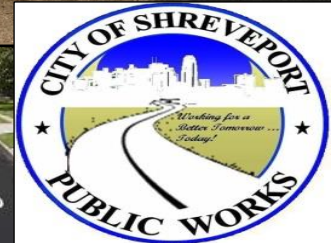




# CITY OF SHREVEPORT 2018 Ad Valorem Tax Renewals





# Mayor's Directives in 2015

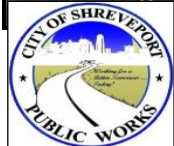
- City would live within its means.
- City would maximize each department's operations and create greater fiscal efficiencies in all service and program areas.
- City would provide a level of customer service greater than the tax dollars used to pay for it.
- City will operate with a sense of urgency to "get things done" but also with an eye towards fiscal efficiency and reducing taxes.





# Ad Valorem Property Tax History

- Since 2015, City property tax rates have been reduced by more than 6 mills to their lowest levels since 1982.





# Millage Reduction Since 2015



Year	Total Millage	Decrease Amount
2014	39.70	-
2015	36.65	-3.05
2016	36.29	-0.36
2017	35.81	-0.48
2018	33.65	-2.16
<b>Total</b>		<b>-6.05</b>

A citizen with a \$200,000 home, will save approximately \$121 in 2018 due to the -6.05 millage reduction on their property taxes since 2015.



# Ad Valorem Property Tax History



- On Saturday, **April 28**, Shreveport voters will once again be asked to go to the polls and make a decision about the future of our community.
  - Early voting, April 14-21 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (except Sun. April 15).
- Every five years, ad valorem property taxes, that provide for basic city services as well as pay and benefits for our employees, are placed before the citizens.
  - The last time this occurred was 2013.
- The Tyler Administration, with support from City Council, made the decision to seek the renewal of these much needed taxes only upon their expiration and **not before**.



# What do these taxes do?

- The 6 City Property tax renewals in April 2018 are essential for maintaining basic City services.
  - The renewals are critical for on-going and future street repairs, activities at SPAR recreational facilities, salaries, wages, pensions, and health insurance for City workers, Police and Fire uniforms and equipment, as well as Police staffing.





# Proposition 1



- **Street Improvement Tax – Improving, repairing, and maintaining the streets of the City of Shreveport (1.120 mills that provide \$1,720,999 annually).**
- The Streets and Drainage Division budget is \$6.6 million annually.
- Since 2015, the City has implemented an aggressive infrastructure improvement strategy.
  - Initiating 216 street improvement projects at a cost of \$58.6 million from 2015-2017.
  - In 2018, major roadwork continues with more than 80 new, mostly neighborhood street projects, slated to get underway.
  - In other infrastructure areas, in 2017, more than \$143 million was spent on sewer improvements, \$108 million of that being Consent Decree related work.



# Proposition 2

- **SPAR Recreational Facilities Tax – Operating and supplying recreational facilities and appurtenances and maintaining the same (0.830 mills that provide \$1,275,383).**

- SPAR provided more than 465,000 points of service to citizens last year through programs such as:
- Youth Summer Camps, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Weight Lifting, Flag Football, Track & Field, Swimming, Senior Dominoes, Dances, Movies in the Park, Bingo, Health Fairs, Boxing, After School Programming, Spirit of Season Christmas Event, Health Fairs, and so much more ...







# Proposition 2 (cont.)

- **SPAR Recreational Facilities Tax**

- In 2017, more than \$10 million in SPAR renovation projects came to fruition including Cargill Park, Hattie Perry Community Center, Airport Park and Bill Cockrell Pool Houses, Mamie Hicks Community Center, Andrew Currie, Asian Gardens, and upgrades at Oakland Cemetery and Columbia Park.
- Other quality of life facilities also came online in 2017, including the new \$5.1 million, federally funded, Inter-modal Transportation Facility in downtown Shreveport, the Dog Park, the Born Learning Trail and Spray-ground at A.B. Palmer Park, and the Barnwell Center was returned to a marketable status.





# Proposition 3



- **Salary and Wage Schedule Tax – Continuing the salary and wage schedule of City employees (1.120 mills that provide \$1,720,999)**
  - In 2016 the Mayor and Council implemented a minimum living wage for all City workers of \$10.16 hr.
    - Some of our hardest working employees were only making \$7.49 hr. part time and \$8.64 hr. full time.
  - In 2018, Police and Fire Civil Service employees received their largest raise (5%) since 2003 (at a cost of \$2.9 million).\*
  - City employees earning less than \$75,000 also received a 5% increase (at a cost of \$1,096,400).

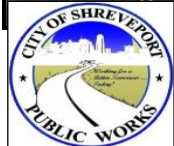
\*Avg. pay for starting (1-year) Police Office is \$40,670.

Avg. pay for starting (1-year) Firefighter is \$40,291 (Includes \$600 EMT pay).



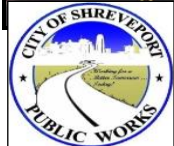
# Proposition 4

- **Police and Fire Personnel, Uniforms and Equipment Tax – Police and fire personnel and allowance for uniforms and equipment for said departments (1.120 mills that provide \$1,720,999).**
  - The proposition provides for Firefighters and Police Officers' uniforms, personal gear, equipment and vehicles.
    - Since 2016, \$6 million has been provided for additional Police cars.
    - In 2017, Fire was provided \$1.1 million for ambulance replacements; 2018 budgeted \$954,000 for new ladder truck.
  - In 2018, each Police Officer and Firefighter was provided an annual increase for their required uniform clothing allowance.





# Proposition 5



- **Pensions, Employee Life Insurance and Hospitalization Plan for City Employees – Providing funds for the City’s portion of pensions, employee life insurance and hospitalization plan for City employees (1.690 mills that provide \$2,596,865).**
  - Annual Police and Fire Pension payments total \$21.9 million (mandated by State).
  - City employees pensions total \$9.7 million annually.
  - City payments to employee healthcare totals \$22,913,800 annually.
  - City payments for employee life insurance totals \$320,800 annually.



# Proposition 6



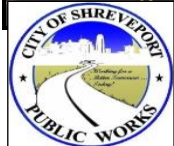
- **Three-Platoon System Tax – Providing revenues sufficient to enable the City of Shreveport to continue to provide a Police Three Platoon System (1.470 mills providing \$2,258,811).**
  - Maintains the Police Three Platoon (8 hr. shifts) System, originally authorized by Article 14, Section 12, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921.
  - In 2017, almost 70 new Police Officers were hired, the most in recent years.
    - The goal is to hire 80 more Police Officers in 2018.
  - Since the last tax election in 2013, proposition 6 has been added to the ballot.
  - This is a continuation of a tax that has been levied for decades to support our Police Department. The tax was originally levied and based on pre-1974 Constitutional authorization.
  - In 2017 the new Louisiana Legislative Auditor concluded (and we agree) that this proposition needed to go before the community with all the other renewals.



# Proposition 6 (cont.)

- **Three-Platoon System Tax**

- Public safety is always our number one priority, and we have continued to place resources with our Police Departments to ensure that they have all available means at their disposal to keep our city safe.
- We are committed and continue to work with all local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies (Caddo Sheriff, City Marshal, State Police, Justice Department, FBI, and others) to fight crime.





# The Renewals in Total

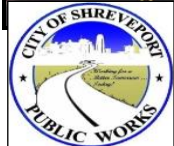
- The millages produce more than \$11 million or 5% of the City's total \$221 million General Fund Budget.

No.	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX	MILLAGE RATE		ESTIMATED ANNUAL REVENUES
1	Street Improvement Tax – Improving, repairing, and maintaining the streets of the City of Shreveport.	1.120	mills	\$1,720,999
2	SPAR Recreational Facilities Tax – Operating and supplying park and recreational facilities and personnel with resources to maintain current programming and levels of service.	0.830	mills	\$1,275,383
3	Salary and Wage Schedule Tax – Continuing the salary and wage schedule of City employees.	1.120	mills	\$1,720,999
4	Police & Fire Personnel, Uniforms and Equipment Tax – Police and fire personnel and allowance for uniforms and equipment for said departments.	1.120	mills	\$1,720,999
5	Pensions, Employee Life Insurance and Hospitalization Plan for City Employees – Providing funds for the City's portion of pensions, employee life insurance and hospitalization plan for City employees.	1.690	mills	\$2,596,865
6	Three-Platoon System Tax – Providing revenues sufficient to enable the City of Shreveport to continue to provide increased staffing through three 8-hour shifts of Police Patrol Officers.	1.470	mills	\$2,258,811
<b>Total Mills</b>		<b>7.350</b>	<b>mills</b>	<b>\$11,294,056</b>





# CITY OF SHREVEPORT 2018 Ad Valorem Tax Renewals



- **Proposition 1 – Streets**

- Improving, repairing, and maintaining the streets of the City of Shreveport.
- Over 216 street projects completed in 2015, 2016 & 2017. More than 80 new street projects set for 2018.

- **Proposition 2 – Parks/Community Centers**

- Operating and supplying park and recreational facilities and personnel with resources to maintain current programming and levels of service.
- Our community has over 63 parks, 16 recreation centers, 5 swimming pools, 46 playgrounds, and 4 cemeteries.

- **Proposition 3— Employee Salaries**

- Continuing the salaries and wage schedule for first responders and City employees.

- **Proposition 4— Police & Fire Equipment and Uniforms**

- Public Safety is the City's #1 priority.
- Provides for police and fire personnel uniforms and equipment.

- **Proposition 5— Pension, Health and Life Insurance**

- Provides funds for the City's portion of pensions, employee life insurance and hospitalization plan for City employees.

- **Proposition 6— Police Three Platoon System**

- Maintains the Police Three Platoon (8 hr. shifts) System.
- In 2017 SPD responded to 215,073 calls for service.