented before the MPC or this Council, that brand new homes of that size would detract from the property values on that street. There is no evidence, and it's simply an absurd argument. This property on Exhibit 2 meets all the covenants. The covenants only require a 3,000 square foot home. The covenants require a 50 foot front setback. This has it. The covenant requires a 15 side and rear foot setback. This property has it. They've met every standard. The reason it was turned down, they just didn't want it being built on a smaller lot. And the letter from the architectural committee shows that. This street has a history of cutting up lots to be used for the benefit of the particular owners that were building at the time. Now I will admit, cause I don't want to mislead you, cutting up those lots creating bigger lots, but still there's been plenty of building over property lines in this neighborhood. So, the idea that we're building on what people want to call a half lot, really doesn't have a lot of argument. I provide you in my packet, some examples of some of that. The other thing is that the Oak Hills Architectural Control Committee allowed this situation to be created in 1963 by establishing two building sites. And so by establishing the two building sites, now that having a realistic approach on how to handle that, and I would submit to you that placing the property out of commerce or letting it go to tax sale or letting the grass grow 6 feet high on it in that neighborhood is not a realistic approach. If someone wants to improve it, increase the tax base on it and build a brand new home on a street where most of the houses are 20 and 30 years old is a realistic approach. I'd also point to you at the end of my letter there are a number of high level developments right near that development that have lots very much smaller. Lake Place, which is right across the lake from this property, abuts the lake that is between that, a Waymon Otis development, those lots are around 6-7,000 squares feet, my client's lot is almost 11 (thousand square feet). Pierremont Place, which we've already talked about tonight is kinda around the corner, a high level development, those lots are 8,000 square feet. And there would be no argument I think that those are high level developments that do not detract from the property values anywhere in those areas. So, the size of the lot is not the only thing to look at here, and again, I reiterate that the size of this lot will detract from the property values on this street. We would ask you to overturn the decision of the MPC and allow this plat to be platted. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Webb: Okay, that's all the cards that I have. At the beginning of the meeting, the others I have are at the end of the meeting. So, moving on with the agenda.

Confirmations and Appointments: None.

**CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION
TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 11 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DENNY RAY MOTON & MEAGAN POWDRILL MOTON, LOCATED AT 848 ROCHEL DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Denny Ray Moton & Megan Powdrill Moton be authorized to connect the structure, located at 848 Rochel Dr., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, this and the next three are a part of Twelve Oaks Subdivision.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne, 4. Nays: Lester, Walford, and Bowman. 3.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Wooley, I thought you had a chance to sit down and work out a compromise with Ms. Bowman, but I guess you all didn't see eye to eye.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DAVID C. LEETH CONSTRUCTION, INC., LOCATED AT 9506 MAZANT LN., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that David C. Leeth Construction, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9506 Mazant Ln., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or

applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION NO. 13 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING T & B CONSTRUCTION, INC., LOCATED AT 9529 ROCHEL DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that T & B Construction, Inc. be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9529 Rochel Dr., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TIGER CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF NORTH LOUISIANA, L.L.C., LOCATED AT 9510 MAZANT LN., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Tiger Construction Services of North Louisiana, L.L.C. has agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Tiger Construction Services of North Louisiana, L.L.C., be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9510 Mazant Ln., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Resolutions 12, 13, and 14 of 2009. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne, 4. Nays: Lester, Walford, and Bowman. 3.

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OR WHICH REQUIRE ONLY ONE READING

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 2 of 2009:** Clarifying the legislative intent relative to “Reconsideration” in Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne) (*Postponed January 13, 2009*)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NUMBER 274 OF 2008, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF A GRANT FROM THE LOUISIANA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS, DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT RELATIVE TO RECEIPT AND DISBURSAL OF THE FUNDS; AUTHORIZING DISBURSAL OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE FUNDS TO OR ON BEHALF OF QUALIFYING FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, Resolution 274 of 2008, adopted by the Shreveport City Council on December 23, 2008, authorized the receipt of a grant from the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency (“LHFA”); authorized the execution of contracts, documents and instruments on behalf of the City relative to receipt and disbursal of the funds; and authorized the disbursal of the proceeds of the funds to or on behalf of qualified first time homebuyers; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used in the development of Concordia Place (the “Development”), a twenty-five (25) unit single family detached affordable housing development to be located in the Stoner Hill section of the city managed and developed by the Department of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the City has been informed by LHFA officials that funds for the program will be provided in the form of a “forgivable loan” therefore reference to “grant” throughout the legislation is incorrect; and

WHEREAS, this resolution would amend Resolution Number 274 of 2008 to authorize the receipt of funds from LHFA in the form of a grant or forgivable loan for purposes of the Development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that Resolution Number 274 of 2008 is hereby amended to authorize the receipt of funds from the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency in the form of a grant or forgivable loan for purposes of the Concordia Place development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other authority granted by Resolution Number 274 of 2008 shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A BANKING SERVICES AGREEMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Director or Interim Director of Finance is hereby authorized and instructed to advertise a request for proposals for a banking services agreement, covering the deposit of funds derived from taxes and other revenues for a two year term, with an option to renew for an additional two (2) year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said request for proposals shall be published in the official journal of the City of Shreveport at least three (3) times, the first notice to be published at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date proposals are to be returned hereunder. Proposals shall be returnable no later than March 13, 2009 to the Director or Interim Director of Finance in Suite 670, Government Plaza (505 Travis Street., Shreveport, Louisiana). After said time, the Director or Interim Director of Finance or his designee shall open and review said proposals, and the Director or Interim Director shall recommend to the City Council the proposal which is in his opinion in the best interest of the City of Shreveport. Thereafter, the City Council shall determine by resolution which bank shall be awarded the banking services agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the successful proposer shall be required to bid and obligate itself to comply with all requirements provided by law and to meet the City's request for services described in the attached request for proposal for the term agreed on. The deposit of all City funds made pursuant to this agreement shall be protected and secured as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the proposals are opened and in the case that all are deemed unsatisfactory, the Director or Interim Director of Finance is hereby authorized to negotiate a satisfactory banking services agreement with any qualified financial institution, subject to approval by the City Council by resolution. The City of Shreveport reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities.

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 Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2009

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

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has a tax interest in the herein below described properties which have been adjudicated for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the herein below described properties are not needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received offers to purchase its tax interest in the herein below described properties as indicated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the following described properties are hereby declared surplus:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in the herein below described properties for an amount not less than the offer as indicated below, which is at least two-thirds of the appraised value of the property:

Property No. 1: Legal Description - Lot 9, Block C. Union Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 100, Page 32 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 5735 King Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (Geo #161501-003-0009-00)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,200.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,800.00 DISTRICT E

Property No. 2: Legal Description - West 34 Feet of the North 375 Feet of the West one half of Lot 468, Jones Mabry Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in Book 450, Page 281 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 2839 Martin Luther King Drive, Shreveport, LA 71106 (Geo #181420-010-0696-00)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$1,000.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$1,400.00 DISTRICT A

Property No. 3: Legal Description - Lot 13, Block F, Chesterfield Subdivision, a subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and having a municipal address of 504 W. 69th Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (Geo #171423-008-0013-00)

AMOUNT OFFERED: \$300.00 APPRAISED VALUE: \$450.00 DISTRICT F

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because the above described properties have been declared surplus, Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances authorizes the Mayor to execute deeds for the sale of the City's interest in these properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED FOR IFB#08-103 FOR TWELVE (12) NEW 2008 OR 2009 VEHICLES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, seven (7) bids were received as a result of solicitations for Twelve (12) New 2008 or 2009 Vehicles, IFB #08-103; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected these bids in accordance with La R.S. 38:2214 B, because all bid prices were higher than the state contract prices except for item #5 (1 truck) and Item #6 (1 truck);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB #08-103 be rejected;

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 declared repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED FOR IFB#09-004 FOR SOUTH BROOKWOOD DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received as a result of solicitations for South Brookwood Drive Bridge Replacement, IFB #09-004; and;

WHEREAS, the City has rejected these bids in accordance with La R.S. 38:2214 B, because all bids received were over budget - \$199,590.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the bids received on IFB #09-004 be rejected;

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 declared repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON SMALL AND EMERGING BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

By: Councilman Calvin Ben Lester

WHEREAS, there is a need for the City of Shreveport to be an advocate for small businesses, particularly those small businesses with strong community roots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that it establishes a Task Force on Small and Emerging Businesses in the City of Shreveport with the following goals:

- to help develop the capacity of small and emerging businesses within the City of Shreveport and will identify areas within the City where there has been a loss or lack of capital investments;
- to determine areas of need within the City of Shreveport for expansion of business development and entrepreneurial opportunities;
- to make it easier for small and emerging businesses to do business with the City of Shreveport;
- to create a more business friendly climate in the City of Shreveport through the revision of existing ordinances, and the creation of new ordinances and initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force on Small and Emerging Businesses shall consist of persons appointed by the Chairman of the Council from the following entities:

- three Council Members
- the Director of Community Development
- representative from the Administration's Economic Development Office
- representative from the Fair Share Office
- representative from NWLAED Foundation
- representative from the African-American Chamber of Commerce
- representative from the minority business council
- representative from the Hispanic council
- representative from the women's council
- representative from the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce
- representative from the Associated General Contractors
- representative from the Minority Contractors Association

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 ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby declared severable and repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt.

Councilman Walford: Just real briefly, I would like very much to serve on that committee

Councilman Webb: Okay.

Councilman Walford: I'm part of (inaudible) businesses that seem to be known.

Councilman Webb: Okay, well I tell you what, while we're at it, I guess it wouldn't be out of line if I name Councilman Lester, Councilman Walford and Councilman Long to that, and I'll let Councilman Lester Chair the committee.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PRE-APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR FUNDING UNDER THE DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAM FOR A LOAN BY THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT OF NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$11,000,000) AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to **RESOLUTION NO. 271 OF 2008, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TRITON WATER TECHNOLOGIES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City") has authorized needed drinking water improvements to its Department of Water and Sewerage ("DOWAS") whose PWS ID No. is 1017031; and

WHEREAS, loans for this project may be available through the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund program operated by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, acting as the governing authority thereof, that:

Section 1: Mayor Cedric Glover or his designee is hereby authorized to submit a Loan Pre-Application Form 100A and accompanying documents to the Department of Health and Hospitals on behalf of the City for the purpose of placing this project on the Comprehensive Priority List for funding through the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program; and

Section 2: Mayor Cedric Glover or his designee is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may be reasonably required in connection with the Loan Pre-Application; and

Section 3: Mike Strong is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative and is hereby given signature authority for all relative documents for the City for any project that may result from the submission of the Loan Pre-Application Form 100A and accompanying documents. Furthermore, Mike Strong, representing the City, is hereby given the power and authority to do all things necessary to implement, amend and renew such documents relative to this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes and directs its Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Finance, Clerk and/or such other officials of the City, individually and/or collectively, to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

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 to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Bowman to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: Councilman Walford, and Wooley. 2

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: *(Not to be adopted prior to February 24, 2009)*
The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 20 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by the American Cancer Society, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 21 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative purchasing agreement with the City of Bossier City, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 22 of 2009**: A resolution authorizing and providing for the waiver of permit, inspection and other related fees for the construction of a house at 174 Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard in the Havens Subdivision, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Resolution No(s). 20, 21, and 22 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: *(Not to be adopted prior to February 24, 2009)*

1. **Ordinance No. 5 of 2009**: An ordinance closing and abandoning the 60 foot wide Lloyd Avenue dedication in the Bellview Subdivision, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Walford)
2. **Ordinance No. 6 of 2009**: An ordinance closing and abandoning the 50 foot wide Linda Street dedication lying west of Sandra Drive in the Yarbrough Subdivision, Unit No. 5, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Lester to introduce Ordinance No(s). 5 and 6 of 2009 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE *(Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers)*

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 3 of 2009**: ZONING APPEAL: C-82-08 Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of East 70th Street and Fern, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-1, Buffer Business District to B-1-E, Buffer Business/Extended Use

District **LIMITED TO “A RESTAURANT WITH OUTSIDE DINING” only**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Long) (*Postponed January 27, 2009 until February 10, 2009*)

Having passed first reading on January 27, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Long: At this point, we've heard from both sides, and there's still some other folks who haven't had a chance to weigh in on this yet, but I am working on a situation that possibly might be beneficial to a majority of the parties involved in this, and I still need some more time to try to accomplish that task. So, if you would indulge me in working on this, I would appreciate it at this time.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 4 of 2009**: ZONING C-92-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of Sand Beach Blvd, 950 feet south of East 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-1, Buffer Business District to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Having passed first reading on January 27, 2009 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Lester to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Long: These two zoning cases are together. I take that back, this is your case.

Councilman Webb: I was wondering about that.

Councilman Long: I'm wrong. I'll withdraw.

Councilman Lester: I'll withdraw my second.

Councilman Webb: Okay. What do we do about the vote? Withdraw the vote?

Mr. Thompson: If there is no objection, we will note it.

Substitute motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Wooley, I saw the expression on your face.

Councilman Wooley: He just seems so zealous.

Councilman Shyne: I saw that. I looked over at the Mayor over there, and Mr. Mayor just kinda shook his head. I didn't know what y'all had agreed on.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SAND BEACH BLVD, 950 FEET SOUTH OF EAST 70TH STREET, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM B-1, BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the west side of Sand Beach Blvd, 950 feet south of East 70th Street, legally described as a tract of land located in Lot 2, Harts Island, lying south of 70th Street, east of Fern Avenue, west of Sand Beach Blvd, more fully described as: From the point of intersection of the centerlines of 70th Street and Sand Beach Blvd, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, run S along the centerline of Sand Beach Blvd 60 feet; thence run S89°59'30"W 59.28 feet to the W R/W line of Sand Beach Blvd R/W. Thence run S along said R/W line 602.93 feet to the POB for the tract herein described. From said POB, run S29°56'30"W along said W R/W line of Sand Beach Blvd 354.73 feet; thence run S29°58'30"W along said W R/W line 42.66 feet; thence run S89°59'30"W 388.25 feet to a point on the E R/W line of Fern Avenue; thence run N along said R/W line 39.12 feet; thence run N89°59'30"E 149.78 feet; thence run N0°0'30"W 307.26 feet; thence run N89°59'30"E 450.15 feet to the POB; said tract containing approximately 2.9 acres. Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed **from B-1, Buffer Business District to B-3, Community Business District.**

SECTION II: THAT the rezoning of the property described herein is subject to compliance with the following stipulations:

1. Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Planning Commission.

2. Site shall be re-platted into one lot prior to the issuance of any permits.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilman Webb: Unfinished business Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: We have one item Mr. Chairman, No. 13.

- 1. Ordinance No. 204 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Disparity Study) (A/Lester) (Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006)
- 2. Ordinance No. 205 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006)

3. **Resolution No. 51 of 2007**: A resolution supporting the Employee Free Choice Act, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced March 27, 2007 --Tabled May 8, 2007*)
4. **Ordinance No. 122 of 2006**: Amending portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to traffic and vehicles and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced August 22, 2006 - Tabled September 11, 2007*)
5. **Ordinance No. 32 of 2008**: An ordinance to amend and reenact portions of Division 3 of Article V of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Retained Risk and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced – March 25, 2008 - Tabled April 22, 2008*)
6. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2008**: Amending Chapter 42 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to add Article XI relative to operation of a rendering plant or transfer center within the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Introduced March 11, 2008 - Tabled May 13, 2008*)
7. **Ordinance No. 58 of 2008**: ZONING - C-25-08: Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of N. Market, 3,322 feet north of Martin Luther King Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-1, Buffer Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced May 27, 2008 - Tabled July 8, 2008*)
8. **Ordinance No. 83 of 2008**: ZONING: C-35-08 Amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Hilry Huckaby, 1800' south of North Lakeshore, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-3-E , Community Business/Extended District, to B-3-E, Community Business/Extended Use District **Limited to “an office, equipment storage yard, with the addition of stockpile materials (wood chips/recyclable wood products” only**, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced July 22, 2008 - Tabled August 26, 2008*)
9. **Ordinance No. 97 of 2008**: An ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances relative to itinerate vendors and to otherwise providing with respect thereto. (E/Webb) (*Introduced August 26, 2008 - Tabled October 14, 2008*)
10. **Ordinance No. 108 of 2008**: ZONING C-56-08 - An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the north side of Greenwood Road, 460 feet west of Marston, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D Urban One-Family Residence District, to B-2, Neighborhood Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Introduced August 6, 2008 - Tabled October 14, 2008*)
11. **Ordinance No. 115 of 2008**: An ordinance requiring a permit for use of municipal property for business operations in the City of Shreveport; requiring the provision of certain information prior to issuance of such permit; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Introduced September 9, 2008 - Tabled October 14, 2008*)

12. **Ordinance No. 166 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 98 of the Code of Ordinances relative to vegetation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. *(Introduced November 25, 2008 - Tabled January 27, 2009)*

The Clerk read the following:

13. **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

BAC-135-08: 6900 Block of Fern Avenue, Frank Harris (Applicant), Special Exception Use, and Variance in hours of Operation in a B-1-E District. *(Postponed January 27, 2009 until February 10, 2009)*

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

14. **PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:**

HBO0700145 – 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Ms. Carolyn Miller, 424 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA 71105 (C/Long) *(Tabled August 25, 2008)*

PSD0700243 - 129 Stoner Ave, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Ms. Maria Orellana, 909 Anthony, Bossier City, LA 71112)*(Postponed November 10, 2008 until February 9, 2009)*

PSD0700058: 557 Egan Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Daniel Markulus, 853 Place, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) *(Postponed January 12, 2009 until April 27, 2009)*

PSD0700214: 2732 Logan Street. Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Willie Roberson, 6915 Quilen Rd, Shreveport, LA (E/Webb) *(Postponed January 26, 2009 until February 23, 2009)*

PSD0700131: 1530 Arlington, Good Samaritan Funeral Home, Inc., Shreveport, La (A/Lester) Mr. Winnifred Jackson, 2200 Laurel St, Shreveport, La (A/Lester) *(Tabled June 9, 2008)*

PSD0600413 – 2330 Darien Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) Ms. Thressa Lovelace French, 2401 Darien Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) *(Postponed January 26, 2009 until February 23, 2009)*

PSD0600117 – 7024 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) Ms. Tanya Luker, 7024 S. Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA (G/Bowman) *(Postponed December 8, 2008 until March 9, 2009)*

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk read the following:

CASE NO. SC-1-09: NW side of Spring Lake Drive, approximately 100 feet NE of Gilbert Drive. (Subdivision Approval, No Ordinance Required)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to uphold the decision of the MPC, and deny the application to approve this subdivision plat. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

Councilman Long: Mr. Chairman, I don't have a report, but Leanis, are we going to try to have an Audit and Finance Committee Meeting sometime?

Ms. Graham: Next Council Meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT: None.

THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:59 p.m.

//s// Ron Webb, Chairman

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