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### **City Attorney and Chief Technology Officer on agenda for upcoming City Council meeting**

Mayor Adrian Perkins is pleased to nominate Keith Hanson to serve as Shreveport's first Chief Technology Officer. Hanson is a technologist and the Former President of Ruby Shore Software, a local tech company that specializes in custom software and app development for small and mid-sized businesses. For nearly a decade, Hanson has advocated on behalf of Shreveport's tech-sector and nurtured the area's next generation of programmers.

Mayor Perkins announced Mekisha Creal as his nominee for City Attorney on December 29th. Both Hanson and Creal will be up for confirmation at the Jan. 8th City Council meeting.

In an effort to tackle blight in the city, Mayor Perkins is designating Deputy Director Terrence Green as Interim Director of Property Standards. The Department of Property Standards has been without a director for two years. This move grants Green more agency, enabling him to fully enforce the City's code.

Crystal Jackson, a Shreveport native, has been hired as the Mayor's Administrative Assistant. Jackson comes to Government Plaza by way of Robinson Rescue, where she previously worked as an administrative assistant.

Chaunta Mero has been named the confidential secretary for Mayor Perkins. Mero brings nearly three decades of experience as a legal secretary and Executive Assistant to the Mayor's Office. In addition to serving as Perkins' Community Outreach Coordinator during the campaign, Mero is also a Civil Law Notary Public and Real Estate Broker.

Africa Price has been appointed the Director of Governmental Affairs. Price served as the Communications Director in the Tyler Administration. She adds continuity, insight, and years of experience in City government to the Mayor's staff, as well as a sophisticated understanding of the legislative process.

"Our staff is starting to take shape, and I am proud of the team we are building," Mayor Perkins said.

"Keith Hanson has a rare blend of talents. He is a tech-savvy entrepreneur with a passion for public service. Terrence Green has worked in Property Standards for nearly two decades. He understands the City's code and how to use it to promote equitable development. Crystal goes the extra mile every day to represent our office with kindness and patience." Perkins went on to say, "Chaunta Mero is unmatched in her ability to meet chaos with calm. She can simultaneously juggle any number of tasks, and somehow perform each with efficiency and distinction. Africa is a professional in every sense of the word. She possesses an encyclopedic knowledge of governmental affairs and a cooperative spirit that makes our entire team better."