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SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2009 - SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
2:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Shreveport City Council was called to order by Chairman Ron Webb at 2:05 P. M., Thursday, September 10, 2009, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA.

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Joyce Bowman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Joe Shyne.

On Roll Call the following members were present: Councilmen Calvin B. Lester, Monty Walford, Michael Long, Bryan Wooley, Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Joyce Bowman. 7.

Absent: None.

This Special Meeting was called to consider the following resolution:

Resolution No. 179 of 2009: A resolution to launch a Council investigation as authorized by Section 4.29 of the Charter and to appoint a committee to conduct the investigation; to retain the services of a special legal consultant or consultants as authorized by Charter Section 4.29 to assist in said investigation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

The Chairman asked for Public Comments:

Mr. Donald Sistrunk: 2944 Rhoda Road, Shreveport, LA – Mr. Sistrunk spoke to the council about duck blinds on Cross Lake.

Councilman Lester gave Mr. Sistrunk his business card and asked if he could to speak with him after the meeting to see how he could assist him in dealing with the issue.

Chairman Webb made the following statement: I do want to make a statement before we move to item No. 5. I spoke with Leanis, our Internal Auditor and I spoke with Doug Sanders and I let both parties know that I'm going to withdraw the letter that I gave the other day letting Doug Sanders take the lead on this internal audit, and also ask Ms. Leanis if she will do everything in her power – and I told Doug this – I would like to get this internal audit completed by the first of December. I have spoken with the Sheriff about this and we have spoken about some of the concerns that he wants us to be careful of when we go through this process and I want to adhere to those and at this time I would like to move on to item No. 5 for consideration of the resolution. What I would like to do is – I would like to see us postpone this resolution.

Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Webb to postpone the inquiry until December 8, 2009.

Councilman Webb also made the following statement: I feel that before we get too far into this investigation I would like to go ahead and get this audit completed first so that we will know what our next step would be and I feel like we might be a little premature after speaking with the Sheriff, in doing so and that is one of the reasons why I was hoping that we would vote to postpone this until December 1st. Any other Council member want to speak about this?

Mr. Thompson asked the Chairman the following question: Mr. Chairman, is it your intent that this would stay on our agenda under "Unfinished Business"?

Mr. Webb: Yes, I would like to place it on "Unfinished Business" and I'm sure after we come

back after the first of December we may have some amendments to put to it. But we will deal with that at that time.

Councilman Walford made the following statement and suggestion: Mr. Chairman, first of all, I agree with you that it is premature and that we should certainly let our internal audit be completed and quite frankly let the investigations – being done by Caddo Parish (*Sheriff*) and I assume federal investigators – be completed. Hopefully, we will get the opportunity to review those and if we see that there is an area that's been – I want to say missed but if we see something that we would like to have looked at it affords us the opportunity without hiring someone and spending a great deal of money ahead of time. The only suggestion I would have, would you consider a substitute motion to table this instead of having to deal with it each meeting?

Councilman Webb agreed with Mr. Walford's suggestion.

Substitute Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman to table the resolution until the internal audit investigation has been completed. Motion approved by the following vote: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. There being no further business to come before the Council the Special Meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM.

//s// Ron Webb, Chairman

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