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Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Joe Shyne at 3:10 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2008, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Pastor Lamar Holden.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Walford.

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

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Bowman to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, February 25, 2008 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

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

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I want to do just one thing, as a matter of fact, I saw you in the paper the other day, and I thought you happened to be one of the - - - you look so young, you look like you might have been one of the kids out at Magnet High. Now don't let that go to your head. I think we have Southwood High School here, who also is a State Champion and I'm going to ask Southwood to come up first, and I'm going to ask the coach to come up, and Coach, I'm going to ask the Mayor to give you one of those big handshakes. His hand is almost as large as mine, to give you a big handshake, and Coach, we just want to let you know, I believe this is the tenth year, is this the tenth one? We want to let you know that Shreveport is extremely proud of what you all have been able to do at Southwood, and I don't know what the high school record is here in Louisiana, but whatever it is, I know you've got to be among the top. That's one thing about you, you're consistent. You are a consistent winner. Not very many people that can say that. You've always had an excellent group of young ladies from - - - well Mr. Mayor, I guess I'm having a senior moment. What's the young lady that went to Duke?

Councilman Lester: Alana Beard.

Councilman Shyne: Even during the time of Alana Beard and before you all always were exemplary, the highest form of sportsmanship and citizenship. You've always made Shreveport very proud of you. And I know you've got one great supporter

back there, Harold Lloyd. And I'm told that he has somebody playing on the team that kinda looks like him. I hope she has better skills than he had when he was at Bethune.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well, he was excellent.

Councilman Shyne: Oh he was excellent? I hear your classmate over here taking up for you Harold. Okay. Coach, would you come forward and anybody else, the Principal? Okay, I'm going to - - - Coach, if you don't mind it, then I'm going to ask the Principal to come up first, and then you can say a few words first and then the Coach will come up.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah.

Mayor Glover: We actually have some presentations we'd like to make to them before we actually entertain comments?

Councilman Shyne: You do?

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: Now, that is beautiful Mr. Mayor, I'll turn it over, and let you make your presentations.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I would love to be able to start with the young ladies here from Southwood, because we always have ladies first, and then we're going to follow that with the young men from Caddo Magnet. If that meets with the council's wishes?

Councilman Shyne: We always want the ladies to be first, and I know the gentlemen from Magnet High don't mind that because this is what Shreveport is all about.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. I am honored today to join you all as well as all the citizens of Shreveport, and Northwest Louisiana in particular I know Councilman Webb has got to be especially proud, because these young ladies hail from his Council District.

Councilman Shyne: Some of them are mine now. The school happens to be located in his district, but I don't want you to slight me now. I don't want you and I to start off on the wrong side.

Mayor Glover: Well now, Mr. Chairman, part of what I thought we agreed on, I was going to help the Council understand that you weren't selfish.

Councilman Shyne: I'm going to pass on that, we might have to come back to it, okay?

Mayor Glover: Well Councilman Webb and Councilman Shyne I'm sure are very proud and in fact there is a magnet component at this great school, and as I understand it, they may even have some young ladies that come from outside the district who attend there as well. But Southwood Lady Cowboys are this year's 5A State Champions in Girls Basketball. And as you mentioned Mr. Chairman, this is the 10th championship, as they say, one for the thumb Coach, that they achieved this particular year. But now in the years that they did not win the state championship out of the last 14 years, they were one up in two of those years. So the last 14 years, they were either champions or runners up to the champions which is just simply an outstanding record. They're also joined here

today by their Principal, Mr. Ken Wood. They scored a 43-40 victory over Archbishop Chappelle High School that led to their tenth state title, and I believe Raiyawna Gatlin - - did I pronounce that correctly? Where's Raiyawna? Raiyawna who is a senior, scored a team high of 15 points.

Councilman Shyne: Who is she Mr. Mayor? Let us see who she is. Let's give her a big hand.

Mayor Glover: Not only did she score 15 points Members of the Council, she scored 10 of those points in a very crucial leg in the 3rd quarter, and was named the top 28s 5A Most Valuable Player. Members of the Council, we have an outstanding team of young ladies here who are both winners on the court as well as winners in the classroom, and they have a motto that says "Practice is their Fun." Practice and Study - - Study and Practice." As (inaudible) something to achieve the great success, also helped to bring such great honor and great esteem to Southwood High School, all of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish and Northwest Louisiana. Members of the Council, everyone gathered here, I want you to join me today in extending the wonderful round of applause to these young ladies. Now at this juncture, I want to ask Coach Steve McDowell to please join me here. Coach McDowell? Principal Ken Wood, and all the ladies of the Southwood Cowboys. Lady Cowboys, please join us. It is my great honor and privilege - - - not this is not nearly as impressive as their 10th State Championship I saw you all hold aloft down there in Hammond. But I'm very proud to present to you all this Mayoral Award of Excellence in recognition of the great work that you all have achieved this season, great success that you've brought to this school and to this city and for the great commitment that each one of you have, not only to the basketball court, but to the classroom as well. Shreveport is proud of you, we love you, and we thank you for everything that you're doing. Coach, we look forward to Championship No. 11. One for the big toe.

Coach McDowell: Just want to thank the Council for having us. Thank you Mayor Glover. We really appreciate the support that you've shown us, the City of Shreveport. These young ladies have I think have represented Southwood and Shreveport in a fine manner. I'm very proud of them. Come along way since the first of the year, so anyway I'm proud of the girls and we really appreciate you having us.

Councilman Webb: Coach, can you introduce them to us?

Councilman Shyne: That's what I was going to ask him.

Mayor Glover: I'm going to get out of the way so you can see them.

Councilman Shyne: And Coach, since I kinda come out of the school system, when you get through, and I know how important principals are, so we want the principal to have a word or two to say.

Coach McDowell: He's a much better speaker than I am. Okay I'll introduce them. Kayla Walker is a sophomore down on the end, Rayvin Miller is a senior, Whitney Gaston, sophomore, Brittany Sanders, junior, Ricosha Kindells, senior, can't forget our Assistant Coach did a great job for us, in fact a former player for us that graduated in '02, Jena Thomas. Senior Raiyawna Gatlin, junior Tyria Snow, senior Jasmine Grant, sophomore Jasmine Holden, Tiersha Ynfante, Manager/camera; and freshman Jessica

Savanna. We really appreciate Mr. Wood's support, it's been great all through the years in supporting our team and our program. Thank you Mr. Wood.

Mr. Ken Wood: Again, thank y'all for having us. I want you to know that as good a basketball players as these young ladies are, they are equally or better persons off the court and on the court. There is not a one of these young ladies that spends any time in the discipline office. All these students grades are exemplary and as the principal, certainly I appreciate their accomplishments on the floor, being a former coach, a basketball coach, I appreciate that. But I appreciate even more the fact that they are good students, because that's what we're here for. We're here to give them the best education that we can. So the athletics is extremely important, but to get that diploma and to go on and be successful in life, certainly that's what we look for. The Mayor made mention of the 14 years, 12 of those have been down there in Hammond. Ten of them have been state championships, two of them have been runners up finishes, and yes sir it is a record. Southwood does hold it at 10 state championships for Girls Basketball.

Councilman Shyne: Just before y'all take your seats, everybody with the cameras, start taking the pictures. Make sure you get everybody on there. Are we smiling good enough? Everybody say champion. Coach thank y'all very much.

Mayor Glover: Would any of the parents or guardians or other loved ones of these young ladies who happen to be here, would you all please stand up? Thank you all.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, just one minute. For those of you who are standing up in the back, I think we have some seats up at the front, if you all want to come up and have a seat? Okay.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, next I am pleased to recognize 2008 Caddo Magnet Mustangs Boys Varsity Soccer Team. State Champions, Division 1, District 1, also the No. 1 ranked team in the State, the No. 2 ranked team in the nation. Coach Balton and gentlemen, would you please step forward and join us up here? Is Ms. Rounds here as well? Principal Rounds? Alright we've got plenty of room, come on down.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, that seems like the same group of kids who were out passing out your signs during the campaign.

Mayor Glover: Alright, we've got everybody here now. I am very pleased in addition to recognizing this outstanding group of young ladies that we just recognized, I also want to add to the chorus of champions, echoing throughout Shreveport, Northwest Louisiana, the Caddo Magnet Mustangs Boys Varsity Soccer Team. This is a group of young men who've just accomplished so much throughout the course of the year. I mentioned a second ago, they are the No. 1 ranked team in the State, they achieved that honor after winning the prestigious St. Paul Holiday Tournament in Covington, LA. They entered that tournament ranked No. 7, but they achieved victory after victory after victory, until they found themselves with the No. 1 ranking. They carried that ranking into the playoffs and successfully lived up to that designation by winning the State Championship right here in Shreveport, their hometown, at Independence Stadium. We were honored to be able to host the State Championships this year, even more to have one of our own teams be a part of the championship. The coach here is Coach Radi Balton.

Principal as I mentioned is Mary Rounds, and one of the other things that I think bares mentioning, is I think I said this several times during the course of the game that weekend, that Caddo Magnet which is also the No. 1 ranked high school in the State of Louisiana, one of the finest high schools anywhere in the country, has in fact won State Championships before. But those previous State Championships that we won were from the debating lectern and not on the playing field.

Councilman Shyne: Wait a minute now. Say that again?

Mayor Glover: We've won State Championships in debating.

Councilman Shyne: Alright.

Mayor Glover: We won those in the debating room from the debating lectern.

And as a graduate of the first graduating class of Caddo Magnet in 1983, I never thought I would live to see the day when my Alma Mater would in fact achieve a State Championship on an athletic field. But that day has in fact come, and I'm proud to be here and to take this opportunity to recognize Coach Balton and these outstanding young men who as I mentioned are currently ranked No. 1 in the State of Louisiana, they've won the Championship at the highest level and to my last recollection, they are ranked No. 2 in the country. I also understand it that there's been an invitation issued to the No. 1 team that if they want to come and truly have the opportunity to play the very finest high school soccer team anywhere in the country, then they need to find their way to the City of Shreveport to play the Caddo Magnet Mustangs. And so Coach Balton, in recognition of the outstanding work and outstanding accomplishment that you all have achieved this year, the level of excellence that you all have helped to bring to Caddo Magnet, it is my great honor and privilege to present to you and these fine young men, this Mayoral Award of Excellence. Coach I want to ask you to come here to the podium, make some comments and then do us the honor of introducing these young men to the Council and the rest of the audience here.

Coach Balton: Thank you Mr. Chairman for having us here. Thank you Mr. Mayor. I hope you all understand my accent. I'm originally from Bulgaria, so we be okay. This was an outstanding year for Caddo Magnet here in North Louisiana. We achieved something that never been done before on the soccer field. State Champions in Division 1 Boys, ranked No. 2 in the nation like Mr. Mayor said. And probably in the new rankings, we're going to be No. 1 in the nation, which the new rankings is going to come pretty soon I think. Also I would like to thank the Caddo Magnet High School with Mrs. Mary Rounds and everybody else whose been supportive of us throughout the year. It's been exciting and I really hope that that's just the beginning of the road. And we're going to come back stronger in the years to come.

Councilman Shyne: You want to introduce each one of your players?

Coach Balton: Absolutely, Alex Payne is a junior; Spencer Johnson is a junior; in the back with the beard it's Nick Flowers, this is Louisiana High School Player of the Year. Also All City Player of the Year team, Nick Flowers. Next to him is Chris Hilario, he's a senior, our goal keeper, (inaudible) the lead goal scorer from all the goal keepers in Louisiana. Zach Kelly is a junior, All State player, All City player, one of the best players around. In the back John Reeks, he's a senior, Adam West, junior; Waterman is a

junior; Jimmy Cowles is a junior, Alex Blandin, sophomore (raise your hand); Dillon Bowie is a junior, Steven Bush, junior; Luke Snow is a junior; Michael Reeks is a junior; Robert Poole is a senior; Victor Leuck is a junior; Jordan Mitchell, a junior; Jordan Abodehou is a junior; Ethan Colbert, junior: Perwaiz Nawabi is a sophomore and the youngest player on the team.

Councilman Webb: Wow, looks like we're going to have a good team next year.

Coach Balton: And this is Mr. Galland who is the Vice-Principal, and a huge supporter of the team and we really appreciate him.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Coach. Again I want to commend you all for the great work that you all have done, that you're doing. Coach obviously with the number of Juniors and Sophomores that you called off, despite the fact that we're losing a great player in Nick and I believe the goal keeper also, despite losing two of our outstanding players in those two young men, you've got a very young squad. We look forward to a great success that you guys are going to hopefully achieve on next year. I know we've got a couple of picture takers up here, behind the Council dais. You want us to pose for you? Nobody should be behind me if you want to be seen now.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, if we are through with both of the teams and they want to - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: The parents?

Councilman Shyne: Okay, how about the Caddo Magnet parents first?

Mayor Glover: That was the next thing I was about to do Mr. Chairman. Thank you all so much for being here.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I was about to say if Southwood and Caddo Magnet needed to get back to the school campus, we'll pause at this particular time if they would like to stay, they can, but if they need to go.

Councilman Webb: I don't blame you if you want to go.

Councilman Lester: Run! Don't walk.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council, this past Saturday Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, we had the opportunity to see another great tradition here in the City of Shreveport come to pass for more than a few years now on a Saturday in early Spring, neighbors all across this city, in fact were gathered to commit themselves to making the places where they live a little better, a little bit cleaner. The Great American Cleanup took place this past weekend, and as you all know, this Administration, this Council - - - we've made a commitment towards to making the City of Shreveport a better and cleaner and safer place as well. That's why my good friend Mike Strong and Shelly Ragle will soon have some folks out on the interstate picking up trash and cutting grass before too long. But this particular weekend, we had a group of citizens who stepped forward and just simply did yeoman's work in terms of helping to clean up their neighborhoods. While I consider myself to be a rather large individual, what they accomplished this past weekend just simply dwarfs me and anyone else in the City of Shreveport. These citizens picked up some 192,800 pounds of trash off the streets of the City of Shreveport. And I think they all deserve an outstanding round of applause. We had some 59 groups registered, over 900 volunteers, and over 25

neighborhoods were impacted this past Saturday, by the Great American Clean-up. Now this effort is coordinated every year by Donna Curtis and Lee Jeter and all the great folks at Shreveport Green. They break up the participants into two groups, the large category and the small category, and they ask them to go out and compete. And they do just that. And I thought it would be most appropriate to recognize those groups who happen to achieve the highest amount tonnage wise of trash picked up over this past weekend. And so I'm proud to recognize both the small group winners and the large group winners, and we're going to start today in recognizing the small group winners. We're going to start with the folks from the - - - our 3rd Place finisher, for the small group winners are the United Methodist Men of Grace who picked up some 8,700 pounds of trash. Are they here? Alright, well we will make sure that they get their particular award.

Mr. Thompson: Give it to Tom Dark.

Mayor Glover: Give it to Tom Dark, he's a good United Methodist Man. 2nd Place this year in the small group category goes to the Martin Luther King Community Development Corporation. They picked up over 15,300 pounds of trash. They are represented today here by Ms. Irma. Would you please accept this Mayoral Award of Excellence and make some comments to the Council if you will.

Ms. Irma Rogers: We have tried to get our area clean for several years now, at least the last four or five years. We've put on clean campaigns by posting billboards in our area that say "Clean it up, keep it up." Now it's changed to "Clean it up and keep it safe." So, we try to get those persons who are around the neighbors that help to put down some of the litter to assist us in getting it up.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Irma, just before you go, we knew that you all had been trying so hard, over the last four or five years, so that's why we wanted to make sure that the next mayor came from that area, so he could give y'all a little extra help. That's why you all did so well this time, hear?

Ms. Rogers: Thank you so much.

Mayor Glover: And the 1st Place award in the small group category, and this is just simply outstanding. I don't know - - - they must have picked up trash everywhere, because this is just simply overwhelming to imagine that one group on one day manage to be able to collect the astronomical ton. This is real commitment, this is whole commitment, this isn't chicken commitment. This is whole hog commitment. One group, the St. Augustine Baptist Church collected 41,600 pounds of trash. On behalf of the Mayor's office and all the City of Shreveport, it is my privilege to present to you all this Mayoral Award of Excellence. Please would one of you all share a word with the Council and the rest of the City.

Group Leader: Thank you very much. We are the members of the St. Augustine Missionary Baptist Church, this is our deacon who drives the bus and a member. It was the children that really worked. We have 26 children and they all were there Saturday, picking trash, tires, everything. They were just up and down the street. They did a very good job. And our Pastor is Rev. Donnie Mitchell at St. August Missionary Baptist Church. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, just before they leave, what neighborhoods do you all represent?

Group Leader: Lakeside.

Councilwoman Bowman: Lakeside, Murphy Street, District G! I'm real proud of you guys, that was wonderful.

Councilman Shyne: I saw the big smile on Joyce's face so I knew it must have been something.

Mayor Glover: And now for the winners of the large group category, the 3rd Place finisher, Concerned Citizens from Precinct #38, who collected over 5600 pounds of trash this weekend, come on up. I'm honored to present to you all this Mayoral Award of Excellence. Please would you have a word for the Council?

Group Leader: Yes thank you Mr. Mayor. To the Council and all those assembled, we are a neighborhood in the Hollywood section, Councilman Shyne is our City Councilman. This is about our fourth year participating and for the last three years, we've taken home a prize. We certainly take pride in our community as well as in our city, because we believe we need to be a part of that next great city of the south. And we want to thank all our volunteers, sorry some of them couldn't come. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Let's give Councilman Walford just a little (inaudible) of that hear, because I think some of the members who come to the meetings sometimes live in his district.

Group Leader: He told me, I'm his Step-Daughter he says.

Mayor Glover: That sounds like a little inner family feud maybe?

Councilman Walford: No, no, no. Anything going on for the community, she's going to be there. Hattie Perry Park or Joe's district, she is going to be there and be a mover and shaker.

Mayor Glover: Doing wonderful work.

Group Leader: And My church is in District B.

Councilman Shyne: That's why I didn't want you to leave him out. Because I know how he can get sometime.

Mayor Glover: The 2nd Place finisher for the large group category is represented today by an outstanding group of volunteers and leaders. They are the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, who collected over 7,200 pounds of trash from the Salvation Army, we have an outstanding group of young people will you join me up here? Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council this also represents while they have an upcoming ground breaking that's going to be taking place sometimes next month. This also represents a great opportunity for us to announce and let everyone know that while these young people have been without a base of operation of Girls and Boys Club for some time now. We recently signed the contract with Boys and Girls Club National to begin the process of rebuilding an even bigger and better facility there in the Queensborough neighborhood on the north side of the Fairground. And so within short order, we look forward to having a groundbreaking schedule for next month, April 9th, just under a month from now, that will kickoff the construction phase of this new facility for these wonderful young folks who have already shown that they've learned the great lessons of the Boys

and Girls Club and that is to not only be a great student and a great citizen, but to be also great servants to your city and your community. So, in recognition of the collection of 16 tons.

Councilman Shyne: Wow, that's the name of a song Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: That's what I was about to say, that's just like the song, Tennessee Ernie Ford, 16 tons and what do you get? The Mayoral Award of Excellence. Proud of you all. Thank you so much. Would you step forward and introduce the young people here and if they would like to say something, we'd love to hear from them.

Mr. Anderson: On behalf of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, we'd just like to say thank you. This is a part of our yearly programs, and we do this every year with the help of Shreveport Green. And the kids really enjoy it. We also won most volunteers at that time at the Clean-up. And we had 31 kids that participated.

Mayor Glover: Now, since you all didn't want to say anything, what I do want you to do is each one come to the microphone and introduce yourselves. My name is Antravious Hall; My name is Remetria Hall, My name is Miracle Hall, My name is James Madison; My name is Frank Morris.

Mayor Glover: Want to thank each and every one of them. At this point, you all have each entered yourselves into the official records of the City of Shreveport, that will be here the time in memorial. So, thank you all. Now, our 1st Place finisher for the large group category, a group of outstanding citizens. And Donna, how many years have they won? Seven in a row? They are they Heavy Weight Champions of the Large Group Category. We've had one from the north end of town with MLK Community Development Corporation, these folks just happen to be our neighbors just to the west. I'm very proud to recognize the 32,000 pounds of trash collected, the Lakeview Community Association. On behalf of the great work that you all have done, and continue to do over they years, it is my privilege to present to you all this Mayoral Award of Excellence. And would you please share a word with the Council and introduce everyone whose here.

Ms. Wheelless: I'd like to introduce my volunteers. This is Rosemary Dewitt, and Mark and Martha Bates. There are the few who could be with us today. We had 22 volunteers on Saturday, and this is our 9th year to participate in the Great American Clean-up and to date, we've picked up 217 tons of trash out of Lakeview.

Mayor Glover: Thank you all. Great work everyone, thank you so much. And last, but certainly not least Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, one of the great things that I hear from people who visit Shreveport, sine we've been so involved in the movie industry here over the last several years, we have lots of folks who come from far off places and one of the things that they consistently commend Shreveport on is all the easy access, the great southern hospitality that we extend to them, the ease of being able to come here and do business, but they also make note that we have great food here. And I tell them that I'm living proof of that. We have great cooks, but we also have great restaurants. And more importantly, we have great independent restaurants. Places that are unique only to Shreveport. That if you were to travel to Dallas, or to Atlanta, or to New York, L.A., places that you don't find because they're not the latest franchise that

you find at any interstate exit anywhere around the country. One of those special and unique places here in Shreveport marked a very, very, very special milestone this past Saturday, and I was blessed to have the opportunity to be there to observe it with Councilman Walford, and former Mayor of the City of Bossier, George Dement, and so many others who simply love this family, and their food and the great Shreveport tradition, that they've helped to establish. Dating back some 4+ decades, their father, grandfather began the real practice of making a sandwich that he deemed "The Muffy." And from that point forward, people from all around Northwest Louisiana would make their way to the Fairfield hill to have an opportunity to be able to not only interact with this great family, but to partake of this wonderful, wonderful sandwich. Well, over the four plus decades that they've been in operation, they've hit several milestones. They sold the 100,000th Muffy. And a few years back, they sold Muffy 500,000. And then a few years ago, they hit three-quarters of a million. This past Saturday, I had the distinct honor and privilege of sharing a portion of the 1,000,000th Muffy that was made by the Fertitta Family at their restaurant, Fertitta's, a Shreveport landmark. Let's give them a round of applause and recognition of the 1,000,000th Muffy. This is a business that's gone from generation to generation to generation, in the same spot, in the same location. They are committed to being in that spot from this point forward. And so it was my great honor to be with them there on this past Saturday, and it was also my honor to invite them to come and be recognized here before this Council. I want to call Mr. and Mrs. McCall, Mrs. McCall is Agatha Fertitta McCall, the granddaughter of the innovator with also their children who are also individuals who are a part of this wonderful family. I have preserved half of that Muffy from Saturday. I had staff researching how we can preserve it. I think it should be a part of the archives of the City of Shreveport. Agatha was kind enough to wrap up half of it, place the official seal on it and sign it. But now also in inviting them here, I said look, I want to make sure that I'm not ever considered to be selfish when it comes to my Council. So I said, since they were not here on Saturday, Monty and I were, but since they were not there on Saturday, I wanted to them to make sure that they brought with them Muffies for the Shreveport City Council. As you see here now - - - now these are from me. But I asked them to bring Muffies for the entirety of the Council. So in recognition of the 1,000,000th Muffy, and in addition to that, all that you all have meant to the Shreveport/Bossier Northwest Community a true, true, true Shreveport Institution, it is my pleasure to present to you all this Mayoral Award of Excellence in recognition for all the Fertittas have meant to Shreveport.

Councilman Walford: I kept reaching for part of that 1,000,000th, but he had the knife that cut the original Muffy, and I wanted to be real careful.

Mayor Glover: We want you to share some words with us, the generation behind, we have a daughter (Nina) here whose in medical school; we have a son (Patrick) whose pursuing the Ministry. I shared with them on Saturday that we want to build a Pediatrician's office on one side of Fertitta's and a Lutheran Chapel on the other. Because we want them to make sure that the next generation of the Fertittas are here to carry on this great tradition.

Ms. McCall: Thank you. Thank you Mr. Mayor. It's our honor and privilege to be a part of the Shreveport Community. It's just been awesome, and I don't mean to correct you, but actually, my dad had created the Muffy. My grandfather had the building built in 1927. So we've been there since then. The Fertitta family has carried on the tradition of being a part of the city and it's just been awesome for me and my family to be a part of this. My husband is from Minden so, we've had to get him to you know decide that he likes Shreveport better than Minden. But we are just honored to be here. We hope everybody enjoys those Muffys, and the Mayor says he's paying for 'em so - - - No, we're not going to let the Mayor pay for the Muffys. But it is our honor to be here, and thank you so much. And it was our honor to have this great man at our ceremony, and we've been just blessed, very, very blessed. Thank y'all so much today for honoring us.

Mayor Glover: Thank you City Council for recognizing these individuals today.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, before you leave Mr. Mayor, if you'd just wait for one second? Can I go on with this?

Councilman Shyne: Yes.

Councilwoman Bowman: In celebration of women, the Shreveport Mayor's Women's Commission will honor seven extraordinary women from each Council District. And this will be held on March 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Barnwell Center. At this time, we do have the President and we have several of the members who are here. Ms. Diana Simek, will you please come forward and introduce these fine ladies? And while she's coming, I certainly want you all to know that this is not a glorified social club. I promise you these ladies are being about it. They're busy, getting by-laws, and they're doing great things for the City of Shreveport. And I am just so proud of everyone of you. Thank you Diana.

Ms. Simek: We're really excited. We have a dynamic group of new worker bees. And we have almost a third of our group here today, and we really appreciate the support we've had, and we love working with you. If I may, I'd like to introduce them. We have Rosaland Flukers, Wanda Wright, Lola Kendrick, Harriet Williams, Tannie Bradley, we've got two Rosalins, they spell them a little bit differently, Rosalind Patterson Nelson, Arcenia Anthony, and Janice Sneed. Janice is the Vice-Chair. So we have a super, super group, and we've got about 70% of our members are brand new, and we're just looking for a very exciting year, and hope that maybe next year, we'll be back here with some kind of an award given to us for doing some successful things with the women and youths in this city. Thank you very much.

Councilwoman Bowman: We look forward to that also.

Ms. Simek: (Inaudible) the 20th, we really are working with the whole City Council. Thank you.

Councilwoman Bowman: In addition to that, the woman that was selected for District A is here, and that's Ms. Irma Rogers; that's from Councilman Lester's district. Were you aware of this? Believe me, I'm the only woman here, so - - - District B, Theresa Edgerton, that's Councilman Walford's district. Bonet Summers, from District C, Councilman Long. District D, Sister Christina Angelini. That's from Councilman

Wooley's district. District E, Marie Warrick, that's Councilman Webb. Councilman Shyne, District F said he had a senior moment.

Councilman Shyne: I had five names, and you know you have pray over 'em. You don't want to make no mistakes.

Councilwoman Bowman: He will be turning his in, and from District G, I saw her walk in, and that's Ms. Joyce Lawrence. Is she still here? There she is. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Councilwoman Bowman, I want to take a moment to really thank Councilwoman Bowman and all these ladies here who have worked with my office to help us to reconstitute and reinvigorate the Mayor's Women's Commission. These women have been very busy over the last several months, helping to get this group back together, refocused, restructured, and they are poised and ready to do great things. And so I'm honored to have had the opportunity to have been a part of a recent meeting and helping to swear them in, and as I said, with the assistance and support of Councilwoman Bowman and my staff, I think that they're going to go out and do wonderful things for the city, and you all won't have to wait until next year to be recognized and honored, you are recognized today for the great work that each and every one of you have done individually. Because this particular front row, as we said only makes them a third of this group. But each and every one of these individuals are movers and shakers throughout Shreveport, Bossier, and Northwest Louisiana. They're active, involved and engaged in so many ways, and so many different organizations already, and I'm just simply honored that they accepted the invitation to yet again step forward and be a part of this particular effort. So thank you all for being here, you honor not just me, but you honor the entirety of the City of Shreveport. Thank you Councilwoman Bowman, and we look forward to being there on the 20th.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you, and I see Chloe in the back, and she's played a very significant role with this group also.

Councilman Shyne: Councilwoman Bowman, I guess I want to take a chance and let these other ladies jump on me. I know Ms. Linda Scott will come to my rescue. I would like to submit Ms. Linda Scott's name and Ms. Scott, these other women if they get a little angry with me, I'm going to tell them you kinda twisted my arm a little bit, because you know how ladies can be. But Linda's always done a fine job. And I see Ms. Rosalind Patterson Nelson who has always done an excellent job in our community. Rosalind, we're so proud of you hear? And continue to do the great job that you're doing. Any of the Council Members have any special guests? If not, I have one. Ms. Moore would you please come forward. Is the Chief still here? Chief, I want you to come forward and just kinda stand by Ms. Moore there, and Ms. Moore, I want you to introduce yourself to the Council and to the TV audience, and just kinda give us a word or two on the civic duty that you performed a few weeks ago.

Ms. Aaronetta Moore: I am a resident of the Stoner Hill Community. I've been over there for a little over 40 years. And I just happened to be - - - I don't know if it was at the right place or the wrong time. But on February 14th, around 12:00 noon, I happened to be a location at a store at the intersection of E. Olive and Centenary. And I think you all are aware that that's in the Centenary area where the Family Dollar is

located. And I just happened to be the ‘Supermom Cop’ as they called it, but I happened to be in the store when a young guy supposedly had pulled a gun on the cashier. She was at the left of me, and I was at the right side, with the cashier. I sort of got upset about it, so the cashier was very distraught, she didn’t know what to do, and no one in the store knew what was going on. So, I had my cell phone in my hand, and I looked around and I went to walk out the door and he pushed me, but I didn’t know he had robbed the store. So just in a matter of seconds, I immediately jumped in my car, and I know it was probably a crazy thing to do, but he pushed me, and I didn’t know he had a gun. So I jumped in my car, and I grabbed my cell phone, and I dialed 911 and got the dispatcher on the phone, and he stayed on the phone with me until the suspect was apprehended.

Councilman Shyne: Alright. Let’s give her a big hand. Now Mr. Mayor, I invited her to come down Chief, and I told her it’s people like Ms. Moore that’s going to make this city safe and great. And citizens like Ms. Moore that’s going to be able Chief, for you all to be more effective in doing what you’re doing. And I wanted her to come down, and I wanted you and the Mayor to say a word or two, and I see the Mayor has gotten his hug in already, and Mr. Mayor, I’ll get mine later when she takes her seat. But Chief, I’d like for you and the Mayor to say a word of encouragement to Ms. Moore because it takes a lot of courage to do what Ms. Moore did. Because to me, you put yourself - - - you jeopardize your future and your life, and this is what it’s all about. So, Ms. Moore, we’re so glad and so happy that God had you in the right - - - you were in the right place at the right time. So you were not at the wrong place. You were at the right place at the right time, so Mr. Mayor, and Chief, I’m going to turn it over to you all.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of Council, get you on my left side here, and the Chief on the other. I just wanted to join you all in recognizing her. This is one that we certainly from the Mayor’s office will be preparing a Mayoral Award of Excellence to present to Ms. Moore. We’ve gotten word before today, we would have been able to recognize her in today’s proceedings, and we may look to invite her back as her schedule will allow, to present that to her here before Council so we can make it an official part of the proceedings, but this is the type of citizen involvement, citizen commitment, the kind of looking out for your neighbor Mr. Chairman as you mentioned that in fact is helping to make a difference in terms of how we go about making this a better, safer and greater city. So I want to commend Ms. Moore for her - - - and I’m going to look to Councilwoman Bowman, I was about to say heroism, but I know that may be the - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: ‘Shero.’ That’s what she is.

Mayor Glover: ‘Sheroism.’ We want to recognize her for her sheroism shown and let her know just how much we appreciate what’s she done to help support making Shreveport a safer place. So, God bless. She also happens to be the neighbor of a very dear friend of mine that I want her to say hello to when she goes back home this evening.

Chief Whitehorn: Thank you Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman and thank you especially Mrs. Moore. You know I often talk about bravery, I often talk about selfless service. And both of those two ideas are difficult to talk about, because you never know how you will act until you are faced with the situation. Ms. Moore had no idea of what she was

even walking into at the time. She didn't realize the person had a weapon, but due to that selfless service, she didn't care. She knew that she had to do something. And she took it upon herself to act in a brave manner. And we're just proud of her and thank you for all that you do. This is a very perfect example of how citizens can be involved. Not being afraid to do what's right. And we all know right from wrong. And she was not afraid to stand on her conviction and do something that was very courageous and I just want to thank her for that great moment.

Councilwoman Bowman: Ms. Moore, I am so proud of you. I really am. I'll make a long story short. Anytime I see citizens, especially one like you who wants to at least make a difference where they live. You're doing that when you take action, when you show that you're concerned. A few years ago, and I think I was on the Commission. A young man stole a vehicle. And I drove around for weeks, trying to find that car cause the police hadn't found it, I said I'm going to find this car. And so happened one Sunday afternoon instead of going to the left, I automatically went to the right and got up Lakeshore, and low and behold there I saw it parked in this little motel. Took my cell phone and I called them, dialed 911. And of course, at that time, he pulls off. And I followed him, and like I said to make a long story short, I followed him a long way, and we got over on Wilder Street and Maple, and that's when the Police surrounded him. But the funny thing is my sister was alive at that time, and she said 'Joyce, were you out chasing someone?' And I said, 'I sure was, how did you know?' And she said, 'I was listening at the scanner, and they said that there was this woman, when the dispatcher with the police department said, 'who did you say was in pursuit?' And they said, 'The mother, the mother of the victim?' And you know I really felt proud, cause I wasn't letting him get by with that. And so I know how you feel. And we need more citizens. If you don't want to be active with it, at least if you see it, tell it. It'll stop some of this stuff that's going on.

Ms. Moore: And may I add that his getaway car was a pink bicycle. I wasn't going to let him get away.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Moore, thank you and again, and I know the Mayor will have someone to take your name for the Mayoral award. Ladies, thank y'all for coming down.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, right in line with citizens who are stepping forward to get active and involved in helping to pool our law enforcements and in addition to recognizing Ms. Moore, there are some other folks at some future meetings that I'm going to be recognizing as well. One in particular, and we're still looking to make sure that we've got the proper information to be able to contact those individuals. Many of you like me probably have observed over the last several weeks, the number of individuals who have had run ins with Pit Bull dogs across the City of Shreveport, and I know we've had at least four in the last several weeks, one of which was an 89 year old gentleman who was attacked, another was a 51 year old gentleman. The folks who helped to come to the rescue of the 51 year old gentleman, I think we managed to track them down and we certainly want to recognize them for the heroism that they displayed coming to the aid and assistance of those individuals, but in addition to recognizing folks

like Ms. Moore and these other individuals who've stepped forward, and there is another example that occurred recently over in the Allendale neighborhood, where we had a citizen who called in a tip concerning a drug operation that was going on in a house that recovered a substantial amount of narcotics, and I've had Nike boxes over the years from 15, 16, and 17 tennis shoes that I've had to buy throughout my life, but I never had one stuffed with over \$13,000 worth of cash, as our police officers came across in that particular situation, based upon a tip that came in to us through a citizen. But back to the issue of the vicious dog attacks that we've been witnessing here across the city, I've been spending a little time over the last several weeks doing some research on it, and I would ask that you all give it some thought as well. We've got a situation here that I think we at least need to give some thought to how we might try to address. There are some cities who've done bands and what have you. And that may be a bit too extreme for us at this point. But the one thing that we do need to figure out a way to make irresponsible owners, responsible for the actions of their pets, and that we cannot allow our neighborhoods to be terrorized by the individuals who just simply will not look to take care of dogs that they have raised and in many ways help to make vicious by the way that they've been raised and treated. So it's really not the dog's fault, but the idea of seeing children and seniors and other people who are defenseless against 100 lbs vicious steel-jawed animal running at them, is something that as a city, we've got to give some attention to and I certainly welcome the opportunity to hear any thoughts and ideas that any of you may have in the coming weeks about the situation. Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you Members of Council.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, thank you and I think that was a good point to raise. And I know other Council Members are too, getting calls from people who live in these neighborhoods, and have these vicious dogs, and some of them want to say that they are not vicious, but if they jump on you and bite you, to me that's an act of being very vicious. So, I think it's a good idea for us to start looking at what we can put in place in order to provide a little bit more safety in the neighborhoods. We're just fortunate that those small kids yet have been attacked by some of the dogs. It's getting warmer now, and we wouldn't want it to escalate to that point. I appreciate what you're saying. Any questions or observations from any of the Council Members, if not we'll move into Public Hearing, and I believe none for today. Our property standards report, Jim, I haven't forgotten about you. Anybody have any questions or comments? Michael, looks like something just came across your mind.

Reports: Property Standards Report

Councilman Long: Jim, I'll have that number for you later.

Mr. Holt: Alright.

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. **Ordinance No. 28 of 2008**: An Ordinance to amend Section 38-115(a) of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to Property Standards and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to add Ordinance No. 28 of 2008 to the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Public Comments (*Agenda Items to be Adopted*)

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, at a time appropriate, we have a presentation from the Chief concerning the parity pay plan. If that's relevant to any of the comments that may be coming from our other police personnel here, we may want to have the Chief make those comments either before or shortly after whichever is you all's prerogative.

Councilman Shyne: It will be, cause I'll kinda defer to Councilman Wooley to see if he wants the Chief to come up before or after some of the comments from the persons that are here. But Chief, he has a concern, and I kinda wanted you to hear his concern, and you might want to jot a thing or two down.

Mr. Foster: (4209 Esther Street) My main concern today is having community problems as far as break ins. My home was broken into by individuals that have been known to break into people homes in the same community. The individuals have been incarcerated and back out time and time, and time again, and I don't think either one of them or over the age of 20. And I'm having a problem with it. I have two small grandchildren that I don't let out without proper supervision because of this matter. And it has gotten to the point to where I'm having to surveillance my house and I know that the city along with the Mayor has a problem trying to resolve crime. And I've never been in a predicament to where I had to be a violent person because of the community, and I will not become a person of that character for any reason. I believe in keeping the prayer going, but at the same time, I think something needs to be done about the situation to avoid other problems.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we certainly appreciate you coming forward, and what I'd like to maybe do is to get you together with the Chief, so we can get you together with the Asst Chief who is over that area along with that area captain, community liaison officer, and we can get the background that we need on your particular situation. I appreciate your willingness to come and present this issue, and hope to send a message to the folks out there who are doing this, not only to you and your family, but anybody else around the city, that we're going to be looking to join forces with your council member, with law enforcement, and outstanding citizens like yourself

to go out and tackle this problem head on. So, if you've got especially the ability to help put us on the trail of who we need to be looking for, and you said that they are not above the age of 20, but they are juveniles?

Mr. Foster: Well, I do know two of them are.

Mayor Glover: Okay, well those two, we'll have to deal with from a juvenile perspective. Any of them who are not juveniles, we'll deal with them as adults. And they'll have to deal with the adult implications of their actions. And so, again, I'm honored and thankful that you would come down and share with us. We look forward to getting the information on where you are, what neighborhood, what street, so we can specifically go out and begin to target this situation and help get it corrected.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Foster, thank you and that's the Chief over there, the young, youngest looking officer. Councilman Wooley, I believe, I think we have Ms. Foster. I'm sorry, we have one other person, Mr. Cawthorne. Pastor Cawthorne and I talked briefly on the phone earlier. And I suggested - - - and he has a problem, and I suggested that he would come down and share this problem with the entire council, because I think all of the Council Members and the Administration, Reverend, would like to be aware of what the situation is, and this is why I invited you down. So, just for the record, would you give your name, address, and it's up to you.

Mr. Cawthorne: (944 Warner Garden Drive) What I'm here for is to make you aware of some things that I feel that needs to be looked at. It concerns adjudicated property. And I went to a class about 2005 or '06, we had class here in Shreveport. The City gave that class, and developed that class. And in that class it was stated to us that once you finished that course, there was property that was adjudicated that you would apply for it, then probably you could get that property. And I've gone through that whole process, and you know that process is long, drawn out process that we go through when applying for this property. And I came to the final steps of that process and we pay out quite a bit of money to get to the final step of it, and when you get to the final step of that process, then the property is again put on the market be it to gain bids again for it, and that's where I see a problem at I think. Because it seems as though the city is not using it's money, but we're using our money to go through the whole process to get it before - - - to get through all the other steps that are involved, and then they put it on the market again. And people who just sit back and read the paper just to find out what kind of property is there, they come in and out bid us on the property. But we started the paperwork on. And we've gone through this whole process to get to this point, and now we don't get the property because we can't out bid these people for the property. So, I think that it's sort of a one-sided thing. It seems like we're putting up money, and we're spending out time to do these things that we were told that the churches could do this, And now we're putting up our money to get all this work started, and we get no benefit. And I think that a better way of something should be done in order to aid us in this process, if we're going to start the paperwork on it and do all the footwork on it, and then people just come in, all of a sudden you put it in the paper and it's been in the paper all the time and we sent out letters, then we get nothing. Can you respond on that?

Mayor Glover: Pastor Cawthorne, it's ironic that you would be here today, because I was just having a meeting on yesterday with several members of the faith community who have been involved in the very same conundrum that you and your congregation have dealt with. We started this process with Bonnie Moore and the folks at Community Development. I was a legislator at the time who helped appropriate dollars along with Senator Jackson to support this effort. And it is a great idea and a great concept. The bottleneck that we're getting to right now is how it is that we manage to be able to free up that adjudication process, so that it doesn't end up stopping what is obviously a great deal of positive energy that's coming forth from people like yourself and your congregation and others. At this point, what I'm going to be doing is consulting with Bonnie Moore as well as members of this Council as well as members of our legislative delegation to see how we can help to streamline this process and take away some of these roadblocks that end up coming before us. Because this is a combination of a problem that exist both at the local level as well as some of the issues that we have to address and unravel down at the state level. But because we have almost 8,000 pieces of adjudicated property across this city in neighborhoods that we need to return families back to, that we need to get stake holders back into and that we now have members of the faith community, churches, congregations like yourself that are willing to work to help facilitate that process being supported by local government, we've got to figure out how to fix it. So, it's a problem. We hadn't gotten it resolved yet. But I want you to know that we have you and your congregation as a part of that dialogue as we figure out how to get it done. The one thing that I do know is that the State of Louisiana has a very strong tradition of trying to protect the rights of property owners, which I respect and don't want to in any way try and diminish. But at the same time, when we've had property that has been abandoned, that has become the burden of local government to take care of and to tend to, and to be responsible for. And when we find interested individuals, and certainly when we find interested congregations whose focus is not necessarily to make a profit, but to serve, then we're got to figure out how to be able to get government out of the way and allow that property to end up back on tax rolls, back into commerce, and back being a place where people can have a home and in some instances, a business. Because as you know from the courses that you had focuses on residential development was the right location that we want to be able to find places to put people into business also, to get an opportunity to start a business. So, I share your frustration, I believe that this Council shares it as well, and this is one that we're going to have to figure out how to unbundle it to make sure that we can let loose this potential that we have. And I know Bonnie Moore just walked in the room, and I'm not sure if Bonnie if you've got anything specific that you want to add, but do know this is one that we've got to figure out how to get it done.

Councilman Lester: Pastor I certainly understand and share your frustration. One of the things that led me to create the legislation that started the faith builders program as well as the secondary program was the idea that people in the faith based community have more at state, in terms of turning communities around, and I understand that building houses does not change communities. You have to work on people's hearts and minds. And that's not a function that government does very well, that's a ministry

function. So, our overall concept is to equip the faith based community so that they can go forth and do what needs to be done. Unfortunately, as good an effort as we have put into this process, many of the restrictions and the prohibitions and the rules and regulations association with the alienation of immovable property emanate from the State level and not the city level. We spent a lot of time, and I have spent a lot of time on my service on the Council dealing with the issue of adjudicated property and how we can speed up the process to getting that out of a situation where it's not doing anything and getting into a position where we can have people like yourself and your organization do something with it. We have proposed ordinances on the City Council level, I've done some this term, Councilman Shyne has done some this term. We have even gone so far as to work with people like Senator Lydia Jackson as well as State Representative Roy Burrell in crafting some legislation that cuts in half a lot of the time that these properties are out there and in terms of notification requirements and some of the processes. The problem is there is only so much that we can do at the city level to do these things. And so it requires a partnership between us at the municipal level as well as the folks at the state level. And I can say that our state legislative delegation is doing a yeoman's job in terms of supporting our efforts. Just about every general session that the legislature has, we have sent some suggestions to our legislative delegation that they have moved forwarded and enacted into law to make it that much easier. So, it's a problem that we're working with, but you need to understand, and please know that our frustration is just as good as yours if not more so, because we see it everyday, and I'll give you a perfect example. In the process of moving forward, we try to do a program like total commitment. Which anybody looks at Allendale, people talk about what's going to happen with Allendale, you have adjudicated property, you have dilapidated property. People talk about well I-49 is coming through, this, that and the other. Anyone that spends any time knows Allendale doesn't have 20 years to figure out where the interstate is going to go. We've got to do something now, we've got to do something quickly. Well, in the process of us being aggressive with trying to bring developers in and do these types of things, the state legislature in their wisdom moved forward and I believe, in a knee-jerk reaction to a situation in Connecticut, (inaudible) v. New London, and went so far to the right as it relates to adjudicated property that it almost literally ties a municipality's hands in terms of creating a situation where you can take an adjudicated property or non-adjudicated property, and land bank it for developmental purposes. Now we have and I do believe that there is an answer to that process and we are currently working with our City Attorneys to work on a model that we would think would address that. But it's not an issue where we at the city are just sitting on our hands and we're trying to lead folks astray. We're working on this very hard. As a matter of fact, I fully expect that this legislative session, Representative Burrell has some legislation specifically dealing with the issue of merchantable title. What happens more often than not, when a parcel of property is adjudicated or otherwise has clouds on it's title, you can use one of our processes for getting it expropriated and then turned over to you, you pay us, and now you have the property, you have possessory interest, but you do not have merchantable title. All you've done is bought the city's interest and many times you have

a string of these corporations that are basically Hedge Funds from Virginia, Lienquest, Mooring Tax, VF1, Atac, Zodico, - - - that buy these properties in wholesale numbers for the 17% return that they get on it, and it just sits there. Well, one of the things that we have discovered is the title industry and the banking industry won't touch this stuff with a 10 foot pole, because if there is a cloud on the title, then that could deal with their title insurance, and they're not going to insure it, and if the title company will not write title insurance on that piece of property, the banks are not going to lend you any money. So, all I've done is given you a piece of property that unless you have a big pot of money, which most non profits don't have, you can't do anything with it. So, now you're in a position where instead of the city spending the money to cut the lot in an effort do help you do some redevelopment, instead of giving you something positive, I'm hung a millstone around your neck. Well, one of the things that I suspect is going to come out the legislature cause I know they empanelled a session with the Louisiana Law Institute, is to come up with a model that says, if you acquire property, adjudicated through one of the myriad of processes that the cities have, whether it's New Orleans, whether it's the Parish Redevelopment Law, that instead of making a claim against that title insurance company, it's title policy that we set up a reserve fund, not dissimilar to the situation they have with Worker's Comp, so that if there is a claim against the title, rather than going against a title companies policy, there is a fund that's statewide they will attach, therefore the title companies will be able to write the title insurance. And we have gotten very, very positive response from the title industry. And I suspect that that will be something that will be coming forth in the upcoming legislative session. I said all that to say, one of the things that I have discovered through all this time, all this research, and all this work is there are no easy 30 second sound bite solutions to systemic disinvestment and systemic - - - the need for reinvestment in communities. And it's going to take a process. Things didn't get there overnight, and we're going to have to take some time and craft some legislation to make sure that we don't go in that direction. So, I just wanted to let you know and everyone else that's listening, there is a process that this city has been very, very aggressive both from the Council level, as well as from the legislative delegation. Because we are keenly aware that if we don't deal with the issues of our inner core redevelopment, and revitalization, it doesn't matter how much CyberSpace comes, it doesn't matter how much those other things happen. Imagine what would happen when someone comes into town, they make a wrong turn, they wind up on Myrtle Street and all they see is trash, garbage, and dilapidated houses, they're going to get an impression of Shreveport that we're spending millions of dollars not to give them. But if we don't do something with our inner core, you've got this disease, and it's going to continue to spread and spread, and spread. And those solutions are going to take legislation. So, we are working very, very hard on that and we have a really good group of folks at our state legislative delegation as well as Ms. Moore and the folks at Community Development working to solve those problems. I said all that to let you know that we are very much aware of those problems and we are working very, very hard to address each and every avenue to solve those concerns.

Ms. Moore: I'll be more than glad to get with him and expound more on that.

Rev. Lamar Holden: (3832 Merwin Street) It was brought to my attention a few weeks ago about the landfill on the Russell Road. And it has outgrown its original plan, 6.3 acres, 29 some acres now. It exceeds its original plan of 170 feet above sea level. That is pretty close to 200 feet. A few weeks ago, or a few months ago, I started a clean-up campaign. And I'm still all for that. I listen to all the garbage that's been gathered up in the last few weeks, and I wondered whether it was all stored at Russell Landfill. I'm against the landfill for several reasons. It's an eyesore for those coming in from the west on I-220. If this city is going to grow, we need to move that landfill. The next thing that I want to share with you, I know it's in Martin Luther King area problem, but it's not only Martin Luther King, this dump is too large for just Martin Luther King to worry about. Every citizen, councilman could join in with citizen and write DEQ and let them know that this landfill is no longer welcomed here. It was never welcomed in the city, but somehow or another the citizens did not have a voice. And so we taken it up a few weeks ago that we would come up and ask the City Council not only Mr. Lester, but all of the City Council to join in and write DEQ and let 'em know that it's time that this place must go. On Sunday afternoon, I was traveling Martin Luther King, several gentlemen were fishing in the little stream that comes from the landfill. You need to have seen all of the filth that they were fishing out of that filth. I doubt the fish is good enough to eat out of there. This is the kind of stuff that we need to - - - there's one street that several gentlemen have cancer, jury is still out. We don't know what's coming in to that plant, and they're breathing it. Had a public hearing on the 21st of February, we had various members get up and say, well I can't keep my house clean. Other said, we're having to buy tires, because we can't travel without having flats. One gentleman said he had a cancer behind his eye about the size of a golf ball. And he believed that it was something that he'd been breathing from this (inaudible). So, I'm asking the City Council today to join in with whoever, if we have to go to Baton Rouge they have a hearing on the 24th of March, they're going to listen to all complaints and make that decision. But we're prepared to take it further than that. If they turn us down, then we're going to file a citizen's suit against DEQ, not against the owner. DEQ because my thing is this. He only allowed to operate because the law allows him to operate. If I run a stop sign, if I come up there and just look both ways and never stop, I will continue running. But if you post law enforcement at that stop sign so when I run it, they give me a citation, that will stop it. So, I'm against DEQ. We will be calling them, trying to get them to (inaudible) the permit to keep operating. Where is it going to stop? It looks like an elephant, a great giant as you're driving on 220. If we're going to make this city a great city, going to clean it up gathering trash. But lets take it Woolworth It's out there, it's not around citizens, it's not around homes. Right here, we've got people living right across the freeway, right across 220, breathing in all this kind of stuff, and like I say to the city today, to join in, lets write DEQ, tell them lets not give no one else a permit. Lets shut it down, lets clean up this landfill on the Russell Road. Thank you.

Councilman Walford: Reverend, this is one of those times, and I know Mr. Lester will join me in this, you are truly preaching to the choir. That has been a sore spot, not only this term on the council, but prior to and you're doing the right thing by going to

DEQ, and the more people you can get to write to DEQ, the better I think it will be, and I would suggest that you do it to Baton Rouge, because DEQ here in Shreveport is the ones that couldn't smell Louisiana Protein.

Rev. Holden: Well that is the one that we are contacting, the ones in Baton Rouge, and I understand that.

Councilman Walford: And I hope your congregation and as many neighbors as you can find will contact DEQ.

Rev. Holden: We've passed out over a thousand flyers in that area, and the we got a few response. But then a lot of times, if a person doesn't have a choice, they become satisfied with the status quo. But if you give them a clear cut choice, they will make a decision, and say we don't want it. Because who knows court is still out on what they're adopting, whether it's having a health affect on our people, and it's not just a Martin Luther King problem, it's a city problem.

Councilman Walford: Ms. Scott can verify, but there is still a zoning suit from the City. Is that correct? She's holding up three fingers, so the city is pursuing this for the zoning violations, so we're doing all we can. Mr. Lester, you need to jump in here, it's your district, but you and I both have fought this one.

Councilman Lester: As you know Rev. Holden, going back to 1994, when our Mayor was our Councilman, the City Council then voted 7-0 in favor of shutting that place down. Through what I would imagine would be, I'm not going to call it (inaudible) I'll just say they were able to get a right of use to that property and it has been a sore spot I know since 1994, before it was Louisiana Environmental Services, and before it was Harrelson, it was the Chandler Bros place. And I know that they came and tried to convince people at the neighborhood association, a civic association, that this was going to be a positive thing if they were allowed to have a landfill. And even back then the folks said they didn't think it was going to be a positive scenario. They said that they were going to keep dirt on the street. Well guess what? It has. They said the trucks were going to run all times of day and night. Well guess what? They have. They said there were going to be litter problems, and guess what? There have. And there could be some issue with health, and guess what? There have. So, this has not been a situation where the people in the elected leadership have been asleep at the wheel. Last term, as Councilman Walford alluded to, the Council voted again, 7-0, saying not only should you not have an expanded permit, that e don't think that you have a right to operate the permit that you have. And so that set off a set of litigation that continues even as we speak. I'm quite frustrated because one of the things that they had to do in terms of getting their expanded permit was to go to DEQ, and they don't have zoning. And without zoning, you cannot have a permit. Well, they agreed initially with the city's position, which is they do not have proper zoning, therefore, not getting into the merits of whether or not this allowable, you should not have a permit. Through the intervention of Councilman Walford's former senator who was the Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee in the legislature, suddenly DEQ had a change of mind. How a state senator that represents Broadmoor would have an interest in a landfill in the Martin Luther King area, is somewhat beyond me. But it is what it is.

Councilman Shyne: Who is the state senator.

Councilman Lester: I think that's your boy. Your best friend in the whole wide world.

Rev. Holden: I have the document, but I didn't want to call his name. I have the file from the Court.

Councilman Lester: I'll let you call his name Councilman Shyne. I'll give you the pleasure. But the fact of it is.

Mayor Glover: I'll give you his initials. I think they're the same as a little candy that some folks like - - - they come in plain and peanuts.

Councilman Long: M&M.

Councilman Shyne: Max Malone. That's right, that's right!

Councilman Lester: This is something, this issue with this landfill points out the need for municipalities to take a greater role in protecting their citizens. We have done our part. We have said they are not properly zoned. Twice! Two different Councils have said that we don't want this, the neighborhood has said they didn't want this, and yet and still, our State Department of Environmental Quality which should be renamed for - - - you know - - - take 'environmental' out of it, I guess the Department of Louisiana Business and Industry or something of that nature, because they're not protecting people. That's why we're in the situation that we're in with this rendering plant scenario. I mean, some of those same folks that said it doesn't stink are some of the same folks that said well, yeah we know that you have to have zoning, and clearly you don't have zoning, but we're going to allow you to have a permit. So, the City Attorney is giving me the (inaudible), so I'm going to be quiet. But let me just suggest that we are in favor of what you're doing as it relates to this landfill. And I want to encourage you and encourage the residents of the Martin Luther King community as well as the residents of the Lakeside community, because this is an issue that affects everyone in North Shreveport and potentially, when you look at the fact that this landfill is surrounded by wetlands, could affect everyone of us in this city, and everyone of us should have a concern about it. So, I encourage you to continue your campaign. Letter writing, if it requires that we get into some cars and a van and a bus, and go meet with the folks from DEQ I think the Mayor knows his number, and knows where the office is, I'm sure he can give us directions to where that is, and we will take it there. But please continue to do that work. Because if someone needs to know and the folks in Baton Rouge need to know that the people in that community are not in favor of them, and they need protection.

Rev. Holden: We plan to be in Baton Rouge on the 24th of March. Hopefully we'll be at that meeting. Let me say something Councilman, I read the paper about another deal here in the city. I want to see the City and all of our Councilmen. I want the law - - - I know you guys passed the law, come together and said, we don't want this in our city. I want you all to have the power to say that. I don't care how much money a person has, I want you guys to run this city. I want no individual to run this city. And you know where I'm coming from. I want you guys to run the city.

Councilman Walford: I wanted to holler 'I object'. Why did he have to be my senator, couldn't he just be the Senator, District 37?

Councilman Lester: I said former.

Councilman Shyne: Lets hope that he never gets back giving him an opportunity where he can hurt that many people again. I don't know how many people are hurting from that act that was - - -

Mr. Harold Coleman: (No address given) I'm the elected secretary of the Shreveport Police Officer Association. I'm here today on behalf of the SPOA, and the Shreveport City Jailors. I would like to say thank you to each member of the council for allowing us the opportunity to address you today. I'm here today to ask for your leadership and your vote of confidence in Shreveport Police Jailors. We work face to face inside of a jail each day with those that have been arrested and removed from our neighborhoods for various criminal offenses. We handle persons accused for all things ranging from unpaid traffic fines to 1st degree murder. We need your help and we ask that you support our families in obtaining a 2% pay raise for the jailors of our city. At this time, I would like to answer any questions I can for you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Coleman, how many persons you have with you? Is it that beautiful group with the blue uniforms on the beautiful smiles on their faces?

Mr. Coleman: Yes sir. I have five with me. Some are at work, and some are at school, getting ready to go to work.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, any questions? We're going to probably be getting into the meat of this in a few minutes. I think Councilman Wooley will probably lead that discussion so, if there are any questions, you can always call him back.

Ms. Joyce Lawrence: (4107 Scenic Drive) As you know we've been before you on a number of other issues relative to our community, but I have some questions today regarding an agenda item, specifically item in Category 9C. Item 22, as it references the act of donation of city owned property to Urban Housing of America. I have a number of questions. And some research that I did previously in preparing for past meetings, I found on prior City Council Agendas that there had been other donations of land to this agency. When I pulled down the ordinance that you proposed to pass to make this donation, I find nothing that references to myself as a citizen and other citizens of the community what the purpose of this donation is and what this land is to be used for. Unfortunately I was in jury duty, so I didn't have time to pull up the other ordinances for references. But I do know that in March 2005, in my past research, there was a donation made to this organization. I'm concerned because the city as I see it, needs revenue, and it needs revenue from any sources that can generate it. I believe this is the proposed property is in Allendale, and it's part of Mr. Lester's district, so I don't know if I need to direct my questions to you. Because I don't know if you were the Council Person at the time that the past donations were made. But I'm concerned that the ordinance as it's written does not provide for any accountability to the city as to what that land is being donated for. I do know, and I tried to rationalize that there are some issues around affordable housing and also Allendale is designated as one of the distressed community, and it's been repeatedly in the consolidated housing plan for the city for renovation and

redevelopment. So, I tried to look at it, from that perspective. But there is still nothing in the ordinance that addresses that. The other is how is this agency chosen as the do-nee for this particular property. I fortunately got a chance to hear some of the churches speak to their inability to obtain or access to the adjudicated property, so is there a process in place that provides parity to everybody that's interested depending on what the status is. And I know that one of the criteria is that these donations are made to - - - on donation level, there has to be a non-profit status available. The other thing is was the opportunity to own that or to receive it as a donation made to other organizations who have non-profit status. And then the other question I have is, has the city made attempts to see if they could see these tracts of land that will generate revenue, and what were the results of those efforts. And I guess basically the overall question is, the city is making donations of property to various organizations, then what is the quid pro quo for the city, and can the city get a status of what was done with the properties that were previously donated to this organization. It's just a matter of accountability. If you're giving somebody something, then what is the city and the citizens of this city getting for those donations?

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you Ms. Lawrence. We basically discussed that a little bit in our Work Session yesterday. I didn't know if why you were here today. However, it is not in my district. And again, there are Council Members who tend to dip into District G, with certain issues. So, guess what I dip right back.

Councilman Shyne: There you go.

Councilwoman Bowman: That's the reason I'm answering your question. I'm not going to go through all of this as far as why the city is doing whatever they're doing, because it is my intent when it comes up on this agenda, to have it removed from the agenda. And I have the votes I need. And after the meeting is over, we'll discuss it.

Councilman Lester: Ms. Lawrence, I want to answer a few of your questions. I appreciate you coming today. You know just by way of background, the city has done a tremendous amount of donations of adjudicated and non adjudicated property to host a myriad of non profit entities. Both in Districts G, F, and A. As it relates to this particular issue, this is an active donation relative to some railroad property lines. This project is part of and I think you alluded to something back in 2005, is part of a redevelopment project that Urban Housing of America is undertaking in the Allendale community relative for revitalization. And this particular property is owned by the city and is necessary to complete that particular process. As it relates to the issue of how they came to get this property, the developer chose that developmental area as one, because it is one of the 16 targeted neighborhoods. And it is ripe and necessary for redevelopment. Any, I believe any sane and rational person that is truly about the business of seeing neighborhoods flourish, if you were to drive through Allendale, I think you would see that it is seriously in need of revitalization. As it relates to this particular project and this particular entity, there was a competitive process through the process of total commitment. The process of total commitment is a program for the comprehensive redevelopment of the Allendale and Lakeside communities. It started sometime in 2003, during my first term as Councilman for the district. It has been supported by both city funds and federal funds. As it relates to this particular project and this particular parcel

of land, there was a competitive process by which anybody, you, me, for profit, non profit, could have submitted proposals to the Department of Community Development to determine whether or not their project is one that should be developed. This group was one of the many that was given the resources to make that happen. Just to give you some information, Urban Housing was given an award to do a project. Shreveport/Bossier Community Renewal was given some funds to do a project. Ms. Moore could come up and tell you, but I think Rev. Bright and New Urban Horizon was given some predevelopment money to deal with the George P. Hendrix project and there were at least four other non profit and for profit entities that were given the opportunity and given city resources to support their projects for redevelopment in the Allendale community. This is no different from any other. So, there was - - - I don't know if that answers your question. The second part in terms of what do we get back, I think the better question is if in fact any developer wants to come into Allendale or any other part of the city to do comprehensive redevelopment, I think that this city and this Administration welcomes that. But given the fact that you've had property that's been abandoned, dilapidated and left vacant for more than 10 years, I mean at a certain point, am I going to look a gift horse in the mouth if someone decides and says, 'You know what? I believe in this community and I want to see it thrive, and I want to see it come back and I want to use tools that I have to make something happen in a positive fashion.' I'm not going to question that particularly when that individual has gone through all of the steps that are prescribed in federal law and state law, and followed our local ordinances as the purveyor of this project has done. I know this is a person who probably isn't one of your favorite people at this particular time, but notwithstanding, I would suggest that donating the property to this group is no different than the donations that were done to Community Renewal, or any other entities in and around the Allendale/Lakeside area that we're working with to try to make something happen. And so, the question becomes do we continue to send city money in these areas, \$3,000, money to cut the grass, or we get a developer and allow that developer to come in to this property, build on it. When you build on the property values go from being \$.0, now you've got an improvement, so you've got tax dollars. Tax dollars from the ad valorem taxes support our school systems, and then again, if you look at the schools in the Allendale neighborhood, one of the problems that they're having both at Booker T. Washington, a school I believe you have some familiarity with, Newton Smith, well not Newton Smith, New Smith is in the Cooper Road, but I would say Central, I would say West Shreveport, and Ingersoll are suffering from lack of student population. We've already taken out Jackson Heights. So, if for one reason or another, someone wants to come in and make something happen in those areas, I think that's something that should be applauded, rather than looked at with a jaundiced eye. Not saying that you are, but in terms of was there a process, was there a procedure? Yes there was a process, yes there was a procedure. And this Council sitting as a City Council and this Council sitting as a redevelopment authority, on at least two occasions have looked at this project and have given it affirmative votes in terms of agreeing that this is a project that needs to be done, and needs to be supported. So again, I would love to sit down and engage you if you have any further questions that I'm quite

sure that Ms. Moore or anyone in Community Development can answer your questions. But please know that the donations to Urban Housing is no different from the donation that we've done with the SNAP properties in Allendale and Lakeside. Again, we've got and Ms. Moore will correct me, you've got Community Renewal that's getting part of some SNAP properties, they've got donations. We've got Ron Hardy's group that's getting donations of property in and around the Lakeside/Allendale area. You've got Community Renewal, you've got Grace Project, you've got - - - did I say Antioch Baptist Church? Their group. So, at a certain point, we understand that Allendale's problems did not occur overnight. They are systemic to systemic disinvestment. And you alluded to the idea of the non profits. I was the guy that put together the program to go to the faith based community to say look guys, this is something that you should do. And having done that, took it to the next level and created a program so people, everyday folks like you as well as non profit and for profit developers could learn from a nationally recognized expert in this industry on how to go forth and do things as it relates to revitalization. Not only in my district, but in other districts across the city. And I would suggest to you that if you go to Community Development and get a map of the activities with the faith based organizations and Faith Builders Phase I, you will see that just about every area in every targeted Community Development Block Grant area throughout the width and breadth of this city, and throughout the seven city council districts is represented. So, again it's an effort to do wholesale revitalization no just for my district, but for others. Again, everyone has their reasons. You know you asked the questions.

Ms. Lawrence: Okay, I think you pretty much - - - I appreciate that. You've actually given me a historical background, and I definitely have some insight as to where this came from in terms of adding to the land that had already been given. But I still don't see the accountability or assurances that these properties will be used for the purposes that the Council has made these donations. And that's not clear that's written in this ordinance. Is there a document somewhere with Community Development that I can - - -

Councilman Lester: Ms. Lawrence, if you look at the document itself - - -

Ms. Lawrence: It says Donations Inter Vivos?

Councilman Lester: Yes ma'am. It speaks to authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation. The Council does not get involved in the arrangements between the do-nee and the city. We merely authorize the Mayor in order to do that. That's a function of our City Attorney and their staff. And as it relates to donations, every time someone does a donation of city property, there is a process and it says in the document that they sign, if you are going to accept this donation, it is for the purpose of a project. We just don't give people land just say we like you and it's one of those things.

Ms. Lawrence: Okay, that answers my question.

Councilman Lester: Every donation, and if you want to call me, I will discuss it with you. I don't have a problem saying it now. Any donation has to go with a specific project and those projects have specific timetables, specific dollars associated, specific schedules. And like I said before.

Ms. Lawrence: And those are available through Community Development?

Councilman Lester: Yes ma'am, Bonnie Moore is right behind you. And as it relates to this particular entity, and this particular donation, again, there was a process that was moved forward on, and that's how they got to be this point. So this was not something that - - -

Ms. Lawrence: A continuation of something that began earlier - - -

Councilman Lester: Listen, at the end of the day, look you can talk about doing something, you can talk about districts or what have you. At the end of the day, our job, from this perspective is to create and foster an environment so that the market place, whether it be for profit or non profit developers, can come into a community and give that community what it needs. I am but one voice. Sometimes I'm a Joshua crying in the wilderness, and I don't have a problem with that at all. And as it relates to dipping, the record will reflect that I've been the dip-ee more times than the dipper.

Councilwoman Bowman: Not by me.

Councilman Lester: When you go over the historical record. So - - - well what we're talking about is trying to bring this neighborhood back. And if we're going to do that, it's going to require us to do new things. And if you're going to continue to do what you've been doing, you're going keep continuing to get what you've been getting. And when you look at what we've been getting in Allendale, it's been little of nothing. And so we engage doing some different types of things.

Ms. Lawrence: I've actually been there to all of the communities that are in that Consolidated Housing Plan, because when we were talking about our prior issue, we all needed to know what we were talking about and what the communities were that were in need of renovation and revitalization, so we did a tour of the whole city.

Councilman Lester: And I would suspect - - - hold on, hold on, let me - - -

Councilman Shyne: I'm going to let you finish, just one minute.

Councilman Lester: And Ms. Lawrence I would suspect that given the folks concerns in another area relative to people from different areas coming over there, anytime that someone wants to build something in Allendale, I would think that the folks that objected to certain people coming into their areas, they would support people staying in Allendale. I would think.

Ms. Lawrence: As long as there is accountability, I think that we're all on the same page.

Councilman Lester: Okay.

Ms. Lawrence: My issue is and I still will raise it and I will talk with my Council Person about the accountability issues.

Councilman Shyne: Let me let Councilwoman Bowman come back in one more time. And I think this has been going on for about the last 15-16 to 20 minutes and we'll let Ms. Bowman - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, I promise you, I won't sit here and try to lecture or try to give a class on acts of donation. What my fellow Council Member failed to mention to you, the background information on this ordinance is the City of Shreveport is the owner of the following property in the Allendale area. This property is the railroad tract in here, it's the right of way of that donation. It's not about the property

or whatever that we're voting on in SRA by this Council. This is what that is alone. So, Ms. Lawrence, I mentioned to you before that as far as my district is concerned, I never meant the whole time I've been on this Council, to go into someone else's district and try to speak against anything. So, guess what? When they do that to me, it comes back and in any means necessary. It's coming back. So, let me just get this straight. I have the necessary votes to have this removed from the agenda. Be assured it's going to be done. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I would say this.

Councilman Shyne: Hold it, hold it, hold it, hold it, hold it. Councilman hold it now.

Councilman Lester: (Inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: (Inaudible) Ms. Lawrence you can take your seat hear?

Ms. Lawrence: Mr. Lester (Inaudible)

Councilman Lester: I want to be clear. If any councilman decides that they wish to subject their (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Lester, I'm asking for Point of Order.

Councilman Lester: (Inaudible) That's fine, and I don't have a problem with that at all.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Lester. Councilman Lester. Councilman Lester.

Councilman Lester: But just as other people have a responsibility and a goal of representing the people that they represent, I'm going to represent Allendale. I don't have the folks that drive the Mercedes, or the BMWs - - -

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Lester. Councilman Lester.

Councilman Lester: Sometimes I have to represent the bloody and the dusty. Sometimes people will get to a point where they decide that sometimes that they're (inaudible), and it is what it is.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Lester, Councilman Lester. Councilman Lester, would you please hold up for a minute.

Councilman Lester: Please note that at no time, that any disagreement that I have with any particular Council Member rise to the level of

Councilman Webb: (Inaudible) removed.

Councilman Lester: Of being retributive, because you know when we get to a point that we decide that because someone voted their conscious on one issue, that they're going to hold another district hostage and subject their selves to - - -

Councilman Shyne: Chief, I hate to do this, but Councilman Lester, would you just hold up just a minute please.

Councilman Lester: That's where we are. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Lester, let me state this to you? Please don't do this anymore. Please do not, do not do this anymore.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, as God is my witness, if it requires that I get pointed out of order to represent the people that sent me here, I don't have a problem with it.

Councilman Shyne: Well, I think (inaudible)

Councilman Lester: I think we've already said if we're going to deal (inaudible) by any necessary, I don't have a problem.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Lester, please?

Councilman Lester: Councilman Shyne, I love you.

Councilman Shyne: Please? And I appreciate that. And I think that if you would love me, I think you would have had enough diplomacy to have held up a minute or two. Do you realize you've taken 25 or 30 minutes on a lecture? We don't need this Councilman.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Shyne, with all due respect, if you would look back at - -

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Councilman Shyne: Lets move on.

Councilman Lester: At our last Council Minutes, in terms of your lecturing ability, I think my lecturing ability is only superseded by your eloquence.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Lester, I'm going to ask the officer to remove you if you continue at this rate.

Councilman Lester: That's fine.

Councilman Shyne: We have a request from Stephanie - - - what is this last name? Is this W I L H or W I C H? And I would hope that you would not ask the kind of questions that would (inaudible) a 35 minute - - - I mean it seems like it was more emotions in it than anything else, and I'm sorry, and I apologize that you all had to see something like this happen today. I mean to be so unprofessional. I mean we try to have it where each Council Member will get a chance to make their point, but not dominate the whole Council Meeting. I mean when you get to that point, you're no longer representing your constituents. You're kinda making yourself look bad and you make your constituents look bad. Make your point, get to the point, and then give somebody else an opportunity. And Councilwoman Bowman, I appreciate you making your point, and we're moving on. Okay, you have three minutes.

Ms. Stephanie Wich: (497 Spring Creek Road, Haughton, LA) I'm former YWCA. Actually yesterday was my last day. I'm sure all of us here, if we look around, we know someone who has been or is being abused. I think some of the Board Members have tried to convince people that there's no programs closing, they're all up and running. We have some that have closed, and we're not sure that the shelter is going to be there. Well we need protection for these women. I don't know what the City Council or anybody can do about it, but it's inevitable the shelter at the YWCA is going to close. That's inevitable. It's just a matter of when. And I just want to ask that everybody think of these ladies and children out there, that need help, need someone to stand up and be a voice for them. That is why I'm not there no more. Because I did stand up and I have no problem doing it again. So, I just want to ask y'all to think about the women and children that are not coming forth because of the uncertainty of what's going to happen at the YWCA.

Councilman Walford: I will make a very brief comment and tell you that there has been a great deal of thought given by this Council. It is not something that in spite of what some folks have said, we didn't pay attention to.

Ms. Wich: Right, and I know that.

Councilman Walford: And I would defer to Mr. Dark or Mr. Mayor for anything more, but trust me, a great deal has been done.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, I did see her story on television. And I thought it was sad.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of Council. I want to applaud Ms. Wich for coming down here today and just sharing her concerns with the Council. She is one of the individuals that I have had a chance along with other members of my administration to meet with. And certainly I think she's met with one or two members of the Council throughout this whole saga, I guess for lack of a better term, involving - - - cause it's not about the "Y", and it's not about the City. It's involving the women and children who are being housed and sheltered there right now, and who need the services that these individuals provide. One of the things that I think is even a part of the higher education process in this whole situation, is that this is an issue that we've got to stay focused on the real people that we're here to serve. But it's not just about the sheltering component of it. What Ms. Wich used to provide for the YWCA was the outreach service. This is a situation that extends far beyond the city limits of Shreveport. The current entity is responsible for serving nine parishes in Northwest Louisiana. And frankly, things are not all well. One of the things that we did well over a month ago when this situation first came to our attention in terms of possibility of the "Y" having to shut down as it's operations was that I penned a letter that I personally signed and hand delivered to the YWCA that I asked be given to the women there from the City of Shreveport in my capacity as Mayor, assuring them that in the event that this situation was to breakdown and sheltering could no longer be provided by the YWCA, the City of Shreveport had already taken the steps necessary to insure that these women and their children would not only be taken care of, but they would be taken care of in a fashion that would more than exceed the requirements and expectations that you would have for sheltering and counseling women and children who've been battered. Unfortunately, that letter to my knowledge, at least as I've been told by several folks, was never delivered to the women there at the "Y". And so that message was never communicated directly. We have (inaudible) situation that is as problematic as anything that I have ever encountered. And we are now approaching - - -

Ms. Wich: You're right, that was never delivered to the women and children until I spoke to them last week, and that's where all of this generated from, because I did speak to some of the women and children and let them know what their options and what the city was offering in the event. And because of their uncertainty, because they don't know if they're going to be thrown out tomorrow, if you know they have enough uncertainty going in to the shelter, and then they have to live with the uncertainty. And they did not know any of this until I spoke to them last week.

Mayor Glover: Ms. Wich, I want to thank you for having the courage, and the commitment to the women there to step forward and do that. Because to allow those individuals to continue to be there in fear, uncertainty, wondering every week to 10 days, as to whether or not they're still going to be there is something that is unconscionable and I'm even more disturbed frankly about some of the reports that I've gotten from individuals who - - - some who were employed there, some who are still employed there are some of the threats, and the efforts at intimidation, the insults and other things that have been hurled at people as a result of this whole situation. As I've heard you express to me and to others as I also saw on the broadcast the other day, an institution that's there to offer comfort and support to those who have been abused should not be in the business of abusing.

Ms. Wich: And that's what they are doing. Not only to staff, but to keep these women unsure of their long reach goals, it's not fair. It's not fair to the employees, but it's not about me. I'm not here because of me. I'm here because of these victims, these women and children that need the security. I thank you all.

Mayor Glover: I thank you for stepping forward to inform this Council, and the public in general of the perspective of someone who has been on the inside of this situation for such a long time. As I've assured you and your fellow former co-workers, then and now, thanks to you, the women who know this as well. The City of Shreveport is ready and prepared to step forward and do what is necessary to be able to support the individuals involved in this situation. To provide them a level of service that without question would meet, and in my expectation, exceed what they are currently being provided. And to do so for as long as is necessary. And hopefully, we will remove all of this doubt and this tension, because one of the things that I shared with you all, and I had it confirmed by many of you all who worked in this situation, is that there are people right now who are still enduring abuse because of the fact that they now don't know if this is a stable situation to bring them and their children into. And so rather than leave an abusive situation, they're choosing to stay in something that at this point appears to be more stable when the shelter is supposed to protect them. And that to me is as great of a wrong as anyone could ever commit. So, thank you for your courage to come down here today, and God bless you.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Wich, we appreciate you coming down and I know if you have any further concerns, Mr. Mayor, I would hope that she could call your office, or she could call the City Council's office, Mr. Arthur Thompson who is a man who has a heart of compassion, you can look at him and tell. I think the Mayor had an opportunity to work with Mr. Thompson, I want to say a few years ago, when he was just kinda getting the dust off your shoes, coming off the Cooper Road.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to thank her for waiting so long to get the opportunity to say what she did. We all appreciate that.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I would offer and Ms. Wich can corroborate for me, two weeks ago, not only was Ms. Wich here, but probably about a half dozen more of her fellow employees or fellow former employees at that time were here as well, but we were in some rather prolonged discussions at that meeting, and so they did in fact

have to go. Unfortunately some of those folks have been kinda as I've been told, kinda whipped down and in place.

Councilman Shyne: Is that your sister with you? Okay. We'd like to give everybody Ms. Lawson, to have an opportunity to have a word or two.

Ms. Glenda Lawson: (No address given) I'm a licensed professional counselor in private practice now. I was the Director of the Sexual Assault Center in the Counseling Center for the YWCA since 2003. I was the first employee who was escorted out of the building by the police when all of this controversy took place. I was the one who hired Stephanie for her position, and I was just here to support her.

Councilman Shyne: We appreciate you coming down and again, I think the Mayor's office is open and I would not dare speak for the Mayor, but I know the Council's office is open, so if you need to call Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Thompson knows how to reach all of us, we'd be more than happy. Because like I say, the Mayor has indicated that his office is open, so, we want to make sure that we step up to the occasion and make sure that those of us who live in our society that need our help, that we are there to help them.

Ms. Lawson: I do respect that and appreciate it. I put five years of heart and soul into the agency, and the agency in and of itself is a wonderful agency. It's just with all the turmoil and uncertainty, there's no one left to do the services. And it's more just a shell now, and that's a real concern of mine. I appreciate the Council's interest in protecting what I worked so hard - - - I and other YWCA staff worked so hard to develop and to give to our communities. And I'm just going to trust it's going to come out something new and better, has got to come forward. Our community is not just Shreveport, Bossier needs to step up, Webster needs to step up. And do what needs to happen to create a new atmosphere that provides these services.

Councilman Shyne: I appreciate you coming out, and Mr. Mayor, I want to make this last statement. I guess this is to all of us. And I would hope that in the future that we would do whatever we need to do in order to make sure that we reach out to the other parishes, so that the services that have been provided by the "Y" down through the years could continue, because you know the "Y" is one of those things within a community that denotes that a community has a heart and soul. And in order for us to continue to be the great city that we want to be, we need to have a heart and a soul. So, I'm going to ask you to please continue to reach out to not only the group here in Shreveport, but let's look at the other groups in the other parishes, so that we can come together and provide those kinds of services because those are the kind of services and God looks upon a community and bestow those blessings that we need. We need the blessings of God, and we say that we are a Christian community, and I guess you and I both come from very religious backgrounds and you've had preachers in my family, and I've had 'em in mine, and that's one of the things that makes you great, when you can help those people, when you can help the less fortunate ones. So, I'm going to end it with this and I appreciate you all coming down and Mr. Mayor, whatever we can do working with you as a Council, count on us.

Ms. Lawson: And I did want to say one other thing. The YWCA and the staff is a wonderful organization, very dedicated staff. My concern is there is funding available to provide these services in the community, but because of the political controversy and the Board, those funds - - - we're going to lose those funds in our community. The LCLE grants, if they're not re-appropriated, they will go away and they will not come back to this area. Because once they don't give those grants, they give them to someone else, and they're not going to be available. So, that's my concern is that the state and federal funding that we are receiving in this community because of all of the controversy, and difficulty that we're having, those monies are going to go away. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, this is something that you might kinda want to be on top of. You might want to come up a little closer, because I don't know how loud Mr. Grissom will talk.

Mr. Grissom: (6321 W. Canal Blvd) Unfortunately, this is not very happy issue I'm addressing the Council today with. The matter I'm speaking of is an incident that happened on January 30th of this year. It's a matter of police brutality, and I think it should be listened to at least. I'm aware that our wonderful Mayor here has had a full schedule, and he hadn't had a chance to deal with it. I'm not even sure if he's even informed of the situation. I contact your scheduler, Mr. Rick Seaton on several different occasions. I've been by your mother's house three times, and she tried to contact you, she was getting the run around herself. She wasn't able to get in touch with you.

Mayor Glover: My mother's house is not where you should go.

Mr. Grissom: I understand.

Mayor Glover: Under whatever circumstances.

Mr. Grissom: I came about - - - I spoke with the scheduler, not for - - - not to come to you for rescuing, but as a young individual growing up on the Cooper Road area. You were one of the great inspirations in my life. You were one of the most positive male figures I had in my life. All those speeches you gave me as a kid coming up, I remembered each and every word of it. I looked toward you as a Martin Luther King type of figure. And I just wanted your advice personally.

Mayor Glover: Again, my mother's house is not where you should go.

Mr. Grissom: I understand. Well, this matter was - - - it took place at the court house here, City Court. And as I was leaving the court house, I had one of the Marshals to follow me and question me as I was walking out. And he tried to rephrase my words, and switch them around to mean something totally against what I was speaking on. I was speaking words of God. I'm not a man of the cloth, but I was born and brought up in the word, and I live by it. I try to live my life and be Christ-like. I have never committed a crime, nor have I ever been a criminal. Nor will I ever be one. I told them that I don't take this incident and judge all police or authority figures by this, because I know that we have some wonderful, wonderful policemen in this community. And have done a lot of positive things for our community. But this incident, after they saw the steps I made, and the people in the position that I've spoken to as my contacts with Councilman Shyne, Federal Bureau of Investigations, NAACP representatives, News reporters and all, they pulled me and gave me another report date on last week. And they said, we'll dismiss the

felony charges, and we'll just proceed under misdemeanors. They basically want to kinda sweep it under the rug. They saw that they messed up. They thought I don't know whether it was the long hair or what it was. I don't want to make it a Black and White thing, because I truly don't believe that's what it was. I just believe that we have good representatives, and we have good people in authority. And also just because a police officer wears that badge, it doesn't make him inferior, it doesn't make him more than human. We all make mistakes, you know? I don't hold that against him. That's something that I have to forgive him for, because I know I can't make it to the kingdom without (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Grissom, I'm sorry I don't want to cut you off, but could you kinda get to the point that you're making that - - - what happened to you, because you've been four minutes, and we don't want to continue this. So the Chief will understand what you're talking about.

Mayor Glover: Part of what the young man has been told by my office, and by the City Attorney's office and with all due respect, and I know to a certain extent, I know that the Council has dealt with this issue going back to the budgeting process. He's identifying individuals who are members of law enforcement who have badges, but unfortunately, they are not Shreveport Police Officers. They're not anyone that I or you all or this Chief have any direct supervision or control over. They are City Marshals, who are led, governed and directed by what happens to be another city-wide elected official. The City Marshal. That was something that was shared and shared repeatedly and in detail. But was not accepted. Now obviously, this is an open forum, and we welcome and respect anyone who wants to come here and share with us, but if you get the full details on this situation, this is not a set of circumstances that the Chief, or I or the Council has any control over, except through the budgeting process.

Mr. Grissom: I was informed that it's beyond the Mayor's - - - it's over the Mayor's head, he can't do anything about it.

Mayor Glover: It is beyond my control, because it is under the direct supervision of another elected official. Just as I cannot go and in anyway direct the operation of the Caddo Parish Sheriff's office. Because why? There is an elected Sheriff. (Inaudible) isn't always the greatest way in which things should work, it just happens to be the way that it is. Now, those things are just simply facts. I understand that it's frustrating for you, because it's sometimes frustrating for me as Mayor, it's frustrating for these individuals as Council Members, and on occasions, it's been frustrating for the Chief. But we welcome, certainly I welcome you coming and sharing your issues and concerns with us here. I (inaudible) to address your problem as one that should more appropriately have been directed to the City Marshal directly and specifically himself.

Councilman Webb: I was just going to ask if you'd been to see Jimmy Dove, the City Marshal?

Mr. Grissom: I'm looking forward to meeting him.

Councilman Webb: Sounds from what I'm hearing that's what direction you need to go in. You need to go sit down and listen.

Mr. Grissom: Here I'm not looking for any defense or anything. I just wanted it to be displayed so that we the people of the city can take action as far as stopping this type of brutality. Everybody is not a criminal. The Mayor just spoke here during my four day incarceration period, I was introduced to this guy, and he really is a guy who takes his job very serious, and he's very professional in doing so. I can't say that (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Grissom, I don't want to cut you off, but we have to get back to the business at hand, and of course the business at hand - - - and Mr. Coleman, nothing against you, but the business at hand is not to give you a few pats on the back or stroke your ego at this particular time. And Mr. Grissom, we appreciate that. But again, I think it's kinda like the Mayor said, and what Councilman Webb has said, if it was not the Shreveport Police Department, the Chief there as good as his heart is, and Mr. Mayor, I hope you don't mind me saying this, but as big as your heart is (and Chief, you heard how I said that, how good as your heart, and as big as his heart) so, it's just in the hands of Mr. Dove. So we appreciate you coming down and of course, it's on record now, and people are watching it on TV now will understand what you're saying. So, we appreciate you coming down. If you want to say a few more things to the Chief, while he's sitting over there feel free.

Chief Whitehorn: Can I just make one comment?

Councilman Shyne: Yes sir.

Chief Whitehorn: Than you for the opportunity. We have been in contact with the FBI, regarding this incident. I'm very familiar with it, and we have provided them with some information that they have requested. So hopefully, they will be able to resolve it. If he's not able to make contact with City Marshal Dove.

**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. 18 OF 2008

**A RESOLUTION OF MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND
COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL TO HIRE PROFESSIONALS IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT OF
NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$21,000,000)
AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION**

REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2008 IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City") has previously issued its \$25,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 1998 and \$11,145,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1998 (the "Prior Bonds"). The \$25,000,000 Series 1998 Bonds were used to finance the construction, acquisition and improving works of public improvement of the City including roads, streets, drainage, parks and recreation facilities and public facilities including river-front park extension, and other public purposes, and acquiring the necessary land, equipment and furnishings therefore, all as hereinafter provided. The \$11,145,000 Series 1998 Bonds were used for advance refunding certain maturities of the Issuer's outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 1991; and

WHEREAS, in order to realize interest cost savings and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14-A of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act") and other constitutional and statutory authority, the City of Shreveport, Louisiana (the "Issuer"), governed by the City Council (the "Governing Authority"), intends to proceed with the issuance of not exceeding \$21,000,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2008 of the City (the "Bonds"), to be issued in one or more series to effectuate the refunding of all or part of the Prior Bonds,

WHEREAS, in order to achieve such refunding, the City desires to engage professionals to assist in the refunding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the City, acting as the governing authority of the City, that:

SECTION 1. Employment of Bond Counsel. This governing authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The firm of Weems, Schimpf, Gilsoul, Haines, Landry and Carmouche (APLC), Shreveport, Louisiana is hereby employed as Bond Counsel to perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work as Bond Counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this governing authority for adoption of all the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such bonds, shall counsel and advise this governing authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinion covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of said Bond Counsel shall be fixed at a sum less than the maximum fee allowed by the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana's fee schedule for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in connection with the issuance of general obligation bonds and based on the amount of the Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Director of Administration is hereby empowered and directed to issue

vouchers to said Bond Counsel in payment for the work herein provided for upon completion of the work herein specified and under the conditions herein enumerated.

SECTION 2. Investment Banker. An Investment Banker selected in response to a request for proposal (“RFP”) shall be appointed and employed as investment bankers/underwriter in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon issuance of the Bonds and the Bond Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Council.

SECTION 3. Underwriter Counsel. The Boles Law Firm, APC, of Monroe, Louisiana is hereby appointed and employed as Underwriter Counsel in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon issuance of the Bonds and the Underwriter Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Council.

SECTION 4. Financial Advisor. Grigsby & Associates, Inc., of San Francisco, California is hereby appointed and employed as financial adviser in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the Issuer and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon issuance of the Bonds and the Bond Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Council.

SECTION 5. Employment of Counsel to the Issuer. It is found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of Counsel to the Issuer in connection with issuance and delivery of the Bonds and, accordingly, Jacqueline Scott, of Shreveport, Louisiana has been employed as Counsel to the Issuer in connection with the issuance and delivery of the Bonds. The fee to be paid to Counsel shall be an amount less than the Attorney General’s then current hourly fee schedule, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of the Bond proceeds subject to the Attorney General’s written approval of said employment and fee to be paid with Bond proceeds as required by the Act.

SECTION 6. SBC Swap Approval. Issuer understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns, to full and continuing compliance with the “SBC Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc”, adopted by the SBC on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowings and other matters subject to the approvals, including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swaps or other products or enhancements covered thereby.

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

2. **Resolution No. 24 of 2008**: Making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of issuance by the City of Shreveport of not to exceed Forty Million

Dollars (\$40,000,000) aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2008 in one or more series, for the purpose of refunding certain existing indebtedness of the City. (*Postponed February 25, 2008*)

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

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, before we go into the expropriation ordinances, would it be permissible to group those for approval?

Mr. Thompson: Yes sir, I certainly can do that. Mr. Chairman, as Mr. Walford said, the next group of resolutions authorize the institution of expropriation proceedings against certain described property within the city for the Ledbetter Heights land banking project. A motion, if there are no objections to approve Resolutions 26-35, 38-39, 41-43 and 45 would be in order.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2007

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CADDO PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office has invited the City of Shreveport Police Department to be a sub grantee in their Grant; "N. W. LA. Sexual Assault Response Team", fiscal year 2008, that they have applied for to the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

WHEREAS, this program will provide funding to area enforcement agencies for the development and formalization of a Northwest Louisiana Sexual Assault Team to ensure a victim-centered, multidisciplinary response to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. This collaboration will be an effort between the, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Shreveport Police Department, The North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory, and the Forensic Nurse Examiners of Louisiana. The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office is the applicant agency and will be responsible for the administrative and financial matters of this project. The Shreveport Police Department will be participating in a personnel overtime capacity over a two-year period and will receive a maximum of \$40,000 in funding for their participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby authorize the execution by Cedric B. Glover, Mayor, those grant documents necessary to accept and receive funding established within the program administered by the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women.

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, affect without the invalid

provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

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

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, before we go into the expropriation ordinances, would it be permissible to group those for approval? Or resolutions rather?

Mr. Thompson: Yes sir, I can - - I certainly can do that.

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-2, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-2 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-2 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-2, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-4, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-4 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-4 have failed; and

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-11, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-11 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-11 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-11, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-13, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-13 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-13 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-13, to be acquired in fee title.

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

items or applications and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-14, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-14 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-14 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-14, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-15, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-15 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-15 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-15, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-17A, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-17A described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-17A have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they

might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-17A, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 33 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-18, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-18 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-18 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-18, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-19A, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-19A described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-19A have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-19A, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-20, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-20 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-20 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-20, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Resolution No(s). 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

13. **Resolution No. 36 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the institution of expropriation proceedings against certain described property within the City of Shreveport in connection with the Ledbetter Heights Land Banking Project, Project No. 07A001, Parcel No. P-21, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
14. **Resolution No. 37 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the institution of expropriation proceedings against certain described property within the City of Shreveport in connection with the Ledbetter Heights Land Banking Project, Project No. 07A001, Parcel No. P-27, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to withdraw Resolution No(s). 36 and 37 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER

HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-28, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-28 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-28 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-28, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-29, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-29 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-29 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is

necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-29, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Resolution No(s). 38 and 39 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

17. **Resolution No. 40 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the institution of expropriation proceedings against certain described property within the City of Shreveport in connection with the Ledbetter Heights Land Banking Project, Project No. 07A001, Parcel No. P-30, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to withdraw Resolution No. 40 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-31, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-31 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-31 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-31, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-32, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-32 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-32 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-32, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-33, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-33 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-33 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-33, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Resolution No(s) 41, 42, and 43 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

21. **Resolution No. 44 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the institution of expropriation proceedings against certain described property within the City of Shreveport in connection with the Ledbetter Heights Land Banking Project, Project No. 07A001, Parcel No. P-34, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to withdraw Resolution No. 44 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-75, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-75 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-75 have failed; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-75, to be acquired in fee title.

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

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

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

23. **Resolution No. 46 of 2008**: A resolution employing professionals for the issuance by the City of Shreveport of not to exceed Forty Million Dollars

(\$40,000,000) aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2008 in one or more series, for the purpose of refunding certain existing indebtedness of the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PAY SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL POLICE CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Mayor that the current pay schedule for the Municipal Police Civil Service personnel be adjusted to reflect a change in the civil service pay schedule, effective April 1, 2008.

WHEREAS, the proposed pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective April 1, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the pay schedule attached thereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective April 1, 2008.

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 and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

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

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman at this time, I would like to make a suggestion to my fellow Council Members. Possibly amending this to include the jailors. I feel and I will have - - - Mr. Coleman, are you still here. I'm going to have Mr. Coleman speak for the benefit of the Council, I guess to enlighten everyone, you already know, that's great, but (inaudible) who do not know, the roles and responsibility of the jailor, why I think it's prudent for them to also be a part of this pay raise. So, I'll wait on that.

Councilman Shyne: While we're waiting on Mr. Coleman, anybody else?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, I do have one question. How many jailors to we have? How Many? 40? How many did you say?

Chief Whitehorn: I have three vacancies so, down to 31.

Councilwoman Bowman: So, you have?

Chief Whitehorn: 34 authorized positions.

Councilwoman Bowman: 34 authorized position, but as of right now, you only have 31?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct.

Councilman Wooley: Just wanted you to take the opportunity to explain to the council exactly the rules and responsibility of a jailor.

Mr. Coleman: We intake misdemeanor, felony offenses, as I stated earlier from traffic violations to 1st degree murderers. The jail is housed to equip 259 inmates I believe right now. Yesterday, we had 117 I believe. I was informed that we were compared to Bossier City. Our jail is about three times the size of the Bossier City's jail as far as inmates are concerned.

Councilman Wooley: And what about Bossier Parish and Caddo Parish as far as the size or rules and responsibilities?

Mr. Coleman: Similar roles and responsibilities, but they're about three times the size that we are.

Councilman Wooley: And obviously they're a parish facility. Okay, and Chief, you did say there's 31 on the roll right now? Okay. As far as day to day operations as a jailor, you're transporting individuals?

Mr. Coleman: Transporting, we're doing some of that now. We transport inmates to the hospital, that's basically it right now.

Councilman Wooley: And what goes on inside the jail?

Mr. Coleman: We intake prisoners as far as book 'em in, provide them with medical services. Watch their day to day movement around the facility.

Councilman Wooley: Is there sometimes physical altercations? You know do situations happen, have there been any occurrences in the past, I know I heard of one female jailor, apparently got her leg hurt because she had to physically take hold of an inmate, because they were being belligerent, I mean do those types of things happen from time to time?

Mr. Coleman: Yes from time to time, we have to physically restrain inmates.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Coleman.

Councilwoman Bowman: One question. Do you all carry guns?

Mr. Coleman: Some of us do. The ones that are post certified carry weapons, and the ones that are not do not. But we're not allowed to carry any weapons inside the facility, no more than mace.

Councilman Wooley: And I guess fellow Council Members, the reason I asked a few of those questions, I just wanted you to see somewhat, thank you Mr. Coleman for doing that, I feel that the jailors should receive this pay raise because they are dealing with the criminal element on a day to day basis, day in and day out. They are having to deal with bad attitudes, bad behavior, sometimes physical things are taking place, and because of the nature of their business, as a jailor or the nature of their responsibility, I just feel there should be a consistent 2% for the jailors as with the officers. And so I'd really like to see an amendment done, not today, but if we can implement that to where on April 1st they too can receive that, I think that'd be something worth doing for these folks. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman I appreciate that, let me ask our legal department. Well Councilman let me ask you first, are you asking for a postponement at this particular juncture, or are you asking for an amendment to be drafted very quickly by our illustrious - - - well okay.

Councilman Wooley: Well, I guess whatever is the best way. If we could stay on course for April 1st, that would be great. Julie, could we do that?

Ms. Glass: I was just looking at the calendar. The only problem with the April 1st, we can certainly prepare and amendment for the next meeting, which is March 25th. There is a seven day period after the Mayor signs it before it becomes effective. So, it might be April 2nd or 3rd, depending on when he signs it. Certainly we can prepare that.

Councilman Wooley: Well I would like to do that if also I can gain the favor of the Council for this.

Councilman Shyne: So, are you asking for a postponement at this juncture?

Councilman Webb: Is that in the form of a motion?

Councilman Wooley: No, not at this time. I'll defer to Councilman Long.

Councilman Long: Chief Whitehorn, help me to understand a little more clearly. I mean I realize you probably put a lot of thought and work into this situation. And we got something here today, which is the parity pay plan. Could you explain this a little bit for the public so we all understand what's going on here?

Chief Whitehorn: Yes sir, I will. Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. Thank y'all for this opportunity to come before you and talk about an issue that I believe is very important. I also want to commend these jailors that's sitting behind me for their boldness to be able to come and talk about their concerns. And it's a concern for all of us. When I was appointed Chief of Police, I took on the chore to try to work on our crime situation in Shreveport. I faced some obstacles. Many of those obstacles dealt with personnel. The lack thereof. I had 36 vacancies within the department. Some of those were retirement. The first of 2007, we had 14, either resignations or retirements. We had some terminations as well. During the budget hearing, I brought to you the idea of addressing some of these parity issues, so that we could retain the officers that we have. We would see many officers looking for jobs in other departments. With your support, we were able to bring forward a parity pay for the police officers. When I looked at the parity, the pay of the other officers for the different departments, I quickly recognized that we had to do something and we had to do it quickly in order to retain quality police officers. I also looked at the jailors salary at the time. At that point, within my conscious, within my heart, I did not see where I could include them in this particular issue. This is not a 2% pay raise across the board. We looked at parity for the police officer, for the corporal, for the sergeant, for the lieutenant, for the captain and so forth, to try to figure out how to address that retention issue. Several of you during that process even suggested that Chief, maybe you ought to put together some other pay proposal for your officers. And I did that. I commissioned the Louisiana State University to do a pay study, and in that pay study is what you have before you. It showed that basically we were working for 80 cent on the dollar compared to some of the other agencies in this area. Jailor Coleman mentioned and Councilman Wooley, they want the 2% pay raise,

and I think I told you yesterday that every employee of the Police Department deserves a pay raise, I really and truly believe that. The pay raise attached to this parity pay is a pay raise request that at some point hopefully, you will find in your hearts and in the budget the wherewithal to fund this pay raise. The idea of the 2% was something that I never ever thought about. 2% to me is nothing. If you look at that pay grid, that is the 3rd page of the document, you will notice for the Jailor I in particular starting salary at \$32,200. That's a 15% pay raise. That's what I consider a pay raise, not 2%. So these are - - - you know we put a lot of effort in trying to do something substantial, something that's meaningful, for our employees, and you know I don't have a problem with you giving them 2%. But I would rather see them get a 15% than a 2%.

Councilman Long: So essentially, this is a start. This is not the end, this is the beginning of the entire process? As we have directed from prior budget meetings, and so on and so forth. So I mean at this point, I truly understand the concerns of the jailors involved here. And correct me if I'm wrong, the goal is to get them a raise at some point as well, but again, we're trying to establish parity right now for the rank and file, and the officers involved, so that we can move forward and be competitive in the market place, and retain officers, is that not correct?

Chief Whitehorn: That is correct.

Councilman Long: Okay, so I don't have a problem supporting this at this time knowing that at some point and time, the Chief is going to come back to us to talk about the jailors and possibly more pay raises again potentially for the entire department. So at this point and time, I don't see any reason, and this is just me personally, to postpone or whatever. I think we should move forward knowing that there is going to be a plan and a process in place here that will come back to us. So that's my position on that today.

Councilman Wooley: I'm not asking for postponement. But just like this proposed pay scale and I do appreciate it Chief, everyone is included, I still think that everyone should be included on the 2%. I mean if they're good enough and I understand parity versus pay raise. I'm well aware of what that means and the definition and those things. But the spirit of consistency and fairness in my opinion, if they're going to be included in this proposal or some proposal that we come to agreement with, I think they also should receive it. So, I'm not asking for postponement, I'm asking for inclusion.

Councilman Long: Well, I think what we have here is - - - what I'm hearing is that the jailor's pay is at parity right now, prior to this movement to do something with the rest of the department. So, I understand what you're saying, but again, this is not about across the board pay raise. This was about parity for the officers on the front line, and again I'm going back to where all this started and the reason why we're here at this time.

Councilman Wooley: Right and I understand that, and I guess I just disagree with the parity because if you're going to compare SPD jailors with Caddo Parish jailors and Bossier Parish jailors, well they're served by deputies anyway. They're deputies regardless of their role. Plus and the work load that's put on SPD jailors is far larger than some of the comparisons they've been comparing them to. I think it's just not consistent comparison. That's my stand. I believe if you're going to do it later, you ought to do it

now, these folks work hard everyday, they're in with those folks everyday, they're dealing with (inaudible) everyday, and that's my stand. Thank you.

Councilwoman: That can't be done today? Right? I mean to put this on this agenda, or to - - - it would have to be the next meeting.

Ms. Glass: That's because we would have to write a written amendment. We just looked at the pay plan, there were numerous levels of pay, we don't have the numbers. We don't know what the numbers are so that we could draft it today. And I don't think that Mr. Wooley is asking that we draft that today. I understood his intent, and correct me if I'm wrong that you wanted to adopt this resolution today with the current pay plan for everyone, and then come back on March 25th with a new resolution which would just amend the pay plan for the jailors only?

Councilman Wooley: That's correct.

Councilman Lester: To Councilman Wooley, as I appreciate it, the pay plan that we're going to - - - the pay plan that we're going to adopt, this pay chart, that would be this that you've given us? Is that the pay chart that we're talking about dealing with at this time?

Chief Whitehorn: Not today sir. I wish we could.

Councilman Lester: And this is your opinion based upon the scholarship, this is where we need to go?

Chief Whitehorn: That's correct.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: I just wanted to offer a bit of insight in terms of understanding the difference between a parity adjustment and a pay raise adjustment. And it's something that the Administration have already done within the classified system. The study that was done to evaluate the pay adjustments that we've already made throughout our classified system resulted in some positions inside the city receiving substantial pay adjustments upward. Some of them got very small, some got none. That's the same thing that the Chief has just said is the situation with here. Based upon the evaluation that's been done, it's not necessary in consideration of what the surrounding market is for similar positions, to offer the parity adjustment for this particular position. It is necessary to do it with regard to our law enforcement personnel who are out on the street patrolling. And so, to gloss over the fact the difference between a pay raise and parity adjustment would mean that we would go back based on the study that we did, the positions that were being paid 10-15% below what they should have, in the classified system and we adjusted those properly means that we also might be inclined based upon the logic that's being used here to say that well despite that's not necessary to make an adjustment in another position within that department enough to make sure that we treat everybody the same, lets go back and raise everybody else up to 15%. Which defeats the purpose of trying to do something that has numbers that are driven by what the market would bare as opposed to what might be the feel good thing to do. So, just wanted to offer that insight to you all as we move forward. Not in terms of this decision, but in terms of future considerations.

Councilman Shyne: If I'm understanding this right, you at this particular time, you're ready for the vote and we'll come back and you'll have an amendment prepared for the next Council Meeting in order to amend what we're passing today?

Councilman Wooley: That is correct Mr. Chairman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 49 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PAY SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL FIRE CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Mayor that the current pay schedule for the Municipal Fire Civil Service personnel be adjusted to reflect a change in the civil service pay schedule, effective April 1, 2008, provided funding is made available and appropriated for such a purpose.

WHEREAS, the proposed pay schedule attached hereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective April 1, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the pay schedule attached thereto as Appendix "A" be and is hereby approved, effective April 1, 2008.

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 and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 50 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SYSTEM SURVEY AND COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITORS OFFICE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport received a questionnaire from the State Legislative Auditor which is to be completed as a required part of the audit for which we have engaged certified public accountants, BKD LLP; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the questionnaire it must be presented to and adopted by the governing body of the City of Shreveport by means of a formal resolution at an open meeting; and

WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire must then be given to the auditor engaged by the municipality who will, during the course of his regular audit, test the accuracy of the answers to the questionnaire and submit to the municipality and the Legislative Auditor a report containing his opinion as to the validity of the answers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the attached Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire for the City of Shreveport be and the same is hereby adopted. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

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

Councilwoman Bowman: Did you all read all of this? Mike did you read all of that?

Councilman Long: Not all, but it's - - - I know but it's standard SOP. We don't have a choice.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Walford. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF THE ENTIRE BUILDING RENTAL FEE FOR THE USE OF PRINCESS PARK GYM ON MARCH 24, 2008 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILWOMAN BOWMAN

WHEREAS, the Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church Youth Director and Coach has planned a one day Basketball Camp for their 8th Grade girls basketball team, "The Golden Eagles"; and

WHEREAS, the one day camp is designed to strengthen the girls fundamental skills and add defense and offense strategies; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the organization is to promote good sportsmanship; to aid in character building; to encourage the participants to set long term goals; and to stress the importance of education; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church Youth Director has requested the use of Princess Park Gym and a waiver of the building rental fee; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore in the public interest and it serves a public purpose for the City to waive the entire rental fee for the use of the Princess Park Gym for the One Day Camp to be held on March 24, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the building rental fee for the use of the Princess Park Gym on March 24, 2008, is waived.

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

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: *(Not to be adopted prior to March 25, 2008)*

1. **Resolution No. 52 of 2008:** A resolution authorizing the donation of surplus Shreveport Police Department Equipment to the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Department, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 53 of 2008:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a release for surface damages associated with the drilling of four (4) oil and gas wells located at the City of Shreveport's sludge field location along the Harts Island Road, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Long, seconded by Councilman Bowman to introduce Resolution No(s). 52 and 53 of 2008 to lay over until March 25, 2008 meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Walford. 1.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: *(Not to be adopted prior to March 25, 2008)*

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move to have No. 22 removed from this agenda.

Councilman Webb: Second.

3. **Ordinance No. 22 of 2008**: An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Act of Donation of City-owned property to Urban Housing of America, Inc., Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Webb to remove Ordinance No. 22 of 2008 removed from the agenda.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'd be interested to know the basis of the desire to remove 22.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, I would like to do further research. Thank you.

Councilman Lester: Specifically Mr. Chairman, I would like to know further research on what issues specifically associated.

Councilwoman Bowman: I want to make sure that this property Mr. Chairman is not being put out there for someone to come in and make a huge profit off of it, and the city has this property - - - are the owners of the property. And I don't have that information, and I'll find it out on my own from someone else within our city Administration, but I - - - believe me, I don't want an explanation from anyone on the Council.

Councilman Shyne: Then Councilwoman Bowman, I would maybe suggest that you might want to send the other Councilmen an email explaining.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I appreciate that. I take Councilwoman Bowman at her word. If you want to get specific information related to this, this specific issue. I welcome that. I think all Council Members should take the time to educate themselves on things that they vote on. I would just suggest for the record that this particular matter as it relates to rights of way, the railroad right of way did not just come magically pressed and digitized itself prior to this meeting. The railroad right of way has been at this particular parcel of land for quite some time, and as I appreciate it, when the Council voted to move forward on this project, at least on two occasions, that railroad right of way existed. Thank you Mr. Chairman

Councilwoman Bowman: This is the first time it's come to the Council as far as the right of way with those railways. The first time, and I am of the position, and I have said this on numerous occasions, I'm not going to sit here, let this stuff hit this agenda, I don't know what's going on, and I'm going to find out what's going on.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I would simply suggest that we have an obligation to prepare ourselves. And when something is on the agenda, I think that we have an obligation to do the research before we vote. When you voted on something twice and a railroad right of way has been there for over 10 years, and you say that you weren't aware that the right of way was there, I think that's a little disingenuous. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilwoman Bowman: This is just a bunch of bull. Let's just move on sir.

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

1. **Ordinance No. 20 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and reenacting Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article III relative to Fire Alarms and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 21 of 2008**: An ordinance amending and replacing Section 66-63, Limitation on benefits, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 23 of 2008**: An ordinance amending Section 58-2 of the City's Code of Ordinances by specifying the means by which the intensity of an odor shall be measured, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 24 of 2008**: An ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to add Article XI relative to operation of a rendering plant or transfer center within the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
6. **Ordinance No. 25 of 2008**: An ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed Twenty-One Million Dollars (\$21,000,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2008, of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
7. **Ordinance No. 26 of 2008**: ANNEXATION – TAG No. 07-02: An ordinance enlarging the limits and boundaries of the City of Shreveport – A 0.965 acre tract of land located at the southeast corner of the Linwood Avenue and Mt. Zion Road intersection of Section 1, (T16N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)
8. **Ordinance No. 27 of 2008**: ZONING – C-92-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinances by rezoning property located on the east side of Youree Drive 300 feet north of Archer Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana from SPI-3 (B-1) Commercial Corridor to SPI-3-E (B-1) Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business) District to SPI-3-E (B-1) Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business/Extended) District. **Limited to “A Beauty Salon Supply, Nail and Cosmetic Services with two operators and no employees”** only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Long)

9. **Ordinance No. 28 of 2008**: An Ordinance to amend Section 38-115(a) of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to Property Standards and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Walford: So moved on all.

Councilman Wooley: Second.

Councilman Lester: Question Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Wait let me carry the motion through first. It's been moved by Councilman - - -

Councilman Lester: I have a question on one of those Mr. Chairman if that's allowed.

Councilman Shyne: It's allowed here, this is a democratic process.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Could I have City Attorney Scott come forward please?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman for the record, did we get a motion and a second.

Councilman Walford: I made the motion.

Councilman Shyne: I was getting ready to carry it through, but I think Councilman Lester, I was trying to explain to Councilman Lester, but he wanted to ask his question at this particular juncture and I didn't - - -

Ms. Johnson: So, it's Councilman Walford and Mr. Wooley?

Councilman Walford: I made the motion and Councilman Wooley seconded.

Councilman Shyne: But it has not been carried through yet. Let me ask this. Councilman Lester would you mind if I carried it through or you want to - - - still ask your question?

Councilman Lester: Well, I would like to ask my question. If I ask a question after the motion has been carried, I think that's moot, and it would be out of order as I appreciate it.

Councilman Shyne: Not necessarily.

Councilman Lester: If I'm asking a question on something.

Councilman Webb: Can we get it on the floor so we can have discussion?

Councilman Shyne: It's been moved and seconded. Now it's time for discussion. Councilman Lester?

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to introduce Ordinance No(s). 20 , 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 of 2008 to lay over until March 25, 2008 meeting.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Ms. Scott, there has been much conversation and I would imagine quite a bit of consternation as it relates to an issue relative to our attempts to deal with a nuisance issue here in North Shreveport. I saw on one of the local media outlets, some conversation as it relates to a secret deal, as if there were some arrangement by which a business group or party decided to allow someone to operate, I guess to withdraw a previously filed temporary restraining order. My question

to you is, what knowledge does your office have of this secret deal that has not been dealt with publicly, on an issue that so publicly affects so many people in the city.

Ms. Scott: Our office has no knowledge of that agreement Mr. Lester. As a matter of fact, I was made aware of that agreement or arrangement late Friday night, compliments of the Mayor. Our office neither participated or had any knowledge of that agreement. If I were to assume, I would assume that the agreement was made by the parties that are involved in the other litigation involving Louisiana proteins.

Councilman Lester: So, if I'm correct, parties in litigation have decided to withdraw their temporary restraining order? Let me ask this question? If the city had not filed it's action from a restraining order standpoint, where would we be vis-à-vis this particular operation?

Ms. Scott: Again the particulars of the TRO that we were told initially that the plaintiffs in the other lawsuit involving Louisiana Proteins received, and whether or not it was withdrawn or whatever, in that we didn't participate in that, we have no knowledge of the particulars of that. At any rate there is no TRO in affect right now with regard to Louisiana Proteins and their operation on (inaudible) street.

Councilman Lester: Would it be fair to say that only litigation that is presently before the court will be litigation filed on behalf of the city?

Ms. Scott: No sir. There are actually two lawsuits that are filed. The one lawsuit was filed by a group of plaintiffs from the Agurs area, and the other lawsuit is the city's action that it brought on behalf of the City of Shreveport and all citizens therein. There is a select group of named plaintiffs in the - - - I'll refer to it as the 'other' litigation that is brought by some citizens and business owners in the Agurs area. So there are actually two lawsuits.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman, thank you Ms. Scott.

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. **Ordinance No. 191 of 2008:** 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 February 25, 2008 until March 10, 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 Wooley, seconded by Councilman Webb to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. **Ordinance No. 19 of 2008**: An ordinance to amend Section 78-139 (b) of the Code of Ordinances and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on February 26, 2008 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

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 19 of 2008

Amending Section 78-139 of The Code of Ordinances Relative to Permits for Buildings or Improvements on Sidewalks and Public Grounds.

Delete the ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 19 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 78-139 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO PERMITS FOR BUILDINGS OR IMPROVEMENTS ON SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Section 78-139(b) of the Code of Ordinances permits a property owner selling food or beverages for consumption on the premises and located in the 400, 500, or 600 Block of Commerce Street or the 100 or 200 block of Texas Street to occupy a portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the property for operation of a sidewalk café, when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, this amendment would amend Section 78-139 to extend the privilege to tenants as well as property owners; and extend the privilege to tenants and property owners anywhere in the Downtown Development District, as defined in La. 33:2740.38, as long as the requirements of Section 78-139 are met.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Sections 78-139(b), (d) and (k) of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 78-139. Permit for buildings or improvements on sidewalks and public grounds.

(b) A property owner or tenant selling food or beverages for consumption on the premises in the Downtown Development District, as defined in La. 33:2740.38, may occupy a portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the premises as further defined in subsection (f), when it has obtained a permit therefore pursuant to this section. However, said permit shall be considered to be a temporary privilege and not a property right and shall be subject to revocation as provided herein.

(d) A property owner or tenant as described in subsection (b) may make application to the sidewalk permit committee for a permit to occupy a portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the premises as further defined in subsection (f), on such forms as required by said committee. The application shall be filed in the office of the metropolitan planning commission or such other place as designated by the committee in its rules and regulations.

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k) The fee for the first permit granted for the use of an area of the public sidewalk shall be \$100.00. The fee for the renewal of a permit shall be \$50.00. A permit may be transferred to a new permit holder if the business and the manner of use of the sidewalk remain unchanged. The permit holder shall notify the sidewalk permit committee in writing of such transfer. If the business is changed or the manner of use of the sidewalk is changed, the new owner shall make application for a new permit, the fee for which shall be \$100.00.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance of 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.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 19 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to adopt Ordinance No. 19 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The adopted amendment and ordinance follow:

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 19 of 2008

Amending Section 78-139 of The Code of Ordinances Relative to Permits for Buildings or Improvements on Sidewalks and Public Grounds.

Delete the ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19 OF 2008
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 78-139 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO PERMITS FOR BUILDINGS OR**

IMPROVEMENTS ON SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Section 78-139(b) of the Code of Ordinances permits a property owner selling food or beverages for consumption on the premises and located in the 400, 500, or 600 Block of Commerce Street or the 100 or 200 block of Texas Street to occupy a portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the property for operation of a sidewalk café, when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, this amendment would amend Section 78-139 to extend the privilege to tenants as well as property owners; and extend the privilege to tenants and property owners anywhere in the Downtown Development District, as defined in La. 33:2740.38, as long as the requirements of Section 78-139 are met.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Sections 78-139(b), (d) and (k) of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 78-139. Permit for buildings or improvements on sidewalks and public grounds.

(b) A property owner or tenant selling food or beverages for consumption on the premises in the Downtown Development District, as defined in La. 33:2740.38, may occupy a portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the premises as further defined in subsection (f), when it has obtained a permit therefore pursuant to this section. However, said permit shall be considered to be a temporary privilege and not a property right and shall be subject to revocation as provided herein.

(d) A property owner or tenant as described in subsection (b) may make application to the sidewalk permit committee for a permit to occupy a portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the premises as further defined in subsection (f), on such forms as required by said committee. The application shall be filed in the office of the metropolitan planning commission or such other place as designated by the committee in its rules and regulations.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance of 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.

Councilman Walford: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Council for that vote. I think it's going to be a great enhancement to our downtown area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance No. 204 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Disparity Study) (A/Lester) (*Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006*)
2. **Ordinance No. 205 of 2006:** An ordinance amending the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Introduced November 14, 2006 – Tabled December 12, 2006*)
3. **Resolution No. 51 of 2007:** A resolution supporting the Employee Free Choice Act, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled May 8, 2007*)
4. **Ordinance No. 122 of 2006:** Amending portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to traffic and vehicles and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*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 February 25, 2008 until August 25, 2008*)

HBO0700081 – 1062 Dalzell Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Stanley W. Burke, III, 8848 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115 (D/Wooley) (*Postponed February 11, 2008 until March 10, 2008*) **DECISION RENDERED MARCH 10, 2008**

HBO0700137 – 1919 Walnut Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester); Ms. Ethel J. Reed, 4745 McDaniel Drive, Shreveport, LA 71109 (F/Shyne) (*Postponed February 25, 2008 until August 25, 2008*)

PSD0700065 - 2513 Dupont Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Mr. David Bates, 2509 Dupont Street, Shreveport, La 71103 (B/Walford) (*Postponed February 11, 2008 until April 7, 2008*)

PSD0700243 - 129 Stoner Ave, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Mr. Raul Perez, Jr. 226 Cattail Trail, Benton, LA 71006)(Postponed February 11, 2008 until March 10, 2008) **DECISION RENDERED MARCH 10, 2008**

HBO0700179 – 611 Argyle (F/Shyne) Mr. Raymond Stevenson, 4145 Carver Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) (Postponed January 21, 2008 until March 10, 2008) **DECISION RENDERED MARCH 10, 2008**

6. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

BAC-5-08: Property located on the west side of East Ridge Drive, 160 feet south of Berkshire. (C/Long) (Remanded to MPC February 12, 2008)

7. ABO APPEAL:

Ms. Lequita Simmons, 2939 Meadow Avenue, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Circle K, 9009 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA (D/Wooley) (Postponed February 25, 2008 until March 10, 2008) **DECISION RENDERED MARCH 10, 2008**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Glover: Not any new business, but I would like to make some comments on the record before we go into the Committee of the Whole.

Councilman Shyne: I tell you what, give me one minute, and I'm going to say reports from officers, boards and committees?

Councilwoman Bowman: One.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Bowman: The Public Safety Committee will meet tomorrow at 1:30 in the conference room.

Councilman Shyne: At 1:30 or 12:30?

Councilwoman Bowman: 1:30. I'm not going to do like Councilman Long, and have a meeting at lunch time, and don't feed anybody.

Councilman Shyne: That's good.

Councilman Long: Saving the taxpayer's money.

Councilman Shyne: Mike, Mike you're something else.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Mr. Thompson: We have none Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, now Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council. I wanted to make a point. I intended to mention this earlier during Mayoral communications, but for those of you who are not aware, this past weekend, the City of Shreveport played host thanks to the outstanding work of Mary Ann Tice and the folks over at the Shreveport Regional Sports Authority to the Southwestern Athletic Conference Girls Softball Championship. It was played here over this past weekend. For those of you who were a witness to the weather on Friday, like I was, I didn't have much of an expectation Councilman Lester, Councilman Shyne, since I know you all have SWAC roots, that there would be much softball played in the City of Shreveport over the weekend, at least none that wouldn't end up being played inside the Shreveport Convention Center possibly. Wherever indoor we might be able to find it, but thanks to the able leadership of Shelly Ragle and more specifically, the members of her staff, the softball field out at Cargill, which were puddles of mud on Saturday morning were flying with dust by 3:00 on Saturday afternoon. The staff just simply did yeoman's work. We had 10 teams in town. They were well hosted, well taken care of, the SWAC Commissioner as well as all of the various other team members, and coaches, and parents and significant others who were in town had nothing but kudos for the great job that was done by the City as a whole, and I just wanted to take this moment to publicly thank all the members of the Parks and Recreation Department as well as all the other host and hostesses that helped to pull off this weekend's event for the great work that they did, great representation of Shreveport, here again, and another example of how both sports and economic development can merge together for a great benefit for Shreveport.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, if I was in church, I would say and now I want to start the collection. Since I'm not in church, I see how Ron is looking at me. I will put this - - - now Ron wants to tell all what it is. But Mr. Mayor, I'm glad that you mentioned that, because I had spoken to Shelly back there, I don't know whether you were eavesdropping on what I was saying to Shelly or not, but - - - and I know Mary Ann probably did an excellent job, but I had some calls from some people Mr. Mayor, who are SWAC folks, who really didn't know that this particular event was taking place in town. And you know I would hope that some kind of way, your office could let Mary Ann nem know that this is a SWAC town. And next time there's going to be a SWAC activity in Shreveport, you know please lets try to get this out a couple of weeks early, because I don't know if Mary Ann knows very well or not, but you're trying your best to get SWAC headquarters here in Shreveport. And I think the more we show that this is a SWAC town, the better it's going to be. Now, and I hated to sound ignorant when the people called me, and was asking me about it, but Shelly, I really didn't know. I don't know whether I'm sleeping too much or what it is Mr. Mayor, but I would hope that Mary Ann nem, next time around make sure that we get this information out. Because you know as well as I do, and Calvin is a big SWAC fan until it gets between Grambling and Southern, then it hard to find him anywhere, but I'll excuse that. But I would hope that next time around Mary Ann nem would do a little bit better job of getting this information out.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I've got to offer a little bit of insight into that. Unfortunately, this is one of those situations where, and you've heard me say this before. When it comes to the local media sometimes sharing information, it just kinda depends on how news worthy it may be viewed by some folks. I do know that there was obviously an effort like a softball tournament doesn't come at a tremendous media advertising budget, but there was a considerate effort to disseminate the word out through the local media, through lots of various organizations and associations around town. In fact there was even a real concerted effort to recruit hostesses and host for each of the individual teams, which they were successful in doing. But unfortunately, like so much of the great work that goes on in this city, and it's not anything unique to Shreveport. It happens everywhere. Unfortunately, you know it doesn't get publicized. And that's unfortunate. Now, the question would be whether or not we end up appropriating more money to take that issue out of the hands of fortuitous media person decided to offer a little bit of focus on it, and give them the dollars that they need to go out and purchase the ad, the space on the billboard or whatever to get it out there, but unfortunately, this deal happens to be one of those events that the number of people involved may not justify that additional \$5,000 going to the bottom line, because when we add it up in terms of the economic impact for the city, it starts to go down a little bit. So, I know that we make sure that tickets were sent to the Council Office. You all should have gotten I believe from them some information about tickets. Did that happen?

Councilman Shyne: Wait a minute now. I don't want to be chewing on somebody.

Councilman Webb: I got an email.

Mayor Glover: Then there may a need to do a little chewing then, because that was one of the things that should have happened. There should have been a packet that you all received at the Council Office that gave you some tickets and some parking passes, and some other things to the event. And if that didn't happen, then we both got a little chewing to do.

Councilman Shyne: Well - - -

Mayor Glover: But I do know with regard to the publicity end of it, they did not have dollars in their budget to go out and purchase, and we were hoping that some of our local folks may have given us a little bit of profile. I DDR'd all of the weekend television sportscasts, newscasts in particular. And unfortunately I didn't see it mentioned.

Councilman Shyne: I didn't either.

Mayor Glover: And - - -

Councilman Lester: Well, maybe they had a fight Mr. Mayor. Maybe they were throwing softballs at each other, would have got some coverage.

Mayor Glover: Well, I guess as they say dog bites man, nobody worries about it. Man bites dog, and that leads to telecasts. So, had there been a few softballs thrown, as opposed to being hit with softball bats, it might have been a little bit different.

Councilman Shyne: I would just hope next time Mr. Mayor, if we could get this over to Mary Ann, (inaudible) a little bit, we again, like I came out (inaudible) big bill,

we might be able to pick up a little something you know and help her out. But there were - - - I got a few calls, and so the only thing I told them was 'next time'.

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 6:40 p.m.

//s// Joe Shyne, Chairman

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