Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana January 22, 2008

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Joe Shyne at 3:05 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2008, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Webb.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Walford.

On Roll Call, the following members were present: Councilmen Lester (Arrived at 3:09 p.m.), Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman <u>Webb</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, January 7, 2008 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.

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

Councilman Shyne: Is that the Mayor coming in?

Mr. Dark: Inaudible

Councilman Shyne: Oh, I thought that was the Mayor. We were about to make you be the Mayor. If it's alright with the Members of the Council, the Mayor would like for us to postpone the Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests until he gets in. And Mr. Holt, we'll get ready for Mr. Jim Holt.

Reports: <u>Property Standards Report</u>

Councilman Shyne: Jim, are all these people here because of you?

Mr. Holt: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, thank you.

Mr. Holt: We towed vehicles from every house. I'll be glad to take your concerns if you have any.

Mr. Dark: you might also want to give them a report on what you did yesterday.

Mr. Holt: Yesterday! The Property Standards Inspectors tagged 158 vehicles to be towed in two specific areas of District G, at least part of it. It was west of Jewella between Milam and Greenwood Road, and east of Jewella behind the Fairgrounds in the old Werner Park area.

Councilman Webb: Does any Council Members have any questions for him? Councilwoman Bowman: Did any of the citizens in District G have complaints?

Mr. Holt: We had a whole bunch of people peeking at us through the blinds and wouldn't answer the door. We had a few people out applauding us. But we could have issued a lot of citations had they chosen to answer the door, but their becoming very familiar with that game that we play.

Councilwoman Bowman: Are you going back?

Mr. Holt: Yes Ma'am.

Councilman Walford: On that subject, 3820 Baltimore is it? I appreciate your persistence on that one.

Mr. Holt: You got my email I assume?

Councilman Walford: Yes Sir. And we win if it gets cleaned up, even if you never get the citation in the hands of the other person.

Mr. Holt: When the alleged brother whose is allegedly trying to buy the property found out that it was going to the City Marshall today, he pleaded, said starting today, I'll have it finished by the weekend. So we'll see.

Councilman Walford: So we win if it gets cleaned up.

Councilman Lester: After the meeting Jim, I want to sit down and talk to you about some MLK issues. It seems that I guess because of the weather, it kinda kills off some of the vegetation, so you can see a little further back in the woods. And I noticed on yesterday while we were taking a break, on the Day of Service out there, that there are a number of folks like our good friend on Jackie Robinson, that are operating not only garages, they've got a paint and body shop, and several garages that are operating out of people's houses up in that area, and I don't know if it's going to rise to the level of us having a specific task force to deal with people operating garages out of their homes, but I noticed a number of them up there. And I have some street locations. And I also want to let you know I paid a personal visit to some of our friends on the 1900 block of Looney Street, and he did start to clean some of that stuff up, but I think if you could send Mr. Green by there later this week to kind keep his memory refreshed about his court date, I think we might be able to actually have some positive outcome on that. But I want to get with you afterwards. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Public Hearing: None.

Confirmations and/or Appointments, Adding Legislation to the Agenda, and Public Comments.

Confirmations and/or Appointments:

Adding Legislation to the Agenda

The Clerk read the following:

- 1. **Resolution No. 2 of 2008**: A Resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by Sci-Port Discovery Center and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 2. <u>Ordinance No. 7 of 2008</u>: An Ordinance amending the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 3. Ordinance No. 8 of 2008: An Ordinance amending the 2008 Riverfront Special Revenue Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to add Resolution No. 2, and Ordinance No(s) 7 and 8 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Shyne. 1.

Public Comments (Agenda Items to be Adopted)

CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION

TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS: None. **ORDINANCES:** None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS: None **ORDINANCES:** None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OR WHICH

REQUIRE ONLY ONE READING

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 197 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT BY LOYOLA COLLEGE PREP AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which, directly benefit the school students and visitors of the City by participating in wholesome activities which serve to benefit the educational community; and

WHEREAS, Loyola College Prep desires to provide an educational benefit to its students by hosting the All-Schools Mass for the students; and

WHEREAS, Loyola College Prep has requested the use of certain city owned sound system and chairs during the event; and

WHEREAS, the program sponsored by Loyola College Prep provides an education opportunity to benefit the school which serves a public benefit and serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the use of a sound system and chairs by Loyola College Prep on January 30, 2008 during the All-Schools Mass is hereby approved.

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

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Shyne. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF ALL BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF UP TO TEN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF NORTHWEST LOUISIANA INC., AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN MONTY WALFORD

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity for Northwest Louisiana, Inc. is a 501c (3) non-profit nondenominational organization dedicated to elimination of poverty housing and homelessness in Northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS the organization intends to construct up to ten (10) single family residences for low-income individuals in various neighborhood in the City of Shreveport within the next year; and

WHEREAS, all homes will be built by volunteers under trained supervision and in accordance with all applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code and other applicable codes, regulations and requirements; and WHEREAS, the organization has constructed in excess of thirty (30) homes in the City to date; and

WHEREAS, after construction, all of the homes will be occupied by a low income family that has assisted in the construction; and

WHEREAS, waiver of the building permit fees for the construction of the homes will assist families achieve their dream of homeownership, which is a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened all building permit fees for construction of up to ten (10) single family residences by Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Louisiana, Inc., are hereby waived.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Walford</u> to adopt.

Councilman Lester: I think this is a great thing. We do this just abut every year, and I'm happy to continue to support. I know that most of the activity has happened in

the Stoner Hill, Little Texas area in Mr. Walford's district, so he can speak to their impact.

Councilman Walford: Well Mr. Lester stole half my thunder there, but this will benefit other districts as well I believe, during the coming year, but Mr. Lester's correct. We've done this every year. Habitat does such great work, we certainly can waive the permit fees, so.

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: (Not to be adopted prior to February 12, 2008)

1. **Resolution No. 2 of 2008**: A Resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by Sci-Port Discovery Center and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to introduce Resolution No. 2 of 2008 to lay over until February 12, 2008 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 12, 2008)

- 1. Ordinance No. 3 of 2008: An ordinance amending the 2008 Budget for the Police Grants Special Revenue Fund.
- 2. Ordinance No. 4 of 2008: An ordinance amending and replacing Section 90-198, maximum limits on specific streets, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (C/Long)
- 3. Ordinance No. 5 of 2008: ZONING C-1-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the southeast corner of North Market and Barton Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from 1-2, Heavy Industrial District, to B-3, Community Business District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
- 4. Ordinance No. 6 of 2008: ZONING C-4-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the south side of Bert Kouns, 250 feet west of Dean Road Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from B-2, Neighborhood Business District, to B-3, Community Business District, with site plan and MPC Approval and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Webb)
- 5. Ordinance No. 7 of 2008: An Ordinance amending the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

6. Ordinance No. 8 of 2008: An Ordinance amending the 2008 Riverfront Special Revenue Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to introduce Ordinance No(s). 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of 2008 to lay over until February 12, 2008 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 Number)

1. <u>Ordinance No. 191 of 2007</u>: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$9,000,000 of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana Taxable Special Facilities Revenue Bonds on behalf of the Shreveport Airport Authority, authorizing the pledge of certain revenues to secure the Bonds, awarding the Bonds to the Purchaser thereof, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO AN INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT; and providing otherwise with respect thereto. (*Postponed January 8, 2008 until January 22, 2008*)

Having passed first reading on October 23, 2007 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 /Walford to postpone until the next meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. Ordinance No. 210 of 2007: An ordinance creating and establishing the intersection of Jessica Drive and Oakridge Drive as a yield intersection, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley) (Postponed January 8, 2008 until January 22, 2008)

Having passed first reading on <u>December 26, 2007</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilmen <u>Webb and Bowman</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

3. Ordinance No. 211 of 2007: ZONING – C-94-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the southeast corner of Dalton and Sentell Streets, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District, to B-2-E Neighborhood Business/Extended Use District, LIMITED TO "A DOG KENNEL WITH APPROVAL FOR A RESIDENCE", only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley) (Postponed January 8, 2008 until January 22, 2008)

Having passed first reading on <u>December 26, 2007</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Bowman</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

4. Ordinance No. 1 of 2008: An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 26-211 of the Code of Ordinances relative to City Contracts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on <u>January 8, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.

Councilman Walford: In the previous Council, we had passed 26-211 which that the City couldn't contract or do business with anyone who owed us money. But it had a couple of loop holes that I discovered dealing with a problem in my district. And this brings if anyone has adjudicated property or owes for property standards fees, they can't contract with the City, and it's just closing a loop hole and I would think that we would all want to vote yes and make sure we are better stewards of the taxpayers money, and let those people who won't pay us know they're not going to benefit from doing business with us.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Walford, that's the advantage of being a military man. You know how to find and close up loop holes.

Councilman Walford: I try. In the military, we had to use the loop holes. Not close them.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to thank Councilman Walford for working on this. I think it's plain and simple we just people to take responsibility for their debt, and I think it's a great way to make sure that they will do that. So, thank you.

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

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I know I'm out of order, but I'd like to thank the Council Members for that vote. I think it was a good move.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Walford, on behalf of the Council, we'll accept that from you. Mr. Thompson.

5. Ordinance No. 2 of 2008: An Ordinance to authorize the refinancing of up to \$9,000,000 in Utility System Indebtedness and to acquire the Biosolid Disposal Facility; approving the forms and authorizing the execution and delivery of the loan agreement, and other documents, required in connection therewith; and authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance of the City to do all things necessary to effectuate this ordinance and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on <u>January 8, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Walford</u> to adopt.

Councilman Long: Mr. Chairman, I think as the maker of that motion, I think that this item has been discussed. I think that it's best to move forward and do this at this time, and to try to make something out of something that we've inherited here. So, I think this is a good move to try to recover and maximize the benefit to the taxpayers.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Long, I'm one of the conservative Democrats and since you've been kind twisting my arm and pushing me a little bit, I guess I'll go head on and support your motion.

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. 210 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE INTERSECTION OF JESSICA DRIVE AND OAKRIDGE DRIVE AS A YIELD INTERSECTION, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in legal and regular session convened to create and establish the intersection of Jessica Drive and Oakridge Drive as a yield intersection. Jessica Drive shall yield to Oakridge Drive.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 211 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF DALTON AND SENTELL STREETS, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, FROM R-1D, URBAN, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TO B-2-E, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT, LIMITED TO "A DOG KENNEL WITH APPROVAL FOR A RESIDENCE", ONLY, 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 Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Forbing Annex Home Sites, Unit 1, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, located on the southeast corner of Dalton and Sentell Streets, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby changed from R-1D,

<u>Urban, One-Family Residence District, to B-2-E, Neighborhood Business/Extended Use District, limited to "a dog kennel with approval for a residence" only,</u>

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 at the December 5, 2007 Public Hearing. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission.
- 2. Approval is granted for period of two years for 10 kennels and 4 luxury suites, with a maximum of 14 dogs on the site at any one time.
- 3. Three to four dogs- at a time- shall be allowed to exercise in the back yard on a rotating basis, and supervised at all times. The dogs shall be confined to the in-door kennels after 7:00 p.m. every evening.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 26-211 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO CITY CONTRACTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Sections 26-211(a), (b) and (d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: Sec. 26-211. Specifications and requirements on city contracts to include payment of taxes, licenses, fees and other amounts due city.

- (a) On every contract to which the city is a party and for which written specifications are prepared, the specifications shall include the following requirements:
- 1) That before the contract is awarded the contractor shall pay all taxes, licenses, fees, and other charges which are outstanding and due to the city.
- 2) That neither the contractor, nor any legal entity of which the contractor owns more than 25%, nor any member of the contractor's immediate family, shall own any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it.
- (b) No contract to which the city is a party shall be awarded to any person who:
- 1) Has not paid all taxes, licenses, fees and other charges which are outstanding and due the city, or
- 2) Owns any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it, or
- 3) Owns more than 25% of a legal entity that owns any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it, or

4) Who has a member of his immediate family who owns any property which is adjudicated to the city or which has demolition liens, grass cutting liens, or any other property standards liens on it.

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- d) For purposes of this subsection, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- 1) "Immediate family" means the contractor's children, the spouses of his children, his brothers and their spouses, his sisters and their spouses, his parents, his spouse, and the parents of his spouse.
- 2) "Own" shall mean to be the last record owner of property prior to a tax sale or adjudication.

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 affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2008

An ordinance to authorize the City of Shreveport to acquire the Biosolid Disposal Facility of Bioset of Shreveport, LLC previously funded by the \$6,350,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Bioset of Shreveport, LLC Project) Series 2002A and the \$3,650,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Bioset of Shreveport, LLC Project) taxable Series 2002B for which the City is obligated; Authorizing the acquisition of the Biosolid Disposal Facility through the issuance of not to exceed \$9,000,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Biosolid Disposal Project [Series 2008]); Approving the forms and agreement, and other documents, required in connection therewith, and; Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance of the City to do all things necessary to effectuate this ordinance and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport (the "City"), State of Louisiana, owns and operates a revenue producing public utility comprised of a combined waterworks plant and system and sewer plant system (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the borrowing of money to finance acquisitions, construction of improvements, enlargements, and upgrades to the System, consisting of acquiring the biosolid disposal facility on which the City is already making payments (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City has requested the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") issue up to \$9,000,000 of its Revenue Bonds (Shreveport Biosolid Disposal Project) Series 2008 (the "Bonds") on behalf of the City to provide financing for the Project which will substantially reduce the amount the City is presently paying; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued in accordance with Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City is a participating political subdivision and member of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued pursuant to a Trust Indenture dated as of January 15, 2008 (the "Indenture") by and between the Authority and Regions Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as Trustee (the "Trustee"); and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the Authority to the City pursuant to a Loan Agreement dated as of January 15, 2008 (the "Loan Agreement") by and between the Authority and the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority") of the City, that:

ARTICLE I

Definitions, Findings and Interpretation

Section 101. <u>Definitions.</u> Unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, the following terms shall, for all purposes of this Ordinance, have the following meanings:

"Bioset Facility" shall have the meaning set forth in below in Section 2.01. Acquisition of the Bioset Facility

"Bonds" shall have the meaning set forth in the 3rd "WHEREAS" clause above.

"**Ordinance**" shall mean this Ordinance as the same may be supplemented and amended hereafter.

"Purchaser" shall mean the purchaser of the Bonds.

Unless or except as the context shall clearly indicate otherwise or may otherwise require in this Ordinance: (i) the terms "herein", "hereunder", "hereby", "hereto", "hereof", and any similar terms, refer to this Ordinance as a whole and not to any particular section, paragraph or subdivision thereof and, (ii) the term "heretofore" means before the time of effectiveness of this Ordinance, and the term "hereafter" means after the time of the effectiveness of this Ordinance.

Section 102. <u>Findings and Determinations.</u> The Governing Authority hereby finds and determines:

- (a) It is in the best interest of the City to acquire the Bioset Facility and to payoff the following bonds, because the City is already obligated for and making payments of the \$6,350,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Bioset of Shreveport, LLC Project) Series 2002A (the "2002A Bonds") (principal balance \$5,500,000) and of the \$3,650,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Bioset of Shreveport, LLC Project) Taxable Series 2002B (the "2002B Bonds") (principal balance \$3,200,000), which bonds were used by Bioset of Shreveport L.L.C., a Louisiana limited liability company, to finance or refinance the costs of the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the Bioset Facility.
- (b) Upon direction of the City, the Authority is directed under the Act to issue its revenue bonds in such amount as may be necessary and to loan the proceeds to the City to finance the Project.

(b) The Bonds shall be secured by the Loan Agreement and the Loan Agreement shall be secured by a pledge of and paid from Lawfully Available Funds, as defined in the Loan Agreement.

Section 103. <u>Interpretation</u>. This Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, (a) words importing persons includes firms, associations and corporations, (b) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, and, (c) words of the masculine gender shall be deemed and considered to include correlative words of the feminine and neuter genders.

ARTICLE II

Acquisition of the Bioset Facility

Section 2.01. Acquisition of the Bioset Facility. The City hereby approves the acquisition of those facilities located in Caddo Parish Louisiana used for biosolid disposal now or formerly owned by Bioset of Shreveport, LLC, a Louisiana limited liability company, (the "Bioset Facility") and heretofore financed by the 2002A Bonds and the 2002B Bonds. The Mayor and Director of Finance of the City are each hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all documents required to be executed on behalf of the City or deemed by them necessary or advisable to implement this Ordinance and facilitate the sale to the City of the Bioset Facility, including execution of any deeds and bills of sale.

ARTICLE III

Authorization and Details of the Bonds

Section 301. <u>Authorization and Designation; Purpose</u>. The City hereby acknowledges and approves the Bonds to be issued by the Authority. The City hereby approves the form of the Indenture and the Loan Agreement. The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the City and used to finance the acquisition of improvements and upgrades to its Water and Sewer System consisting of the Bioset Facility and to cancel the City's obligations with respect to the 2002A Bonds and the 2002B Bonds. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement, and any other documents, certificates, opinions, etc. deemed necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 302. The Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement between the City and the Authority which is hereby approved, provides in part that the Authority agrees to loan the Bond Proceeds to the City in order to finance the Project and the City agrees to make Payments (as therein defined) to the Authority which will equal the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Upon the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, the Authority will lend to the City the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds. The proceeds of the Loan will be deposited with the Trustee and applied in accordance with the Indenture.

The City, for and in consideration for the issuance of the Bonds under the Indenture by the Authority, and the application of the proceeds thereof by the Authority as provided in the Indenture for the benefit of the City, promises to repay the Loan from any Lawfully Available Funds, including System revenues (but not on a *pari passu* basis with the prior bonds which enjoy a first ranking lien on such revenues).

Lawfully Available Funds are defined in the Loan Agreement to be, collectively the funds, income, revenue, fees, receipts or charges of any nature from any source whatsoever on deposit with or accruing from time to time to the City, including, but not

limited to, all revenues, income and receipts received by the City and deposited to its General Fund, provided that no such funds, income, revenue, fees, receipts or charges shall be so included in this definition which have been or are legally dedicated and required for purposes inconsistent with the Facility by the electorate, by the terms of specific grants, by the terms of particular obligations issued or by operation of law, and provided further that the full faith and credit of the City is not pledged and there is no obligation to levy or increase taxes or other sources of revenue above any legal limits applicable to the City from time to time.

As authorized by the Act, the obligation of the City to repay the Loan by making payments from any Lawfully Available Funds is absolute and unconditional and is not subject to, nor shall the City assert, any rights of non-appropriation, abatement, deduction, reduction, deferment, recoupment, setoff, offset or counterclaim by the City or any other person, nor will the same be abated, abrogated, waived, diminished, postponed, delayed or otherwise modified under or by reason of any circumstance or occurrence that may arise or take place, irrespective of what statutory rights the City may have to the contrary.

The City promises that it will pay the Payments from any Lawfully Available Funds. The City obligates itself and its successors to budget annually a sum of money sufficient to make the Payments required by the Loan Agreement including any principal and/or interest on the Bonds theretofore matured and unpaid and to collect revenues sufficient to make such Payments, including the principal and interest on the Bonds.

The City hereby authorizes, at the closing of the issuance of the Bonds, to secure its obligations, the granting of a pledge and security interest, to the Authority and the Trustee in the Lawfully Available Funds. The City approves the assignment by the Authority to the Trustee of the security interest. The pledge and granting of a security interest in the Revenues is not on a parity with any outstanding "Prior Lien Bonds" as that term is defined in prior resolutions and ordinances of the City which grant a first ranking parity lien on the net revenues of the System.

ARTICLE IV Sale of the Bonds

Section 401. Sale of the Bonds. The sale of the Bonds by the Authority to the Purchaser is hereby in all respects approved, ratified and confirmed and the City hereby requests the Bonds to be delivered to the Purchaser or its agents or assigns, upon receipt by the Trustee of the agreed purchase price. The Mayor and Director of Finance of the City are each hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all documents required to be executed on behalf of the City or deemed by them necessary or advisable to implement this Ordinance or facilitate the sale of the Bonds.

ARTICLE V Miscellaneous

Section 501. <u>Publication of Ordinance</u>. A copy of this Ordinance shall be published in the Official Journal of the City of Shreveport.

Section 502. Ordinance to Constitute Contract. In consideration of the purchase and the acceptance of the Bonds by those who shall hold the same from time to time, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be a part of the contract of the City with the holders of the Bonds and shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between

the City, the Authority, the Trustee, and the holders from time to time of the Bonds. The provisions, covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed by and on behalf of the City shall be for the benefit, protection and security of the holders of any and all of the Bonds.

Section 503. Filing of Ordinance. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed and recorded as soon as possible in the Mortgage Records in the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana.

Section 504. <u>Severability</u>. In case any one or more the provisions of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, is held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance and this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein or therein.

Section 505. Governing Law. This Ordinance is a contract made under, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Louisiana applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within such State.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, if you will go to No. 6, Zoning Board of Appeals BAC-108-07.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, could I say this?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, is it alright for him to cut you off?

Mr. Thompson: Sure.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'm not going to do it right now, but I just want to put the Council on notice that I'm going to ask at the next Council Meeting that we bring Item No. 4, Ordinance No. 122 of 2006, relative to the red light cameras, I'm gong to ask that we bring that off the table and consider that at the next Council Meeting. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Councilman Lester will you also be asking for some information from Mike Strong in relation to - - -?

Councilman Lester: Oh, if the question is will I have an attempt to a lay any of the questions from the Council? Yes, if you have any information or any questions, I will love to entertain those at the time between now and our next Council Meeting, if any of the Councilmen have any questions or need any additional information, I'll be more than willing to provide that information so that we can have a discussion on that.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, may I direct this to Mr. Lester?

Councilman Shyne: Sure, sure. As long as it's not an ugly question.

Councilman Walford: Oh no, no, no. May need to refresh my memory, but were we waiting for something, an opinion from the City Attorney or - - -?

Councilman Lester: There were two things that we were waiting on. One, an issue with the City Attorney relative to if we were to adopt this, putting (inaudible) ordinance as it relates to the civil fines, coterminous with violations of running a red light in the criminal code. That has been done. The other issue was to speak to the issue of fines and things of that nature. That has been done. You will see that there are two amendments there. The other thing that I wanted to do was to discuss the matter with the Police Chief, to give him a time to look at the proposal, look at what we were doing to

get some feedback from some other jurisdictions. If you can recall, had we passed this, maybe a year or so ago, we probably would have been maybe the second jurisdiction in the state to have done this. Subsequent to this, Baton Rouge has gone to the system and has implemented it. It has been implemented in Jefferson Parish, it has been implemented in Lafayette, and it has as I appreciate it, has been quite successful in terms of public safety and allowing the police department to redeploy some of it's forces to deal with more strict police and crime issues. And so sometimes it's good Joe to sit back and wait a little bit. You don't have to be the first at everything. And so that's kind of where we are. So if the Council has any questions, I would love to entertain them between now and the time that we vote. But that's kind of why we put the breaks on. Excuse the pun.

Councilman Shyne: I would also say I don't see the - - - is the Chief still here, I don't have my glasses on.

Mr. Dark: He's hiding behind me today.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, I would just like to say maybe to you and maybe to the City Attorney, and to Mike Strong, for you all to probably be ready if there are any questions that might be asked by any of the Council Members in relation to the enforcement on your part, and City Attorney, the legality of it, and Mike you kinda take the overall structure of it. Since you've been around longer than any of them. Thank y'all very much. Mr. Thompson, we're back in your hands.

- 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)
- **Resolution No. 51 of 2007:** A resolution supporting the Employee Free Choice Act, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled May 8*, 2007)
- **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) (*Tabled September 11, 2007*)

5. PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:

HBO0700145 – 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Adrian Gerard Gallion, 124 Carroll Street, Shreveport, LA 71105 (C/Long) (postponed August 27, 2007 until February 25, 2008)

HBO0700081 – 1062 Dalzell Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Stanley W. Burke, III, 8848 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115 (D/Wooley(*Postponed January 21, 2008 until February 11, 2008*)

HBO0700076: - 1601 Martin Luther King Dr., Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) Mr. Freddie Thomas, 1525 Martin Luther King Dr., Shreveport, LA (A/Lester) (*Postponed January 21, 2008 until February 11, 2008*)

HBO0700137 – 1919 Walnut Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester); Ms. Ethel J. Reed, 4745 McDaniel Drive, Shreveport, LA 71109 (F/Shyne) (*Postponed January 21, 2008 until February 11, 2008*)

PSD0700065 - 2513 Dupont Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Mr. David Bates, 2509 Dupont Street, Shreveport, La 71103 (B/Walford) (*Postponed December 21, 2007 February 11, 2008*)

PSD0700058 - 557 Egan Street, Shreveport , LA (B/Walford) David Szwak, 509 Market Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (*Decision rendered January 21, 2008*)

PSD0700243: 129 Stoner Ave, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Mr. Raul Perez, Jr. 226 Cattail Trail, Benton, LA 71006 (Postponed December 10, 2007 until February 11, 2008)

PSD0700241: - 1512 Easy Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Marcus Grant, 524 Lomax Street, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Walford) (Postponed December 10, 2007 until February 11, 2008)

HBO0700177 – 1011 Caddo Street (B/Walford) Mr. Bennie Mims, 2810 Fifth Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71107 (G/Bowman) (Decision rendered January 21, 2008)

HBO0700179 – 611 Argyle (F/Shyne) Mr. Raymond Stevenson, 4145 Carver Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) (*Postponed January 7, 2007 until March 10, 2008*)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

The Clerk read the following:

BAC-108-07: Property located within Springlake Mall (C/Long) (*Postponed January 8*, 2008 until January 18, 2008)

Motion by Councilman <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to overturn the decision of the Zoning Board of appeals and deny the application for Special Exception Use and variance in hours of operation with the stipulation to waive application fees with regards to this particular location.

Councilman Long: This particular application quite frankly, I mean this zoning approval, I'm very surprised it got passed the ZBA. If you look at the make up and the history and the current make up of that entire area that entire corridor of Line Avenue, there is essentially no dedicated or straight bars or lounges only. These are what you have in there is you have a mix of restaurants that serve high content alcohol or drinks, and some of them do have extended bar operations that most of them typically close well

before midnight. I think maybe one of them actually goes a little bit later than that, but it's located in a strip shopping center, where there is no immediate impact to neighbors or residential areas. Given that situation, I just felt like, and of course, I'm getting a lot of feedback from the neighbors and other folks in that area, and in talking to many of my friends in the real estate community and the property management community, I just felt like this would set a bad precedent to allow this use at this location. So this is why I chose to take this position. This is no reflection of the person involved and his proposal for a jazz club. I think a jazz club is a wonderful element to add - - - to have here in Shreveport for our quality of life here. I frankly, if it was - - - you know I like going to jazz clubs myself and I hope that he can find a suitable location for this development, so I would appreciate your support on this, and wish that Mr. Echols and his idea for this concept will be able to move forward in another spot. Thank you.

Councilman Wooley: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to comment. Well one comment and one question. Comment: The reason why I supported this, I do believe that Master Planning, I talked about that very passionately. I think it's not conducive to the immediate area, the Line Avenue corridor, so I do echo your sentiments on that, but my question is if we waive the fees for this gentleman, obviously in good faith for him, do we set a precedence to do that for everybody else if we get in this type of situation?

Councilman Long: Possibly. I just felt like that he was working very hard to come up with a solution to this, and I just think at this point and time, it was the sentiment of my constituents that we pretty much overturn the zoning decision at this point and time, cause discussions had begun relative to him trying to do something with this location, relative to that of the restaurant. And I just felt like that instead of a remand back to the MPC, I just wanted to go ahead and - - -, which would not have required any further application fee, that this essentially accomplishes the same thing, but what it does, it assures my constituents that the current ZBA approval is overturned. And that's why I wanted to put a stop to that.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, for clarification, was waiving of the fees for a new application a part of your motion?

Councilman Long: Yes, but only for this location.

Councilman Lester: And I seconded that.

Councilwoman Bowman: Is Mr. Echols here today?

Councilman Long: I don't believe he is.

Councilwoman Bowman: I know he's attended the previous meetings. Have you had recent conversation with him?

Councilman Long: Yes I have.

Councilwoman Bowman: As to what you're planning to do today?

Councilman Long: Yes.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well I don't have a problem voting on this issue, because of the citizens. I just recently went through that in my district, and I'm not sure if - - - well, maybe this will pass. But because of what happened in my area, I'll vote "NO".

Councilman Lester: We had a tremendous amount of conversation on this issue on yesterday. I do not understand some of the difference that some of your constituents are attempting to make between a jazz club that will have a high end patronage, and them having concerns about that, and at the same time not have any concerns with a restaurant,

lounge, what have you, combination like Chianti's across the parking lot that happens to have music, and it is a restaurant, but then you also have alcohol, and I have been privy to some of the emails that you have received from folks out there, that want to draw some distinctions. I don't see a tremendous distinction between what Mr. Echols is trying to accomplish in terms of high end entertainment, or socialization type of scenario, and Superior Grille, or Superior Steak House, or any of those other developments up and along Line Avenue corridor which are essentially the same thing. But I am not going to substitute my judgement for the people who have to live there. Unfortunately as Councilwoman Bowman has alluded to, I've not always been the recipient of that lack of substitution. That being said, I am going to support what you're doing in terms of standing up for your constituents. I do appreciate and I say this with all sincerity, the way that you Councilman Long have attempted to keep the constituents in that are focused on the real issue and not allow them to denigrate to some issues that have no place in 2008. Some of the emails that I received were racist. They were very racist, they were very bigoted. And I was ashamed for them that they would think those types of things, but I was even more ashamed that they would take the time to put them in a communication and send them out as if that was okay. But I do applaud the fact that you routinely kept everybody on the real issue, which was do you think this type of establishment should fit the area, and not allow it to denigrate to a racial type situation, you are to be commended for that. As to Councilman Wooley's point, I do think that with everything that Mr. Echols has done in terms of the way that he has presented himself, and the way that he presented his program, I don't think it necessarily sets a precedent to allow him the opportunity to come back to the MPC, and to try to work his program out. Particularly given the fact that at one point, it seemed like in conversation with Councilman Long, and in conversation with him, and listening to some of the objections that were out there, at one point it seemed as if there had been some type of accommodation that had been made that Councilman Long was able to work out. And so the fact that that was not able to come to fruition, I think that this is a reasonable compromise. He doesn't necessarily get what he wants, but at least he's being given an opportunity to try to work his scenario out and does not have to expend additional resources for something that I think is a perfectly legitimate business, and a perfect legitimate venue, and quite frankly as Councilman Long has said, something that Shreveport needs. A good place for live music, particularly jazz I think would be great in the city. So, I'm hopeful that Mr. Echols and his partners and everyone associated with this will find a way to make this happen. If not at this site, somewhere in District A. I'm going to make a pitch for that. So thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Long: Thank you Councilman Lester, I appreciate that. And I think just to answer a question, the critical issue is relative to that particular neighborhood is really operating hours. Cause everything typically shuts down at midnight or earlier. So that was a big issue.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Long, I'm kinda glad to see you put that little bit in there, because I think probably at the beginning of the discussion with this, it might have been perceived that this would have been a pretty good business venture at that particular location. And personally I think it would be and I think that maybe some of the people in that area kinda misunderstood, or they misunderstand what this business is going to be about. But I do have to applaud you for making sure that your constituents

are taken care of. Although they might misunderstand and they might have the wrong hidden Mr. Davis, if you can understand what I'm saying, sometimes they can have the wrong hidden motives for not wanting a business establishment. I think it would actually be an enhancement to that area, because I think it would be a - - - it's not one of these, and I hope we don't have very many 'Hip Hop' listeners, I hope y'all don't picket my house but it's not going to be a Hip Hop type of establishment. It would be mostly catering to people my age and the age of the Mayor over there, and of course if you're taking the Geritol, I guess Councilman Walford would be able to come out and enjoy a little bit of it.

Councilman Lester: Jazz ain't for the old folks now.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, its not? Councilman Lester: Naw, naw.

Councilman Shyne: But I do have to applaud you for looking out for the benefit

of your residents. Are you ready for the vote?

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: Councilwoman Bowman. 1.

Mr. Thompson: The motion is adopted. Is that correct?

Councilman Shyne: That's correct.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we're now at New Business.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES:

Councilman Long: The Audit and Finance Committee just met right before this meeting, and went over several different matters, and really nothing of big substance to report at this time. But our work continues, and we'll have another meeting probably in another month, and if you want to attend, please join us. Thank you.

Councilwoman Bowman: Sometime before our next Council Meeting, Sharon, if you can, I don't know what day seems best for your all, if it's that Wednesday, but I wanted to call another Public Safety Committee Meeting. I think there are some issues we need to address with the Chief.

Councilman Shyne: I believe on Wednesday, I believe we got a meeting with Sam Jenkins, and is that - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: But I mean, before our next Council Meeting, or after it, the Wednesday.

Councilman Walford: You could do the 30th of January or the how about 6 February is a Wednesday?

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, we'll do that. Lets go do it for the 6th of February. And does it work out better doing it at noon or 2:00 p.m. Noon? Oh, they want to eat.

Councilman Walford: You don't have to feed me, but it's a better time.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, let's schedule it for 12:00 noon, February 6th.

Councilman Shyne: Since I'm in the lawn cutting business Councilwoman Bowman, this is my off season, so anytime is alright with me.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, we have one thing. We received an appointment from the Mayor today. He appointed Thaddeus Pugh to the Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau. That's all we have.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Mr. Mayor, before we go into Communications and Miscellaneous Matters, I'd like to come back to Awards and Recognition of Distinguished Guests, and Communications of the Mayor.

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

Councilman Shyne: I'd like to come back up to that at this particular time if you are comfortable with that.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely Mr. Shyne. Thank you so much, and thank you Members of the Council. At this particular point and time, I'd like for us to start Mayoral Communications with Mr. James Stewart. Mr. Robert Stewart.

Councilman Shyne: I was about to say, that sounds the Appellate Judge.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Robert Steward, my apology who has a recognition that they want to provide to two great Shreveport employees. Mr. Mike Strong, and Mr. Joe Brown for their assistance with the Veterans Memorial out on Clyde Fant Parkway. Mr. Stewart, would you please come forward and take the microphone. Come forward Mike and Joe.

Councilman Shyne: I'm already here Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Brown.

Councilman Shyne: Oh, okay. Mayor Glover: And not Judge.

Mr. Stewart: Mike and Joe, on behalf of the Shreveport Area Veterans Memorial Committee, for the contributions that both of you have made and the upkeep and so forth of the memorial, we want to present you with these plaques in appreciation for what you've done down there. And we think that it adds by presenting these plaques to you, we think that it serves an emphasis that this is an All American City. And I think that we have that recognition, and we have (inaudible) so appreciate it.

Mr. Mike Strong: Thank you very much, and this is being accepted on behalf of the City because it takes all of us to be able to do something like this, and I think it was worthwhile effort when we started it, even though the Navy was put on the back of the monument, we'll let it go anyway, but it is and I appreciate it very much and as I said, its on behalf of the City because it takes all of us.

Mr. Joe Brown: I thank you for this, and it's a great honor to receive this in regards to our Veterans of Foreign Wars and Veterans of the United States and servicemen that serve the United States Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mike. Thank you Joe. Thank you Mr. Stewart. I obviously also have to pay recognition to the previous members of the Council, the previous members of the Administration for the lead that they took in working with these fine gentlemen to bring this effort to fruition. And we certainly want to thank them for

thinking enough of Mike and Joe to come down and personally recognize them today for the individual commitment that both of them have made to bringing the veterans memorial into reality and for keeping it in such great condition. So, thank you all. At this point Mr. Chairman and Members of Council, I'd like to ask Police Chief Henry Whitehorn, please come forward.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Mayor, while he's coming forward, I don't know whether you had an opportunity to do the same thing, but when we were down for the inauguration, I saw some of his people, and I told them that I would go back and tell the Chief that they were still looking good. You know he left them in good shape, and they just kinda laughed and said okay.

Mayor Glover: He left them in good shape Mr. Chairman, and quite a few of them I still encounter today, miss him greatly. In fact a few of them even had a little animosity for the City of Shreveport. But only in the kinder sense of the word for us taking him away. But they certainly think a lot of him and we're certainly glad to have him. At this particular point and time, Chief, formerly Colonel Henry Whitehorn will present to the Council and to the City of Shreveport the crime statistics for the calendar year 2007. Chief Whitehorn.

Chief Whitehorn: Thank you Mr. Chairman, Mayor and Members of the Council. I have provided a handout to you that I will also cover during this presentation. But let me start by saying that it's an honor once again to be able to be a part of what's taking place in Shreveport. The Shreveport Police Department is proud to announce today an overall decline in crime for the year 2007. This decline marks the third consecutive year of overall crime reduction in Shreveport. Through the hard work of the brave men and women of the Shreveport Police Department and with the help of the citizens we proudly serve, crime has dropped by 3% overall in Shreveport last year. Violent crime in 2007, we're down 2%, and property crimes dropped 4%. These numbers may seem unimpressive at first glance, but a closer look reveals just how hard officers worked this past year. Crime overall is lower than it has been in 29 years. Property crimes are at their lowest level since 1978. By the end of 2007, burglaries were at a 30 year low. While the numbers of thefts at a 29 year low. These numbers prove that a collaborative effort by the Shreveport Police Department, other law enforcement agencies, other city departments, the citizens we serve along with our elected officials can improve the quality of life for citizens visiting and living in Shreveport. Operation T-Bone and other initiatives that supported like Operation Closed Market, Don't shoot I want to grow up, and other operations in each patrol district have made a direct impact not only on the lives of the citizens, but on the criminals also in Shreveport. Shreveport realized its first decrease in violent crimes since 1999 through largely Operation T-Bone and Closed Market initiatives, along with other specialized operations. Of the 44 homicides Shreveport recorded last year, 28 occurred prior to the start of Operations T-Bone and Closed Market. Once T-Bone and Operation Closed Market were in full affect, the homicide rate dropped by 54%. Aggravated Batteries dropped by 2%, and aggravated assaults were down 17%. While the numbers from 2007 are a good beginning, we as a department refuse to accept this as the best we can do. We will continue to patrol the streets of Shreveport in an effort to improve the overall quality of life for the citizens we serve. With the continued support of Mayor Glover, the City Council Members and citizens of Shreveport, they can be assured that their police department will continue to

aggressively and professionally fight crime in all neighborhoods. The charts that I've passed out to you reflect those 29 year low areas dealing with Part I crimes, property crimes, violent crimes. If you notice, this is the first decrease, if you're looking at your chart, first decrease in violent crimes since 1999. Burglaries at a 30 year low. And you can see the rest of them. But we have - - - I'm very impressed with the work of the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department and those other agencies that have supported us with Jim Holt's operation, with the Fire Department. You know I heard Chief Cochran often talk about this Class I Fire Department, and the number of lives that they save. And I can assure you we had a lot of shootings that may have been homicides if it had not been for their support as well. So, all of the departments collaborating and working together just to make Shreveport the kind of city that we want to live in and want people to come visit. And hopefully in 2008, these numbers will continue that downward trend. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Chief Whitehorn. I want to commend you and all the men and women of the Shreveport Police Department for accepting the challenge that I and the members of this Council and the citizens of Shreveport have issued to you all and that is to take on crime both in terms of the reality of our problem as well as the perception of our problem. And we understand that both are very real in the minds and psyche of the citizens of this city. So, I want to thank you for your outstanding work, your outstanding leadership and want to also as you made reference to, say thank you to Jim Holt and the men and women who constitute the Property Standards Office within that department for their answering the call and the challenge as well. We know that there are folks that are being asked to do things in a different way than they've ever been done before. But I believe that they are now starting to understand that by putting forth the hard work, the energy and the imagination that we're bringing to this effort that we are going to make a difference in terms of making Shreveport a better, safer, and ultimately greater city. You hit the high points, and I'll just go back and basically offer a few comments with regard to a couple of them especially in reference to my wanting to give this Council my thanks for stepping forward during April and May of last year, as we came forth to you all with a vision for trying to address this problem, you participated fully. You listened to what we were talking about with regard to not only wanting to address this from a law enforcement standpoint, but also from a quality of life standpoint and understanding the connection between the two that as I've said many times before that we cannot just simply be a police department that engages in the old paradigm of professional policing where you wait for the 911 call to come in and then you go and you respond to the crime. And then try and apprehend those who committed, that we really wanted to get a handle on this problem, it's going to be necessary for us to be more proactive and more aggressive. And so we have added the 12 Community Liaison Officers who now work with the Property Standards Officer in each of the 12 Police Districts and they are out there everyday making contact with you all as Council Members, with the leaders of your respective districts with regards to neighborhood associations, business associations, school personnel and others. Helping us to be able to make that direct connection between the community and to law enforcement. You also stepped forward and helped to initiate the officer next door program, that's helped us to encourage more police officers to make the City of Shreveport their home. You also answered the call of helping to ensure that every police officer who happens to either own

a home or reside in the City of Shreveport, that individual has access to and full use of a take home police vehicle to be able to create a greater presence and greater profile with in the City of Shreveport. You also answered the call of helping us to civilianize the Shreveport Police Department. That effort is going to give us some 18 additional police personnel that we will be able to put on the streets of the City of Shreveport by replacing post certified police officers who previously were doing duties inside the police department that now can be down by civilians. So you all have supported us in our efforts to go back to the area command system as opposed to the time focused system of command of day, evening, and graveyard shifts. We now have four captains who are responsible for their area of the City of Shreveport 24 hours a day. And the men and women who are working beneath them have accepted their leadership and their challenge to go out and make a difference in those areas and it's working. We've also added an additional member to the Assistant Chiefs Corps. We've gone from three now to four, and we have one Assistant Chief whose in charge of one half (east side or the west side) 24 hours a day. There is no ability at this point to be able to pass the buck from one shift to the other, one timeframe to the other, we have permanent ongoing 24 hour responsibility and accountability for what we do here everyday with regard to law enforcement. I want to also thank you all for supporting us as we have also returned back directed patrol as a part of one of the weapons that we use within the Shreveport Police Department. It was a means that was started well over a decade ago to address many of the challenges and hot spots that we have across this city. We've reinstituted that, but in a professional way that has accountability and we believe that we're making progress there as well. I want to also thank the citizens across this city, our neighborhood folks who came out last year during our Town Hall Meetings and told us what it is that they believe is causing the problems and the concerns that they have for their neighborhoods, that they spoke about the loud music and the other things that create the sense of disorder. The disrespect that one neighbor showed to another with regard to Property Standards and just general behavior. And we use that information to develop the initiatives that we are now putting forth. I want to thank the Ministerial Community for coming forward and working with us as well offering not just prayer, but also a commitment to go out and help us make a difference. And I believe all of those things are coming together to help us begin to get our hands around this problem. But we know that there is much, much more still yet to be done, and so we ask that you all continue the vigilance that you all have shown with regard to addressing issues within your own districts know that as an Administration that we are going to be there to continue to help and to support each of your for what you all are doing as Council Members and we look forward to a date that these numbers will go even lower, but then also just as important people in this city begin to know that they are safer and also feel safer. And we can begin to as I've said many, many times before, hold on to those folks who are already here and make Shreveport the kind of place that people not yet here would want to. So, Chief thank you for your great work, thank you for your leadership, and we look forward to many, many, many more years yet to come. I'm sure Mr. Chairman, you or some other members of the Council may have some questions at this point, so I'll turn it back over to you at this point and time.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Chief, before you go to your seat, I'd first like to start with our Chairman of our Public Safety Committee, and Madam

Chairman, before you start, I would like to say that this is the first time in a long time that we've had a Public Safety Committee who was active. And this is what it's all about, and I'm glad to see that the Chief and this Mayor, cause he's been right here where we are now, although he kinda slid a few seats over that way on us. But I think he understands, and I know you understand that those of us that are here get calls everyday about crime in the neighborhood. And we have not had a Public Safety Committee that was active and I don't want to actually point the finger at anybody, but I do want this Chairman to know that we do appreciate how active you've been in the Public Safety Committee. Now, I don't know whether that's because I live in Mooretown, and you live in Queensborough, but you have been very active, and you see the need and the importance of police protection in our neighborhood. So, I'd like to defer to you if you have any comments or observations you'd like to take a minute or two.

Councilwoman Bowman: Chief, thank you for the presentation, and I'm going to take this home and try to digest all of it. But one thing and hopefully something we'll discuss in our Public Safety Meeting, but reading the Shreveport Times this past Sunday, with the racial profiling, and I read your comment that there is not any racial profiling in Shreveport. Is that accurate?

Chief Whitehorn: That's not accurate as to my comment. My comment was in fact I told the reporter that I have been a victim of racial profiling in the past, even as a law enforcement officer, I've been a victim. I didn't ever say that it was not happening. I said that we have procedures in place to address it if it does occur. I would be foolish to stand here and say that it has never happened, but I'm not aware of any occurrences where it's happened. And at this point, I do not see a need to analyze data.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, with all of their statistics, and I did go to the other screen, and kinda click on and look at - - - even counted a lot of what the tickets that had been given, and I just wondered in reference to that what was actually happening.

Chief Whitehorn: Excuse me. What I tried to show was how we're using traffic enforcement to address our crime problem. I think the results of our efforts show in the stats that I've just presented, but when you look at a density map and I think I've shown those density maps of where the crime problem are in Shreveport, and you and the Chairman hit it on the head, it's in some certain parts of our community. And we use the proactive approach to try not to go after somebody when they conducted a crime, but we want to get them before the crime is committed. So, we use enforcement techniques, directed patrol and other techniques to address the problem before it happens. And when you overlay a traffic stop map to a crime density map, it's almost identical. If we were having a problem in other parts of the city, we would have traffic enforcement techniques and utilizing whatever resources were available in those areas as well. But we're trying to address the crime problem, we're trying to address the perception of crime in Shreveport and we're using the tools that are in our tool box to do that. We're not going to tolerate abusing anyone's constitutional rights. That is not what this is about. You can take numbers and you can make numbers show just about anything you want them to show as you know. And to me that was an irresponsible report.

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, and just one suggestion. And I see a lot of our officers where they stop and do their reports or whatever at McDonalds or Rite-Aid, but because most times they know who a lot of these drug dealers are, it would be nice especially in Queensborough if they would just go and park in front of those houses and

write out their reports. And even is some of the other officers wanted to meet and have some coffee, just sit right there in front of those houses and I think that more people see 'em just stopping there continuously, they won't be getting many customers.

Chief Whitehorn: Yes Ma'am. That's a great example that you just mentioned. And if we were actually out there "profiling", as you said, we may know who the criminal violator is, but without sufficient probable causes, little that we can do. So we have to develop that probable cause, and you know these traffic stops, when we issue citations, those stops are based on probable cause.

Councilman Wooley: Chief Whitehorn, I just wanted to tell you thank you to your team, to the fine men and women of the Shreveport Police Department and all the work that they do. And I do want to echo your remarks about irresponsible reporting. I believe what we saw in the paper on the past series or episodes to me, has just been sensationalism for the media. I do trust you as the leader of the Shreveport Police Department. I also read the article online, watched your video online, saw the charts myself as a direct correlation. You're being very strategic on what you're trying to accomplish for the betterment of this city, and I believe it's just a very liberal, cause you know Councilman Shyne, I have been known to be a conservative, very liberal styled media, just trying to cause problems for the City of Shreveport, and we're trying to come together as a community. And I think all they're trying to do is divide. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Wooley, I saw Velda kinda raise her eyes up when you said "that very liberal media", so I don't think he meant anything at you Velda.

Councilman Walford: Chief, this is good news, I appreciate seeing it. And while I've got you there, it's a good time to tell you how much I appreciate the quick responses I get when I email you. I mean it's great. And your staff, I sent you one late yesterday, your staff, when I opened my emails this morning, had already followed up, and I really appreciate that, and I have to thank you and the Mayor for the CLO situation. I think that is one of the greatest tools that we have now. Because those CLOs, and I'll mention CPL Bowman knows Highland. She knows the problems in Highland, and when I call her with an issue, she usually can come right back to me and knows where it is and is on top of it, but she goes, she knocks on the doors, she deals with the folks, she's working so close with Code Enforcement, and it's making a big difference. So, Mayor I think that concept was great, and I thank you and the Chief for it. I think it's clearly making a difference in our neighborhoods. Having the CLOs and the Code Enforcement Inspectors that know the neighborhoods, working the neighborhood everyday is truly making a difference, and I appreciate it.

Councilman Shyne: Yes sir, that's Councilwoman Bowman's sister-in-law. Okay, Councilman Webb.

Councilman Webb: Yes I know that all these things that are being put in place are working. I mean, you can look at the stats and it shows. And I know you came on - - - you weren't even here the whole year, so I looking forward to seeing what all is going to take place between now and next year. I think we're going to see these numbers drastically reduced, because of all the different things put in place. And I'm enjoying having also the Liaison officers out there that we can actually go to, because seem like we're able to put things to bed a lot quicker than the old way that things were done, and I just want to commend you for the job you and the department is doing and the Mayor is bringing all this to a forefront, and I'm looking forward to another year from now like I

said to see what these numbers are, because I think we're going to continue to see improvements, because I think people are beginning to realize that we're going to work on the problems, and we're going to resolve them. And I agree too, it's a shame, and I feel a lot of times in a lot of ways that the Shreveport Times Newspaper, and I'll say it on air, I don't care. I feel they work against the City instead of trying to work together with us in putting forward some items in the paper that show the good things about Shreveport and what we're doing instead of always trying to put a negative image out there. I'd like to see them put some more positive images in the paper. Maybe they might sell more papers. I think one reason a lot people quit buying the paper.

Councilman Shyne: Was that a hint to Velda.

Councilman Long: Yeah, I agree and echo the sentiments of folks that spoke in front of me here. I think the CLOs program is great, it works really well, and I just look forward - - - I think that the Mayor and I were talking about this the other day. And it's the situation the programs we start today take time. It just can't happen overnight, and the key is if you implement the programs, you'll get results, but it's going to take a little bit of time. And I think what we need to do is be patient and stay right on track with what's going on here and it will bear out good fruit and good results as a result of that. So, I'm encouraged by these numbers and I think that (inaudible) newspapers unfortunately and good news doesn't, but we need to continue to crow the good news and speak the good news and let people know especially with all these out of town folks coming in for all the movies and all that stuff. The perception with them is that they hear bad things, but in reality, the perception is much worse than the reality. So, we need to make sure that folks know what the reality is. I'll repeat something that I said about a year ago when I first came on board. And that is that the citizens need to be engaged. They need to be part of this process, and I think they're beginning to do that. And I hope that they continue to do that, and they continue to come forward and step up and not be fearful to report crime and to point out people who are causing problems, and to be part of the solution instead of part of the problem. So, I encourage all the citizens of Shreveport to continue to be engaged and to help us do what we're trying to do here. Because without your help, we can't do this. We've got to have them involved. So, thank you very much.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Chief, I certainly want to echo everything that's been said by my Council colleagues as it relates to the fine work that your officers have done. They continue to do a great job. I would say and I'm going to kill two birds with one stone. I would say that if the document that you gave us, these statistics, if that is Exhibit A, I want to show you exhibit B. There are a group of young men in the back, y'all come on up. No, I want you to stay here too Chief. Y'all come on down guys. Mr. Chairman, Chief, Mayor, we've talked about a lot about our CLO officers, and the great work that they are doing. This is a group of young men from the Allendale Community. Now, why did I ask them to come, and I'm going to let their leader speak just really briefly. We have a great CLO team in my district, particularly in the Allendale area, working in conjunction with Sandra Lister who is our neighborhood assistance team person, as well as CPL Michael Dunn, and of course, you've got Terrence Green who is our guy with Property Standards and T-Bone. One of the things that we have done, and of course CPT Smith has helped us with this as well, we have had a series of events at the Lakeside SPAR Center as well as the Allendale "Y", where we have

challenged the young men of the community to do something different. Instead of being part of the problem, we challenged to be part of the solution. And we said if you want to do something positive, we will help you. Well, the young man that I'm about to bring up, and I'm going to let him (come on up Brother) and introduce himself, he was one of those young men that we challenged to do something positive in terms of being a leader to the young people in the community, and he said, we want to do a basketball team comprised of young men in this area. Give them something to do, something positive, get them off the streets, teach them some team building and some leadership. And they on their own, after the challenge that we issued to them to do something positive, put this group together, and they are doing great things. Not only are they doing the athletics, but they're also working on their homework, they're working in terms of being good students in school, and we have young folks in the community that look like them, they can touch, taste, and deal with everyday that are being mentors. And so, I want to tell you Chief, and tell you Mayor, and hearken to what something Councilman Long said, it's going to take sometime for things to happen. But just like there are positive things happening with the crime report, this is a positive outgrowth of T-Bone that probably is not going to get report, that's not going to make the newspaper, that will not reflect in the raw data instances in terms of statistics, but these young men have decided to do something positive. And I just wanted to bring them down and let their leader introduce himself and introduce his young men and speak a little about some of the things that they've been doing. So go ahead Brother.

Mr. Albert Young: My assistant coach is Billy Bryant. These are the little kids from the neighborhood. We've got a basketball team. We helped them get their jerseys, but we're still working on their shoes. They're really doing good in school grades.

Councilman Lester: And in what areas are the young men from?

Mr. Young: Lakeside, Allendale and the Bottoms.

Councilman Lester: Right. So, again Chief, Mayor and Chairman, we challenged them at the (inaudible) program to do something different, to be leaders, to show kids that there are other things that they can do besides doing something negative. And these show two young men take up their own time to make something positive happen. And I just wanted to tell them I really appreciate you, and I want to applaud them. Thank you. Coach, you might want to introduce your players or get them to come to the microphone and introduce themselves. Now as much noise as y'all make at the gym, don't come down here before the cameras and get shy, because I know y'all can talk.

Mr. Wilson: My name is Percy Wilson.

Mr. Davis: My name is Cory Davis.

Mr. Thomas: My name is Lagregory Thomas.

Mr. English: My name is Je'Kevin English.

Mr. Jones: My name is Meshach Jones.

Mr. Jones: My name is La Kendrick Jones.

Mr. Wilson: My name is Anthony Wilson.

Mr. Johnson: My name is Antonio Johnson.

Councilman Shyne: We don't have a "Joe" in that group somewhere?

Asst Coach Bryant: My name is Billy Bryant.

Councilman Lester: And I just wanted to tell you guys we appreciate everything that you're doing, and keep up the good work, and if we can support you in anyway, like I

said, more often than not, people that look like us, get type cast as something negative and anytime that I can applaud young African-American males for doing something positive, I want to make an effort to tell you, please keep doing a good job. Not just on the court, but in school and at home and in the community. And if we can support you in anyway, please feel free to let us know, because we definitely gonna do that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, if you would before you - - - gentlemen, before you take your seat, I just wanted to join Councilman Lester in expressing to you all my appreciation for the hard work that you all have obviously put forth to reach out to these young men to give them something positive and constructive to do, and young men, I want to commend each and every one of you for answering that call, for stepping out, for engaging yourself in some positive things. There's nothing better than having a chance to be able to go and compete against others with your friends from the neighborhood and also commit yourselves to make sure that you take care of your business with regards to your school work and being a good citizen back in the neighborhood. And I'm kinda like Chief Whitehorn and others in here. I look at you and the thing that occurs to me, each of you as you just went to that microphone and spoke your name, you have permanently entered yourselves into the annals of the history of the City of Shreveport. The records of this meeting will be preserved for decades if not for centuries into the future. And so you'll be able to look back far into your adulthood and know that on this particular day at this particular time, you came and appeared before the City Council, but I believe that that's probably going to be just the start of the great history that you all have the potential to make in that group, not only Chief, possibly future police officers, but future Firefighters, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, Council Members, Mayors, Governors, Entrepreneurs, Scientists, Chemists, all of you have within you unlimited potential to be able to make your own personal history. And so, I look forward to seeing that unveil itself in the years to come. So thank you guys for coming down today. And look forward to a chance to come and see you guys play ball. And I appreciate you Councilman Lester for mentioning the other dimension of everything that's being done here on this Council, within this Administration, and throughout this city as a whole, the efforts that are going forth at Parks and Recreation, at our churches and at our schools. All in an effort to provide more and better positive things for our young people to be engaged in. And so, I want to also extend kudos to Shelly Ragle and all the folks involved in Parks and Recreation for the work that they're doing. One of the things that they've started just recently that I've just learned a good deal about this past holiday season, are the actual holiday camps that we now provide for the young people of the city. When I was a young kid growing up, the recreation center pretty much shut down during the holidays. You didn't have anything much to do. You kinda kept the same after school hours and what have you, but Shelly and her folks have come forward and recognized that there's a need for our young people to have positive things to do during the normal hours that they normally might otherwise be in school on those holiday times. And I think that's helping to be able to give our young people positive, constructive, character building things to be able to do. So young men, I appreciate you all and keep up the good work.

Councilman Shyne: And Coach, I'd like to make one suggestion. If you get a chance, if they have not, there are two movies that I'd like for them to see. The Great Debaters, if they have not seen that, and Akeliah and the Bee I believe. If they would like

to go, if you would get in contact with Shelly, we'll see what we can work out, and I believe we can get the other one Shelly on DVD. And those are good movies because we want to develop the body, but we also want to develop the mind. We want to develop the mind. Love y'all. You all look beautiful. Thank you Coach. Chief, just before you go to your seat, I just want to let you know that I've been around a long time as I look around, and I see Mike used to have a little more gray hair, I don't know what happened over the weekend, Charles, I don't know whether he stopped by Rite-Aid.

Councilman Lester: Grecian Formula.

Councilman Shyne: And got him a little something Chief, to get some of that out of his hair, but I was afraid Mr. Mayor, to stop by and get anything to do to mine, because mine might come out. But I do want to let you know that you are doing, and your men and women are doing a super job. And I'm glad to hear you say what you said about racial profiling, because we know that goes on all over America. And I would be crazy and you would too if you would say that it didn't happen, because it does. I don't know how many preachers we got listening, because sometimes in the pulpit, we'll have a bad apple. Isn't that right Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: You know we'll have a bad apple in the pulpit, so you know among the men and women that you work with, you know you're going to have some bad apples every now and then, but I want you to keep on doing what you're doing in those communities where you have an abundant amount of crime. And I'm not going to say Black neighborhoods or White neighborhoods, I don't want to be guilty of doing any racial profiling, but you know what neighborhoods I'm talking about. Those neighborhoods where people have a tendency to maybe commit a little bit more crime than they do in other neighborhoods. And I think that's a part of what the Police Department has to do, and that's a part of what those citizens in those neighborhoods need to do. And I'm glad to see that some of our officers are reaching out, developing relationships with those people in those neighborhoods, because those are the people that really - - - the people that live in the neighborhood are the people that can cut back on crime. Because they know whose doing it and they know where it's being done and they know what time it's being done. But I wouldn't want the article on racial profiling keep you from doing what you need to do in those neighborhoods where they got a lot of crime, because a lot of times those people who write those articles don't live in those neighborhoods. If I'm making any sense to you.

Chief Whitehorn: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: But I do want you to continue to monitor those situations and to see that we do not have any - - - we can cut down on as much racial profiling as we can. But I still want you to concentrate in those neighborhoods, and in those high crime rate neighborhoods, because that cuts down on the quality of an individual's life. And criminals have a tendency to prey on poor people. You know and it's really sad. But they do that, and you know that as well as I do. They have a tendency to prey and make those people that live in those kind of neighborhood the victim. So, I appreciate the job that you've done, and you're doing, and you and the Mayor got my support toward your crime initiative 100%. Because that's the first thing that people look at when they look at a community is the quality of life from the standpoint of am I safe. So, Chief, keep up the good work. God bless and we all love you.

Mr. Dark: Mr. Shyne: While the Mayor is coming up, I do want to point out why we talk about numbers, why we talk about all the good work that Chief Whitehorn and his folks have been doing, I just want to give you a couple of quick ones on what happened out at Property Standards in the last six months. They issued about 3 times as many citations for Care of Premises, they've hauled off about 8 or 10 times as many cars, they cut adjudicated lots that hadn't been cut in years. We appreciate the support that you gave us, not only for the law enforcement part of neighborhood improvement, but for the neighborhood cleanup and that kind of improvement that you did as well, and those folks deserve to be on the record for doing a good job as well.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Tom. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Thank you. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council. Before we leave the 2007 crime report, I wanted to come and stand before you and just simply offer just a few additional comments before we wrap up. I guess you don't manage to get to become a council member or a mayor or a legislator, or anywhere significant in life without having the ability to be able to accept and assimilate criticism, whether it's good or bad. And so the one thing I want the citizens of the City of Shreveport to know is that we're going to always look to listen to our critics. If there is something there that we can use that will make it better, we're going to look to do that. The one thing I also knew when I became the Mayor of the City of Shreveport that we had a great police department. In my estimation one of if not the greatest in the State of Louisiana, if not the United States of America. But I also recognize that we don't have a perfect police department, and so what we're always going to be striving toward becoming as close to perfect as we humanly can. One of the things I knew that in selecting the next Police Chief of the City of Shreveport and in that effort toward achieving perfection, that we needed the kind of leader who could come in and help us be able to ferret through those issues within the police department that may keep us from becoming great. And that was one of the things that helped to push Chief Henry L. Whitehorn over the top in terms of ultimately becoming the individual that I selected become the next chief of this police department. Because I want you all to know that without questions, and in addition to addressing all the issues that we go out and deal with everyday with regard to crime and safety in Shreveport, he's also working to make the internal aspects of the Shreveport Police Department better. And so there are lots of things that he does everyday that I don't see, that you don't see, that all goes toward helping to address the issues that affect the ability for these men and women to go out everyday and do the great work that they do. And so while we're always stressing and pushing towards perfection, I also want everyone out there who either listens or reads, or in anyway reviews what's happening here today, under no circumstances whatsoever are we going to let our foot up off the gas pedal with regard to chasing down the crime problem here in Shreveport. We are going to continue to be as aggressive and progressive, but also tempered with professionalism, and a high degree of ethical conduct in terms of how we go about doing their job. And Chief Whitehorn and the men and women that he leads are helping to focus in exactly that direction. And just to give you an example.

Councilman Shyne: I know you're not preaching, but can I say Amen on that? Mayor Glover: I will take an Amen. If you want to pass the collection plate after I'm done, I'll even go along with that as well. But I want to give you an example of just how some of what you may be seeing or what you may have heard, might be

misinterpreted. One of the challenges that we all do, at least those of us who frequent Mooretown, Queensborough, the western section, Country Club Hills, section of Shreveport was there for more than a few years. There was an inclination for young people to gather at Greenwood and Jewella, or Crenshaw and Slauson as many of them have termed it, in reference to the famous boulevards out in Los Angeles, California, where young people are known to polish up their cars and to get their chrome wheels all shiny and what have you and to turn up the volume on their stereos and just simply 'gloss' and 'chill', as we referred to Mr. Chairman, when I was a young man. I'm not sure what the terms are right now. I'll be 43 this year, but when I was coming up, we called it 'glossing' and 'chillin'. What they call it now, I'll have to pull out my hip hop lexicon and get up to date on it. But Greenwood and Jewella was one of the great Public Safety, but also quality of life problems that existed within this city. Individuals would come out in just huge numbers. And interestingly enough, they would come as I soon discovered after becoming Mayor and listening to the men and women on this police department, they didn't just come from Shreveport. We would draw them from Bossier, and from Marshall, and from Mansfield, and from Stonewall, and from Ringgold, people who had heard if you want to go and have a good time, be able to turn up your music and stand up on top of your car, and stop at the red light and just block traffic, that not only coming to Shreveport, but specifically going to Greenwood and Jewella was one of the places in which you could go and do that. Well one of the challenges that I immediately issued, along with Council Member Bowman and Council Member Shyne and others of you, to the men and women of this police department, was for us to go out and get our hands on that problem. We were going to do it professionally, and ethically, but we were going to do it without question. And I want to say that based upon leadership of not only Chief Whitehorn, but Chief Mike Van Zant, during the time that he was interim Chief, and all the men and women within the Community Oriented Policing Division, the men and women from Uniformed Services Division, we put in place a series of initiatives that are felt to end that problem. So now throughout the course of this past year, from Mother's Day all the way up through the last warm weather day of the year, there was not a Sunday, where any of us had to worry about Greenwood and Jewella representing the kind of situation that does not represent Shreveport in a positive light. Now in order to accomplish that, that had to be the threat of police action in many ways. Individuals were given tickets, they were given citations, they were given warnings. But that's the kind of example of focused directed proactive policing, that helps to be able to affectively address a problem in the City of Shreveport. So I want the citizens of this city to know that that's not going to end. In fact, as I've said to Chief, I've looked at the loud music citations. One of the last bills I passed as a member of the legislature was a provision that allows judges in city court to be able to take the drivers license away of individuals who violate the loud music ordinances in the City of Shreveport. I don't think we've written enough of those. I certainly don't think so, when I drive the streets of this city, and I pull up to a gas station and I start to feel the fillings in my teeth rattle because somebody has gone into the store to buy gas, and left their music on so loud that not only can everybody hear it, but you can hear it for several blocks away. That's no longer acceptable in Shreveport. And if I see a member of this police department tolerating that, not citing that, not pulling that individual over and writing them the appropriate citation, then I'm going to have a problem with them. And so let the word go forth that we are going to

enforce the law in the City of Shreveport, and wherever you are, be it the Cooper Road, Mooretown, Spring Lake, or Ellerbe Road, if you are in violation, we're looking for you. And we're going to issue the appropriate citation. If your behavior is so egregious, we're going to take you to jail. And we've got plenty of room down there. We've got a wing that we haven't even opened up fully yet. So let that be known, and let that be heard. Because without question, that's what's going to be done. I want to thank you all for your support. We look forward to moving forth, Chief thank you for your great work as well. Mr. Chairman, Members of Council, I'd like to next Mr. James Spiderman White to step forward.

Councilman Shyne: With a name like that Mr. Chairman, I think we need to stand.

Mayor Glover: Alright. Mr. White is retiring after nearly 30 years of service in the City of Shreveport. He's one of the areas most outstanding athletes and role models. After getting his start at the, you probably even coached against this young man Chairman Shyne, after getting his start at Captain Shreve High School in football and Basketball, he was a linebacker at Northwest State University down in Natchitoches, from 1970-1974, probably having been the team mate of some NFL greats I would imagine, Sidney Thornton and some others. He's gone on to coach neighborhood football teams for almost the last 30 years, since 1979. He coached teams at A.C. Steere, and the YWCA, Coach White joined the SPAR, the (inaudible) and the Cedar Grove Wildcats. And from there Coach White went on to coach the very successful Country Club Bears, and developed an outstanding program for underprivileged boys, and was one of the participants in organized sports. Many times spending his own money to buy equipment and uniforms. Many of Coach Whites players have gone on to play high school and college sports. Amongst them are Weldon Brown, Bryan Nightingale, Marcus Davis, Chris White, who played for the Jacksonville Jaguars, and Arnez Battle, they great Byrd quarterback who went on to the University of Notre Dame and currently holds down the starting wide receiver spot for San Francisco 49ers. And they are all outstanding young men. So, I want to ask you all to join me today in expressing appreciation for Mr. White. We are honored to present to him.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I think somebody is missing as Chairman of the Council.

Mayor Glover: Certainly. We're going to ask Mr. White how y'all couldn't come up with a defense to stop him back - - -

Councilman Shyne: No, don't say that.

Mayor Glover: We're going to be honored to have the Chairman join us in presenting Mr. White, the Mayor's Award of Excellence for all the things that he's done to help the young people of the City of Shreveport.

Councilwoman Bowman: And he's a member of Morningstar.

Mayor Glover: And a member of Morningstar Baptist Church which is pastured by?

Councilwoman Bowman: Pastor Murphy Hunt.

Mayor Glover: Dr. Murphy Hunt.

Mr. White: Well you kinda caught me off guard there. But I just want to say thank you, it's been a great time. I'm not leaving the kids. I'm just retiring from coaching. And there are some other things I want to do for the kids. But basically I have

a lot of kids at my church that I need to work with. And instead of starting over again, I said that it's time for me to go back home and deal with my children at church. I want to thank everybody and it's been a pleasure.

Mayor Glover: Members of the Council, I want you to join me in welcoming up Mr. Roosevelt Wright, III. Known to many as "Daddy Ro". Mr. Wright is a native of Monroe, but he has been a part of the Shreveport Community for many, many years. So much so that we consider him to be a native son of North Louisiana. We extended the Shreveport Northwest Louisiana to fully encompass Roosevelt Wright as one of our own. And I'm proud to stand before you today to recognize Pastor Roosevelt Wright, III for so many things. He is the founder and the pastor of the Grip of the Greater Realness Church, an outstanding community of believers who are growing by leaps and bounds. He is just simply today, the leader of one of Shreveport's fastest growing churches. He is the founder and publisher of AAMPS Magazine which stands for African-American People Succeeding. He helps to spread positive news about the great things that are happening throughout Northwest Louisiana, in fact over a multi-state region at this juncture, if I'm not mistaken in terms of helping to feature business people and churches, and just great community leaders all across the united states. And it's growing at an exponential rate. He is also in this upcoming - - - well before I get to that, he's also a legend in the radio broadcasting community. Starting at the age of 14, when most of us were still trying to figure out where the bathrooms were in high school, Mr. Roosevelt Wright was a professional member of the broadcast media. He served as Marketing Director for churches and ministries throughout the area, he's worked in radio stations all across the State of Louisiana and most recently, he was selected by Ebony Magazine as one of 2008's Young Leaders of the Future. An elite group of talented young adults who are exceptional men and women that are finding success and fulfillment in uplifting their communities from all across the country. If I'm not mistaken, I believe Mr. Wright might be the only one of only two individuals featured in this years edition of the Magazine from the State of Louisiana, and so it is my honor to recognize Pastor Roosevelt Wright, III for his work as a mentor, as a motivational speaker, as a business professional, and as a pastor in the City of Shreveport. And for such, we issue to him this Mayoral Award of Excellence.

Pastor Wright: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Mr. Shyne, you didn't want to come down and get on this one?

Councilman Shyne: I thought I might start preaching, you know I'm an old football coach, so that kind of touched my heart, but I'd be more than happy to come down.

Pastor Wright: I'm just kidding you. Thank you guys so much. It is always a pleasure to be here. It's a great time to be an American citizen. This is also a great time to be a citizen here in Shreveport, Louisiana. I remember about two years ago, I had the opportunity to pray and talk privately with some of our School Board leaders, and some of our newly appointed and elected City Council Members. And I told them of a dream that God gave me about two years ago, that he was performing a shift around this country. New leadership in so many different areas. From political leaders, entertainment leaders, religious leaders all over this country, and I've watched from the beginning, the signs that God has given and that dream that he gave me is slowly becoming true by watching our first African-American mayor here, Mayor Glover be

elected, on to new Council Members and new School Board Members, and new State Representatives, and the return of Councilman Joe Shyne. I have just watched so many positive things happen in leadership around our country, and even now as we stand in the merge of possibly an opportunity of getting an African-American president or female president, either way it goes, God is shifting. And so I receive this award on behalf of so many young leaders who are not selling drugs, who are not on street corners, who are not breaking laws, but who are diligently trying as best as they can to be something positive in this community and inspire more people. Thank you guys so much.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, just one thing. Will you tell the Mayor, where you got GRIP started? What district was that?

Pastor Wright: The funnies thing is we started the church in my house, and we outgrew my living room and we left the house and we started renting out the Multicultural Museum, and we outgrew that. And then we were able to go to the E & S Metro Hall (inaudible).

Councilwoman Bowman: Okay, and where is that?

Pastor Wright: In (inaudible) district. We went to Youree Drive for three months, and outgrew that area. Now God has blessed us with a 6,000 square foot assembly room in the Pines Road area, and in 2007, we were listed as the fasted growing church in this region by Ebony Magazine. We accumulated more than three hundred members in one year. Praise God for what he's doing.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well guess what, I appreciate everything that you have done, that you are doing, and I've even been to a few of your services, and got caught up in the Spirit on the Lord's day. So, I appreciate everything and I want you to keep up the good work, and congratulations with Ebony.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I want to tell Brother Ro, I appreciate everything he's done. I met Brother Ro, when we were both, let me see had I gotten married? No. This is hard to remember my life before being married, but that's a good thing. I gotta go home at some point.

Mayor Glover: Your life didn't start until you got married.

Councilman Lester: There you go. Thank you Mr. Mayor, I appreciate that. But we did Bible Study at our church Mt. Canaan, and I've seen him grow both as a man, and as a father, and as a husband, and as a leader. He's always been someone that young people can look up to and in these days where so many times the images that we see and are shoved down our throat, of positive Black male role models, generally have long hair, gold teeth, or dancing. To see an educated individual that is the husband to one wife, the father to his child, and lives an upright life is something that should be congratulated, and I really do appreciate our friendship, and I really appreciate the way that they use technology in the church. As a matter of fact, I have the Bible on my palm pilot that he gave me. So, you can always take it with you. And they do a lot of innovative things, and that's why the church is growing so well, so congratulations.

Pastor Wright: They Mayor can tell you, I taught him how to use his (inaudible) too.

Councilman Shyne: And Pastor, just before you take your seat, I appreciate what you're doing. Because we have so many young people who have strayed away from God. And you know to have a moral compass is the greatest thing in the world. And there are so many of our young people and I hope these parents don't get mad with me, but there

are so many young people now that are coming out of homes where you have no moral compass. And you are a young man, and I hope in your ministry, that you will make a concerted effort to reach out to young people. Because that's really what we need. We need people who are about reaching out to young people, going back into these neighborhoods and getting these young people involved. So, I appreciate it. I've seen you over the last 10, 12, 15 years, I've seen you grow. I've seen you develop. I've seen your energy, and I've seen your capacity to do motivate people and to get things done. So the only thing I can say is that I will continue to pray for our success. May God always bless you and yours.

Councilman Walford: One thing, I need (inaudible) lessons, but - - -

Pastor Wright: I love this City Council.

Councilman Walford: Probably five years ago, at the People's Concert, you did a rendition of the "I have a Dream" speech that has stuck in my mind. Because I don't know if any of the other folks here heard it, but it was absolutely fantastic. And had the whole then Civic Theatre mesmerized.

Councilman Shyne: You want to do some of it now?

Councilman Walford: He can do it, I can tell you that much. It was fantastic.

Pastor Wright: I'd rather do the "Yes, we can" speech from Barack Obama.

Councilman Walford: I forgot to compliment you that night, because I didn't see you, but that was a fantastic job you did.

Pastor Wright: You know Dr. Martin Luther King said something when I was a child. My dad told me this when I was about 7 years. A part of one of his speeches said that if you can build a better mouse trap, the world will beat a path to your door. So many times over the years, I've contemplated leaving Shreveport, because I felt like the things that I wanted to accomplish would never be received here. And I remember God telling me years ago, stay right here. This is the place that I've designed for you to be in. You can do something innovative, you can be productive. Present something that's a little more progressive than what they're used to, provide an alternative. Don't worry about New York, or Atlanta, or New Orleans. There's no better place than Shreveport. The world will find you. So, I'm here, I'm glad to be here, and thank you guys so much for your honor today.

Councilman Shyne: Just one more before you go. I'd like to invite you back one day, and kinda let you have your choice of which one of those speeches that you want to do.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Councilman Walford, that was one of the things that I failed to mention in my introductory comments for Pastor Wright here, and that is that if he did not start the spoken word movement in Shreveport, he was certainly one of the group of original innovators and founders of the effort, and his ability to be able to express thoughts and vision through the use of the spoken word is something that is simply a joy to behold. And so while I was not there Councilman Walford on that evening to hear him offer his version of the "I have a dream" speech, I have had the benefit over the years to hear him engage in spoken word efforts that just simply would move you in a way that is just so profound. And Councilman Shyne, I look forward to that day when Daddy Ro returns to share with us a word through the gift that he's been given. And in line with that, I want to also take a point since, if we could see Pastor Roosevelt Wright today, here as the 'Moses', you know every Moses needs a Joshua.

And his Joshua that would be here today would be in the form of Mr. Willie "Scooter" Burton, who is sitting back there today, who is also a very gifted and talented young man. And which happens to be the son of the one and only Professor Willie Burton.

Councilman Shyne: And he looks just like his daddy.

Mayor Glover: So, thank you and we look forward for that return. Thank you much. Mr. Chairman and members of Council, we're going to wrap up here today by hearkening back to January 10th. Just think where you were the morning of January 10th. Some of you may have already been out of the house and on your way to work. Others may have been just stepping out of the shower, others may have been just getting in.

Councilman Shyne: I got a bunch of ugly telephone calls on that day, that I cannot take a shower. And I said call the Mayor.

Mayor Glover: And the Mayor, sprang into action, thanks to the great folks that we are about to invite to please join us up here today. Mike Strong, Brian Crawford, would you please come up and direct the men and women that we're going to be recognizing to please come and step forward here today. I have a list of names, I'm going to start calling off. So, just come on up as I call your name. Lonnie Fouts, Kenneth Bankhead, Jerry Gray, Otis Marshall, James Bogus, Keith Dunn. Those are members of the Shreveport Water and Sewerage Field Operations. The next group of individuals that I will ask to come up and join me are with the Shreveport Fire Department. Cpt Carrie Foster, Cpt Ronald Mulford, Firefighter Jeffery Smith, Firefighter Scott Gowan, Firefighter William Milsap, Jr., Firefighter Logan Hunt, Firefighter Robert V. Roberts, IV. The morning of the 10th was in fact in eventful. We had a situation where a contractor was repairing one of the plants high pressure pipelines, and while we are still investigating what happened, it appears as if they failed to relieve all of the pressure from the line before they began to try to uncouple it. Well, those of you who know anything about mechanics and air pressure and things along that line, you know that that's not a good thing to do if you haven't depressurized it, then the remaining pressure that's left is going to seek to find it's relief. And it did just that. And in doing so, it burst the coupling off of a rather large water pipeline out of the plant, and it caused a major release of water an almost immediate drop in water pressure across the entirety of the City of Shreveport. To avoid what could have been a crisis situation, where we could have found ourselves not just with low water pressure, but with a complete loss of water and possible water for more than a day, members of the Shreveport Fire Department and the City's Water and Sewerage Field Operations joined forces. Firefighters and divers were able to overcome frigid water temperatures rushing currents and shifting flows of water as well as darkness and fatigue. To give you the situation, the water temperatures that these men found themselves dealing with was 40 degrees on a rather windy and (inaudible) day. But they stepped up and answered the call. The men of the Fire Department in particular had to dawn wet suits and submerge themselves in a rather interesting apparatus where they had to go down and literally begin to turn off I believe it was six, am I right? In turning off six submerged cutoff valves. It took over a two hour period of time. Those valves each required some 100 rotations in order for them to be turned off, and they had to make use of implements like crow bars to be able to get additional leverage to be able to make some of the final turns. So imagine for the men above ground and the men who were down under water dealing with 40+ degree water, or water that was less than 40 degrees, wind and trying to manage to be able to turn off six submerged valves that I think were

from 2+ feet in diameter if I'm not mistaken. So, it was a very, very challenging situation. At the same time that these men were down turning off those valves, members of the City's Water and Sewerage Field Operations worked tirelessly to keep water flowing as well as to keep pressure in the system going after the incident. One of the other things that was outstanding about this situation was that while about 20% of the City of Shreveport lost water entirely, over 80% of the City still manage to keep some degree of water pressure. If I'm not correct, Mike tell me if I am, somewhere around 29 PSI which kept at the very least a trickle of water coming through which allowed people to have at least some minimal degree of access to water even during the midst of this crisis. And so ultimately they were able to get this situation under control. Shortly after noon, they were able to stop the flow of water, repairs began to start shortly thereafter, and by 3:00 Mike Strong and I were able to stand before the people of the City of Shreveport and tell them that water pressure had returned. The only thing we had to request was that they adhered to a boil advisory, not a boil order for the next 24+ hour in order to allow for testing to be done to ensure that there were no (inaudible) levels of bacteria within the water system. But these men behind us today stepped forward and just simply did yeoman's work. And I think that it's more than appropriate for me as Mayor, for this Council, and for all of the City of Shreveport and for all of the other folks who are served by the City of Shreveport, Barksdale Air Force Base, and others, to recognize the great work that these men did to help us avoid what could have been an even more tragic situation. So, I'm honored here today to present the Mayor's Award of Excellence, starting with Lonnie Fouts from the Department of Operational Service. Next is Kenneth Bankhead. And then next Jerry Gray, then next Otis Marshall. And then next is James Bogus. And then next Keith Dunn,

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, Kenneth looks like he might be from the - - - is that Kenneth right there with the jacket on? Who is that with the - - -?

Mayor Glover: Kenneth Bankhead.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah Bankhead. Bankhead looks like he might be from the Cooper Road, no right there with the jacket on.

Mayor Glover: Jerry Gray.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, Jerry Gray. Jerry, you look like you might be from the Cooper Road, are you?

Mr. Gray: Cedar Grove.

Councilman Lester: Cedar Grove is in the house Mr. Chairman.

Mayor Glover: Alright next is the Shreveport Fire Department Mr. Chairman. I'm honored to recognize Cpt Ronald Mulford, Firefighter Jeffery W. Smith, Firefighter Scott Gowan,

Councilman Shyne: Now when y'all get through shaking Mike's hand, I saw him back there coughing a while ago, so you make sure you put a little disinfectant on.

Mayor Glover: William Milsap, Jr., Firefighter Logan J. Hunt, Firefighter Robert V. Roberts, IV. We want to also mention with regard to the members of the Fire Department, one of the areas that we're going to be doing a little bit of upgrading on here, before too long, has to do with the equipment that these men make use of when they go out as part of our dive team. It is my understanding, correct me if I'm wrong Brian, we have one thermal suit. We have two now. We have only two thermal suits. We have how many of the other regular kind? We have six wet suits, but only two thermal suits.

These men initially got down in those waters with just simply those wet suits on, as I said in 40 degree temperature water, and they had to worked in shifts in no more than 30 minutes at a time, so they could avoid developing hypothermia. We will be upgrading the quality of the thermal suits and the wet suits that these men will have at their disposal to insure that not only for emergencies like this one, but any others that we may have that involve water emergencies whether at Cross Lake or Red River during this time of the year, that they have the kind of equipment that allowed them to be able to go and do the job that needs to be done. But these are the men and women who help us to do the job that the citizens of Shreveport elected us to do, and I want them to know just how much I appreciate them for their efforts and for their sacrifice. So thank you very much, and at this point and time, I'll turn it back over to you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, just before - - - I wanted to give the Council Members an opportunity if they wanted to say something.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I missed my queue. We have one addition, in addition to the awards that have been directed to the firefighters from the Mayor's office, we also have departmental awards that are being issued to them as well. So, gentlemen hold where you are. At this point and time, we turn the microphone over to Brian Crawford.

Chief Crawford: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Chairman Shyne, Council Members, and Mayor Glover, on behalf of Chief David Glass, who sends his regrets of not being able to able to be here because of a prior commitment, he wants to express his gratitude and appreciation for those being recognized both from the Fire Department and the Water Department today, specifically you Director Strong. I believe that one of the things that we witnessed in the last two weeks is the overwhelming demonstration that there are heroes among us in all of our departments. This is one event two weeks ago, but we also saw an event this last weekend, where we almost lost two children in a fatal house fire. And the brave men of the Police Department, brave men and women of the Fire Department stepped up, and today the 7 year old is doing well. The 6 year old still needs our prayer and is fighting for her life today. But today, we recognize the efforts of the Shreveport Fire Department for their actions on January 10th, as so eloquently stated by Mayor Glover, I don't want to be redundant. But the Fire Department has a commendation award for each of the gentlemen at today event. That day, although there were 30 some SFD personnel involved in this event, both from the operations division, the training division, maintenance, EMS and communications, both behind and in front of the scenes, a contingency operations center was set in place by Mayor Glover in the event that the crisis evolved into something far worse than it did. But those men and women of the Fire Department were all instrumental as well. They're not here today. The seven men you see before you today in the Fire Department were selected by the Administration to have gone above and beyond. For their participation in this event going above and beyond on behalf of Fire Chief David Glass, I'd like to present each with a certificate of commendation from the Fire Department. Just step forward when I call your name. Cpt Craig Mulford, Driver Jeff Smith, Fire Driver Scott Gowan, Firefighter William Milsap, Jr. Firefighter Logan Hunt, Fire Driver Robert Roberts. Not here to accept the certificate of commendation or the Mayor's Award of Excellence is Cpt Gary Foster who is also instrumental in this rescue. We accept on those awards on his behalf.

Councilman Shyne: Gentlemen, just before you all go to your seats, any comments by any of the Council Members?

Councilman Walford: I just want to thank all of you for a job well done. As Councilman Shyne said, we were hearing about it that morning. We appreciate what you did.

Councilman Shyne: On behalf of the Council, I'd also like to let you all know you did a yeoman's job. We really appreciate it, it kept a lot of pressure off us, and it just goes to show you what a good group of city employees we have here in the City of Shreveport, and Mike and the Mayor, I'd also like for Mike to let Nettie Brown and her group at the lab who did the testing on the water to make sure that the water was okay for us to drink, and like Councilman Walford said, to take a shower in, let Nettie and nem know that we appreciate the fast job that they did by making the water safe. Cause a lot of folks are still calling, Joe is the water safe? Joe is the water safe? And of course I told them if the Mayor is drinking it, it must be safe. Thank y'all again, and God bless you. We love you.

Mayor Glover: Before I take my seat Mr. Chairman, I wanted to thank on behalf of the Mayor's office, what I believe at final count approached somewhere near 5000 volunteers who came out yesterday to participate and support a day on and not a day off in observation and celebration of Dr. Kings birthday. We ended up having individuals all over the City of Shreveport engaged in service activities, young people, senior citizens and every point in between. And it was just simply a wonderful, wonderful effort. And so I thank Lee Jeter and the folks from Shreveport Green, I want to in particular thank Councilman Lester who came out and participated yesterday directly with several hundred folks who up in the Martin Luther King Drive area, I want to thank Jim Holt and his folks with the Property Standards Officers for the great work that they did, in particular you all would be probably as impressed as I was on yesterday to know that Tom Dark led a team of Department Heads, and I think there was 100% in attendance if I'm not mistaken yesterday, who actually I believe that would probably be Councilman Long's district if I'm not mistaken, north side of Shreveport-Barksdale Highway, cleaned out the Old River Bayou of just literally tons of trash and debris on yesterday. But now in addition to all of that, we had an opportunity to be able to share with people about the real legacy I believe that Dr. King left and that is his message that every individual has the capacity to be great because all of us have the ability to be able to serve. And that is what yesterday was all about. And so I want to add to the list of folks that I want to thank Cpt Smith and all of the folks of the Community Oriented Police Division, the folks from the various utility companies, COMCAST and others who came out yesterday to assist with the taking down of the tennis shoes. And I want to let you know Councilwoman Bowman that was probably one of the most popular things that occurred on yesterday. You have many people who came out on their doorsteps and applauded for the volunteers and the workers on yesterday as they were taking down what was almost a dozen tennis shoes, pairs of tennis shoes from what I saw in just one location. And many people have offered that a lot take this day to serve, and my response to them is this. It's not about just simply taking that one day to serve, just as Christmas is just not one day out of the year which we should have love and charity for our neighbor, but that day serves for us to be able to really focus on our capacity to be able to have love and charity all the year long. Well yesterday's day of service was not just simply about having one day on which

we come to focus on serving, but to help it become a jump start for people committing themselves to of service to their fellow man throughout the entirety of the year. And so I want to thank you all for your well wishes. I want to thank all of those who participated and if this year managed to bring almost 500 people out, then I can only believe that next year and years to come will be even bigger and better. So, thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you Members of Council, and again, thank you to all of those who are out there listening and who may read this for their work, their effort and their sacrifice on yesterday. And I'm sure, I cannot sit down without including one particular group, in fact, they're the ones who started this effort in conjunction with Coretta Scott King, in addition to the foster grandparents of (inaudible) Jones, but also the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. which I think is probably a group that's close to Councilman Lester's wife. So, I've got to make sure I list them as well. They joined almost a decade ago with Dr. King's widow, Coretta Scott King in making a day of service their national official service project. And they are the ones in fact who about five years ago invited me to come out and join them for the first day of service I participated in which was at Linear Jr. High School up in MLK area, my old Jr. High School. When I had a chance firsthand to see that the day could be about more than just another speech or another parade, but it could actually be about helping to really live out and fulfill the true legacy that Dr. King left us, and that is our capacity to serve. And so thank you all and appreciate you much.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Mayor Billy said that Tom threatened them if they didn't come.

Mr. Dark: I told them I'd tell the Mayor who didn't come.

Mayor Glover: He considered that a threat? That's just full knowledge.

Mr. Thompson: Did the team leader do any work?

Mayor Glover: You didn't see me? Mr. Thompson: I mean this one.

Mayor Glover: Oh, their team leader. Absolutely.

Mr. Dark: He actually caught me working.

Mayor Glover: I caught him working. Down in the ditch. In fact he was dodging one of the big rats that was down there. And they were so big, they were chasing the cats out the ditch. But thank you.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to share with everybody, and it wouldn't be right if I didn't share my experience yesterday. I had to work at least the first half of the day, but I got to participate in the Martin Luther King Parade, Joyce Bowman we were all down together at the corner, and I guess I've been known to be a conservative, and you know I was very distraught, and nothing personal Ms. Hunter, in case Councilman Shyne wants to bring it up again, but I saw that article Sunday, and like I was just sharing with Joyce, and I actually shared with Bonnie Moore in the back, if this racism is going on, then lets call it what it is and lets deal with it, but lets not provoke it. Lets not stir it up for the sake of selling papers or selling TV ads or anything else. It was very disturbing to me, so I thought you know, every time we finally get somewhere as a city, it's always some story someone is stirring up just to cause a scene. Now if there's truth in it, fine. But if there's not, then don't because it hurts people. So in light of that article, the next day, it was Martin Luther Day. And so I went to participate in the parade. And when I went down that corridor with Joyce, I didn't go down with a Black woman, she didn't come down with a White man, and when I got

there, nobody said what's the White guy doing down here with us, because I was the only there besides the hot dog guy. In the immediate section I was in outside of some guy and some clowns (somebody dressed as a clown, I'm not being funny), you know what? I had a great time. And I participated, because you know what? And I've got it pulled up on my screen, and I'm going to read this. This is from Martin Luther King's speech. I'm going to read two parts. I want to read verbatim and one I'm going to paraphrase and add in a couple of words and you'll understand why. The first part says, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of it's creed, we hold the truths to be self evident that all men are created equal. Yesterday and everyday we are equal". Now the next part, and you'll like this. It says, "I have a dream that one day, down in Louisiana, with it's vicious racists, aka the Nationalist Movement that took place in Jena yesterday which was a disgrace to our state, that one day right there in Louisiana, little Black boys and Black girls will be able to join hands with little White boys and White girls as sisters and brothers". Yesterday, I experienced that myself. But I think that is a testimony to the people of Shreveport, that we are not the things of old, but things of today. And I represent the new generation of people. I have a very good friend who is a Black man, who is a doctor here in the city, and I met him at an event the other day, he said you know what Bryan? You and I are going to change our city, we're going to change the face of Shreveport, because we're no longer going to tolerate the dialogue and the criminalization that goes on, the racists things that go on, we're going to step above that, we're not going to tolerate that. We don't even see color. And to me that was what Martin Luther King was all about. But everyone being equal, working together and not seeing all that. And yesterday, I got to be a part of something, for the first time for me. That's the first time I took an active part in the holiday, only because I was working or doing whatever else you know, but for me it was a great experience, and I just want to encourage everyone in this City that don't listen to the local media, but listen to the people. Get past the skin and look at the heart of someone, because at the end of the day, that's the only thing that God will judge, and that's the only thing that we should look at. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, Thank you Mr. Wooley for those comments.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, I believe we are now at item 14.

Mr. Thompson: That's correct Mr. Chairman.

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 5:39 p.m.

//s// Joe Shyne,	Chairman

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