

Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
May 28, 2019

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Bowman at 3:04 p.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Flurry.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Green.

The roll was called. Present: Councilmen Willie Bradford, John Nickelson, Grayson Boucher, James Flurry, James Green and Jerry Bowman. 7.

Motion by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, May 13, 2019 and the Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR RELATIVE TO CITY BUSINESS, AND
REQUIRED REPORTS
AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS BY CITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS, NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN MINUTES**

Councilman Green recognized Billy Wayne.

Councilman Nickelson invited Attorney Lee Harville, with the Caddo Parish, Public Defender's Office to the podium. Attorney Harville spoke in favor of repealing the sagging pants ordinance and suggested that the council should also consider repealing other ordinances, that don't involve violence or property crimes, for which fewer arrest are made, and which have a disparate impact on minority and the poor.

Councilman Bradford invited Edward Savannah to the podium. Edward Savannah asked the council to conduct an investigation into the anonymously letter written about him and why his nomination for the Assistant to the Superintendent of Streets and Drainage was pulled from the agenda.

Councilman Boucher invited the Balentine Family and Chief Wolverton to the podium.

Motion by Councilman Boucher, seconded by Councilman Green, to suspend the rules to consider Resolution No. 59 of 2019. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE RALPH D. BALENTINE AND TO DEDICATE THE 3400 AND 3500 BLOCKS OF MANSFIELD ROAD FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN GRAYSON BOUCHER

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine passed away on April 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport pauses to reflect upon the life and legacy of Ralph D.

Balentine for his long and productive life of service to his God, his family, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine was instrumental in building and managing Shreveport Manor Nursing Home and Roseview Nursing Center; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine later started Medical Transportation and Balentine Ambulance Service; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine was also a devout Gideon, assisting in distribution of Bibles to all parts of the world in various languages; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine dedicated his life to the service of others. His commitment to excellence, his personal involvement in each of his businesses, and his love for his employees and the patients he served, insured compassionate care of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine exhibited strong feelings of affection for the citizens of Shreveport. For many years he assisted the Shreveport Fire Department and the citizens of Shreveport, as follows:

1. He provided Emergency Transportation Services (EMS) for the general population when requested to do so by the Shreveport Fire Department (SFD);

2. He provided EMS transports to assist the SFD during major events such as Mardi Gras Parades, the Brookshires Hero's Run, and the Independence Bowl;

3. He used his employees to staff SFD EMS units during funerals;

4. He used his contacts, expertise and good will to successfully lobby Louisiana Legislators for legislation that benefited the City of Shreveport;

5. He was available to assist the SFD Academy upon request; and

WHEREAS, Ralph D. Balentine lived a life filled with helping others, which was made complete with sharing his love and his life with his wife, LaVeta Cloud Balentine, children, Pam McBeath, Darrell Balentine, and Rhonda Balentine, and his grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Shreveport City Council recognizes Ralph D. Balentine for his many contributions to the citizens of Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor on behalf of the City is authorized to dedicate the 3400 and 3500 Blocks of Mansfield Road in honor of the Ralph D. Balentine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to LaVeta Balentine, and the other resolution filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Boucher seconded by Councilman Bradford, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

On behalf of the Balentine family, Kasey Balentine thanked the council for the recognition. Chief Wolverton thanked Councilman Boucher for the resolution as well as the Balentine family for the relationship and for the service they provide, by helping the Shreveport Fire Department (SFD). Mayor Perkins also thanked the Balentine family for all they do for Shreveport as a whole.

Councilwoman Fuller announced that all citizens who attend the June 10, 2019, city council work session will get a free large scoop of Sweetport Ice Cream, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) starting at 4:30, outside of Government Plaza (505 Travis Street). A single scoop is free, if persons would like multiple scoops or other items, they can be purchased from Sweetport.

Councilman Nickelson invited the Economic Developer Director, Brandon Fail to the podium. Brandon offered comments on Ordinance No. 66 of 2019, the proposed UDC legislation.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS BY THE MAYOR, NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN MINUTES
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR RELATIVE TO CITY BUSINESS OTHER THAN AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

Mayor Perkins made the following comments and announcements:

- Shreveport Police Department will soon launch the Environmental Patrol Unit.
 - Sergeant Bowman and Donna Curtis with Shreveport Green provided the council with an overview about the new unit and how it will help the city.
- Thanked the council members for their support with the Future Leaders of Shreveport Summer Internship program. The opening ceremony will be June 3rd at the AG Center at the Fairgrounds; the program will run for eight weeks (June 3, 2019 – July 26, 2019).
- Recognized and thanked Captain Carl Taylor for 32 years of service with the Shreveport Police Department.
- Acknowledged and welcomed Assistant City Attorney Danielle Farr Ewing who will provide legal advice and services to the city council.
- Announced that the administration strongly supports Councilwoman Fuller's legislation, Ordinance No. 70 of 2019.

Motion by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller, to suspend the rules to consider the Historical Preservation Commission appointments. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Councilman Bradford invited Jazmin Jernigan and Dr. Frederic Washington to the podium, and after questions and discussion the council considered the following appointments:

Historical Preservation Commission - Jazmin Jernigan, Dr. Frederic Washington and Dr. Cheryl White – 3year term each.

Motion by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Green, to confirm the executive appointment of Jazmin Jernigan, Dr. Frederic Washington and Dr. Cheryl White, to the

Historical Preservation Commission. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

REPORTS:

Property Standards Report (res. 7 of 2003)
Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report (res. 114 of 2009)
Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (res. 238 of 2010)
Master Plan Committee Report (res. 132 of 2012)

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 58 OF 2019: An Ordinance rescinding Ordinances 33 of 2009, 54 of 2011, and 136 of 2013: and removing vehicular flow restrictions on Baker Street, Fannin Street, and North Street in section 37 (T18N-R14W), and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (B/Fuller)

Councilman Bowman called the public hearing to order at 4:19 p.m.

Malcolm Stadtlander from Property Management made a presentation.

Councilman Bowman asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

Bill Wiener requested a postponement of Ordinance No. 58 of 2019, until changes to the site plans are made for the proposed apartment (Bayou GRANDE) project.

The public hearing was closed at 4:30 p.m.

ADDING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA, PUBLIC COMMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

ADDING LEGISLATION TO THE AGENDA (REGULAR MEETING ONLY) AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MOTIONS TO ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE) (PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WHICH ARE ON THE AGENDA)

Elbert Brown: Thanked the Mayor and council for the reconstruction work on Linwood Avenue.

Kila Richmond, Craig Lee, Freddy Ishola and Lester Smith: Spoke in support of Ordinance No. 70 of 2019.

Rudolph Glass Jr, Jimmy Lynch, Pastor Mayes, and Danny Martin: Spoke generally about Ordinance No. 70 of 2019.

Michael Williams: Spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 70 of 2019.

Sammy Mears: Spoke generally about Ordinance No. 70 of 2019 and asked for help for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) that he has participated in for the last 30 years.

Marvin Muhammed: Addressed comments made by Councilmen Braford and Fuller and asked for clarification as it relates to citizens speaking before the council.

Councilman Nickelson: The rules of the city council now allows for the public to speak once for three minutes on whatever subject matter they desire.

Ora Hart: Invited everyone to The Cedar Grove & Eden Garden Community Association, Renaissance Festival, Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at A.B. Palmer Park & Community Center.

Cedric Murphy: Spoke in support of Ordinance No. 69 of 2019.

Albert Hanna, Shelia Johnson and Robert Evans: Spoke generally about the appointment of Edward Savannah that was pulled (rescinded) by the Mayor.

Patricia King: Spoke to the council about a complaint she filed with the city for damage to her tires.

April Harris: Spoke to the council about her high water bill.

Frederick Branch: Spoke about the damage CenterPoint did to his yard.

Lauren Ray Anderson: Spoke generally about Ordinance No. 70 of 2019, suggested that the Mardi Gras Krewes' should throw biodegradable items at the parades, and the Shreveport Police and citizens should learn to deescalate conflicts and work together.

John Settle: Spoke generally about Ordinance No. 66 and 70 of 2019; the lack of responsibility of the city council as it relates to setting bonds and fines, hiring of the Coroner and District Attorney, the removal of Substitute Chief Ben Raymond and starting a Citizen Review Board.

CONFIRMATION AND APPOINTMENTS:

CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION

TO INTRODUCE ROUTINE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

ORDINANCES: NONE

TO ADOPT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

ORDINANCES: NONE.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OR WHICH WILL REQUIRE ONLY ONE READING

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHREVEPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A PERMANENT RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT WITH

SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Airport Authority has been requested to grant a permanent right-of-way and easement to Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) in order to relocate powerlines overhead and provide continued maintenance to accommodate the operation of the fuel farm currently managed by the fixed base operator at Shreveport Regional Airport; and WHEREAS, the location of the proposed right-of-way is shown on the drawing marked “Exhibit A”, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-33 of the Code of Ordinances authorizes the Airport Authority to alienate immovable property only when specifically authorized to do so by the City Council. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Shreveport City Council in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Shreveport Airport Authority is hereby authorized to execute a permanent right-of-way and easement with SWEPCO over and through a part of the property shown on the attached “Exhibit A”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions or items of this resolution or the application thereof are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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 hereby are repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Boucher seconded by Councilman Flurry, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry and Green. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Bowman. 1. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2019

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, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC; 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 Nickelson seconded by Councilman Green, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A MONETARY DONATION OF \$20,000 FROM THE BROOKSHIRE GROCERY COMPANY TO THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO BE UTILIZED BY THE SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SHREVEPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Brookshire Grocery Company organized and held a Heroes Run on October 27, 2018 in an effort to raise monies to enhance public safety services in the communities they serve in the Shreveport-Bossier City area, and;

WHEREAS, the Brookshire Grocery Company committed to donating 100% of the funds raised from the Heroes Run to first responders and military heroes in the Shreveport-Bossier City area, and;

WHEREAS, the Brookshire Grocery Company presented checks of \$10,000 to both the Shreveport Police Department and the Shreveport Fire Department respectively, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Shreveport City Code Ch. 26, Art. V, Div. 4, Section 26-187 any donation over \$10,000.00 may be accepted only with approval of the city council, and;

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Police Department and the Shreveport Fire Department intend to use the donated funds to purchase necessary equipment in order to enhance the level of service provided by each agency to the citizens of Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, regular and legal session convened, that:

1. The CITY accepts this donation with gratitude and acknowledges the BROOKSHIRE GROCERY COMPANY as Donor.
2. Mayor Adrian Perkins is hereby authorized to accept a total monetary donation of \$20,000 from the Brookshire Grocery Company (\$10,000 remitted to the City of Shreveport Police Department and \$10,000 remitted to Fire Department).

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.

THUS DONE AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Boucher seconded by Councilman Bowman, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford,

Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION SELECTING THE TIMES AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport is required by its Charter and State Law to select an Official Journal to publish minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, official notices, advertisements, and other official proceedings of the City of Shreveport for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that The Times be selected the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport to provide the services required by law for the prices described below:

All printing of required legals in the Classified Section will be at \$0.33 per agate line (6.5 font, auto set width and 6 point leading using 14 agate lines per inch);

All printing of required legals in the Retail Section - \$6.48 per column inch;

All other (non-required) ads in the Classified Section - \$3.57 per agate line;

All other (non-required) ads in the Retail Section - \$42.84 per column inch;

Affidavits will be provided at \$20.00 each; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the proposal of The Times is accepted and The Times be and is hereby designated the official journal of the City of Shreveport for the period July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 and the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with The Times under the terms and conditions described above.

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 Bowman seconded by Councilman Nickelson, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE CADDO-SHREVEPORT SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 33, § 2738.54, redesignated as La. R.S.

47:338.162, authorizes the City of Shreveport and the Caddo Parish School Board to enter into an agreement between and among themselves with respect to the joint collection, enforcement, and administration of their sales and use taxes; and

WHEREAS, in April 1980, the Shreveport City Council adopted Ordinance No. 85 of 1980, and

the School Board adopted a similar ordinance, whereby the City and School Board entered into an agreement creating "...a joint commission as an independent agency and instrumentality to administer the terms of an agreement." The agreement was executed and an agency was created; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission was the agency created by the City of Shreveport and the Caddo Parish School Board to provide for the joint collection, enforcement and administration of sales and use taxes levied by the City and School Board; and WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission is to collect the proper amount of tax revenue at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS, the JOINT AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAXES (as amended) between the Caddo Parish School Board and the City of Shreveport, executed on April 20, 1980, reads in part as follows:

7. Budgets. The fiscal year of the Commission shall be July 1 through June 30. On or before the first day of May of each year the Commission shall submit its proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year to the City Council and School Board for approval or rejection. Said action by the City Council and School Board shall take place by no later than June 15.

WHEREAS, the Commission has submitted its proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, a copy of which was submitted to the City of Shreveport via a Letter of Transmittal dated April 26, 2019 attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the total budget of \$1,433,100 proposed by the Caddo-Shreveport Sales and Use Tax Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part hereof, is hereby approved.

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

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

THUS DONE AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Green seconded by Councilman Bradford, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 22, 2019, AS NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, AND TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS OF SHREVEPORT TO CELEBRATE THIS OBSERVANCE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN JERRY BOWMAN, JR

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1819, the steamship The Savannah set sail from Savannah, Georgia on the first successful transoceanic voyage under steam propulsion, thus making a material contribution to the advancement of ocean transportation; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1933, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled and approved that May 22 of each year shall be designated and

known as National Maritime Day; and

WHEREAS, during WWII in what became the world's largest sealift operation, more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marine served their country, with more than 6,700 giving their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war and more than 800 ships being sunk or damaged; and

WHEREAS, waterways have enabled much of the commerce that has expanded America's economy, sprouted cities near waterways and facilitated vast domestic and international commerce crucial to our economy today; and

WHEREAS, merchant mariners have served America with distinction throughout our history, but especially at critical moments of war and natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine and thousands of other workers in our Nation's maritime industry continue to make immeasurable contributions to our economic strength and our ongoing efforts to build a more peaceful world; and

WHEREAS, the United States Merchant Marine also shepherds the safe passage of American goods, move exports to customers around the world, support the flow of domestic commerce on our maritime highways, strengthen our Nation's economy, bolster job creation and, along with the transportation industry, employ Americans on ships and tugs, and in ports, like our Port of Shreveport Bossier; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Shreveport City Council to increase the awareness of the maritime industry within the City of Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Shreveport City Council joins the President of the United States of America and the Caddo Bossier Parishes Port Commission in proclaiming May 22, 2019, as National Maritime Day and calls upon the citizens of Shreveport to celebrate this observance.

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

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Bowman seconded by Councilwoman Fuller, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (*NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO June 11, 2019*) (Motion and second is sufficient to introduce resolutions)

The Clerk read the following:

- 1. Resolution No. 67 of 2019:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a donation agreement with Caddo Parish Fire District No.3 for 10 used Scott Safety Air Packs and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

2. **Resolution No. 68 of 2019:** A resolution to amend the Fee Schedule for the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Shreveport Fire Department and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Green, to introduce Resolution No (s). 67 and 68 of 2019 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO June 11, 2019)
(Motion and second is sufficient to introduce ordinances)**

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 65 of 2019:** An ordinance amending the 2019 Capital Improvements budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 66 of 2019:** An ordinance to amend various articles and sections in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 67 of 2019:** An ordinance to revise Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 2, Section 2-421 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances, relative to on-site certification visits for Fair Share program participants, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 68 of 2019:** An ordinance to amend Article IV of the Code of Ordinances concerning fireworks, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (C/Nickelson)
5. **Ordinance No. 69 of 2019:** An ordinance to amend Section 90-306 of the Code of Ordinances relative to reserved parking spaces for the handicapped, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (C/Nickelson)
6. **Ordinance No. 70 of 2019:** An ordinance to amend Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 50-167 relative to wearing of pants below the waist in public, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (B/Fuller)
7. **Ordinance No. 71 of 2019:** An ordinance to amend and reenacting certain Sections of Chapter 94 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Shreveport, Louisiana, relative to utilities and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Green, to introduce Ordinance No(s). 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71 of 2019 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE (NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NUMBERS)

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 44 of 2019:** An ordinance amending the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, 2019 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized herein and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (*Crossing Guard*)

Having passed first reading on April 9, 2019, was read by title, and on motion, ordered

passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Nickelson, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: Councilman Bradford. 1. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

- 2. Ordinance No. 58 of 2019:** An ordinance rescinding ordinances 33 of 2009, 54 of 2011, and 136 of 2013: and removing vehicular flow restrictions on Baker Street, Fannin Street, and North Street in section 37 (T18N-R14W), and to otherwise provide with respect thereto: (B/Fuller) (*Public Hearing required prior to adoption*)

Having passed first reading on May 14, 2019, was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Nickelson, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller, to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

- 3. Ordinance No. 59 of 2019:** An ordinance to create and establish a “No Through Truck Route” on Mackey Lane between Jewella Avenue and Walker Road pursuant to Section 90-123 and Section 90-124 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Shreveport, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (E/Flurry)

Having passed first reading on May 14, 2019, was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Flurry, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

- 4. Ordinance No. 60 of 2019:** An ordinance creating stop intersections in the Lucien Field Estates within the city limits of the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (E/Flurry)

Having passed first reading on May 14, 2019, was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Flurry, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

- 5. Ordinance No. 61 of 2019:** An ordinance amending the 2019 Riverfront Development Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Having passed first reading on May 14, 2019, was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Bowman, to remove. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

6. **Ordinance No. 62 of 2019: ZONING Case 19-300-C:** An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located between Fourth Street and Creswell Avenue, approximately four hundred and twenty five feet northeast of Marshall Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., from I-MU, Industrial Mixed Use District, to I-2, Heavy Industrial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (B/Fuller)

Having passed first reading on May 14, 2019, was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilwoman Fuller, seconded by Councilman Bowman, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman.

7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

7. **Ordinance No. 63 of 2019: ZONING Case 19-303-C:** An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the northwest corner of Greenwood Road and Danny R. Wimberly Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., from C-3 General Commercial District, to C-4 Heavy Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (G/Bowman)

Having passed first reading on May 14, 2019, was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Nickelson, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller, to adopt. Motion failed by the following vote: Nays: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman.

7. Ayes: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

8. **Ordinance No. 64 of 2019: ZONING Case 19-305-C:** An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the southwest corner of Linwood Avenue and West Sixty Third Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., from R-1-5, Single-Family Residential District to, to I-1, Light Industrial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (B/Fuller)

Having passed first reading on May 14, 2019, was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilwoman Fuller, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Bradford, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Flurry, Green and Bowman.

7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

Ordinances that were adopted, except any ordinances amending the Shreveport City Code including the Shreveport Unified Development Code, are as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 44 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED HEREIN AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER: JERRY BOWMAN

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2019 General Fund Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, regular and legal session convened, that:
Ordinance Number 93 of 2018, the 2019 General Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:
In Section 2. (Appropriations):

Police Department

Decrease Personal Services by \$75,000

Increase Improvement & Equipment by \$75,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance 93 of 2018 as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

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

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

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

ORDINANCE NO. 59 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A “NO THROUGH TRUCK ROUTE” ON MACKKEY LANE BETWEEN JEWELLA AVENUE AND WALKER ROAD PURSUANT TO SECTION 90-123 AND SECTION 90-124 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, under the authority of Section 13.05 (c) of the Charter of the City of Shreveport, 1978 the traffic engineer is authorized to place traffic signs and signals; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport City Code Sec. 90-123 allows for the prohibition of certain types of vehicles on certain designated streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Shreveport City Code Sec. 90-123(b) and Sec. 90-124, Mackey Lane between Jewella Avenue and Walker Road is hereby created and established as a “No Through Truck Route”, and it shall be unlawful for any person to operate, drive or pull any semi-tractor, semi-trailer, or truck, exceeding fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds gross vehicle weight to use any portion of Mackey Lane between Jewella Avenue and Walker Road except for local pickup and delivery.

SECTION 2. Shreveport City Code, Chapter 90, Article IV, Division 2, Sec. 90-124 is hereby revised to add the following:

* * *

Mackey Lane between Jewella Avenue and Walker Road

* * *

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport, or his designee, shall be and is hereby authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, or her designee, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application

thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana

ORDINANCE NO. 60 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE CREATING STOP INTERSECTIONS IN THE LUCIEN FIELD ESTATES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, under the authority of Section 13.05 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport, 1978 the Traffic Engineer is authorized to create stop intersections within the City; and

WHEREAS, Shreveport City Code Sec. 90-231, states that whenever an ordinance of the City Council shall designate an intersection whereat any or all traffic shall come to a stop, it shall be the duty of the Traffic Engineer to erect appropriate stop signs at such intersection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1. The following are hereby made and created stop intersections:

1. Cessna Drive Stop at Wallace Lake Road
2. Lockheed Drive Stop at Cessna Drive
3. Pilatus Drive Stop at Lucien Way
4. Lucien Way Stop at Rutan Avenue
5. Rutan Avenue Stop at Lockheed Drive / Pilatus Drive
6. Rutan Avenue Stop at Pilatus Drive

SECTION 2. The following intersection is hereby made and created a 4-way stop intersection requiring all traffic and vehicles approaching this intersection to come to a full stop before entering intersection:

1. Cessna Drive and Lucien Drive

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport, or his designee, shall be and is hereby authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, or her designee, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

ORDINANCE NO. 62 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF

SHREVEPORT UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN FOURTH STREET AND CRESWELL AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE FEET NORTHEAST OF MARSHALL STREET, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM I-MU, INDUSTRIAL MIXED USE DISTRICT, TO I-2, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located between Fourth Street and Creswell Avenue, approximately four hundred and twenty five feet northeast of Marshall Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below: be and the same is hereby changed **from I-MU, Industrial Mixed Use District, to I-2, Heavy Industrial District:**

Lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Block 14 of J.N. Howell's Subdivision as per plat recorded in conveyance Book "P", page 911, records of Caddo Parish, lying Southwesterly of Silver Lake Traverse, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at Intersection of Northwesterly boundary of 5th Street and Northeasterly boundary of Edwards Street in the City of Shreveport, which point is also the Southerly corner of Lot 1 of Block 14 of said J.N. Howell's Subdivision; run thence Northwesterly along the Common boundary of Edwards Street and said Block 14 of J.N. Howell's Subdivision, a distance of 120 feet to an iron pipe for a point of beginning; thence Northeasterly along the Northwesterly boundary of Lot 3 of said Subdivision 35.76 feet to an Intersection with the Silver Lake Traverse which is marked by an iron pipe; thence Northwesterly along the Silver Lake Traverse to a point of Intersection with the aforesaid Northeasterly boundary of Edwards Street, marked by an iron pipe, thence Southeasterly along said Northeasterly boundary of Edwards Street a distance of 143.46 feet to a Point of Beginning, Section 31, T18N, R13W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUHTWEST CORNER OF LINWOOD AVENUE AND WEST SIXTY THIRD STREET, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-1-5, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of property located on the southwest corner of Linwood Avenue and West 63rd Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below: be and the same is hereby changed **from R-1-5, Single-Family Residential District to, to I-1, Light Industrial District:**

0.21 AC-E. 232.26 FT OF S. 40 FT OF N. 55 FT OF THAT PART OF LOT 3, WIMBERLY PARTN OF NE/4 OFSE/4 OF SECTION 23, T17, R14 LYING W. OF LINWOOD AVENUE, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA.

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

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

TABLED LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 26 OF 2019: To revise Article IV, Division 3A of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances, relative to the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Chief of Police, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (*Tabled on April 23, 2019*)

APPEALS

PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS

**** THE PROPERTY STANDARD APPEALS ARE HEARD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE, AND THE DECISIONS ARE MADE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE SUMMARY MINUTES.*

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE APPEALS: NONE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION APPEALS:

OTHER APPEALS

SOB APPEALS: NONE.

TAXI APPEALS: NONE.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Councilman Nickelson made the following statement: Mr. Chairman, I know the hour is late but I want to briefly discuss the April 29, 2019, Financial Reporting Evaluation Report issued by Middleman, which is the actuarial firm responsible for evaluating our employees' pension system. The problems of the pension is being under funded is one with which everyone in the room is well familiar, but I do want to call to the council's attention in my capacity as the council's representative on the board of trustees for the pension system that the Middleman report issued last month indicates that the pensions financial condition is even worse than it was at the end of 2017. We have made much needed changes to the contribution scheduling and to the benefits that the city promises its employees over the past several years but those changes have not been enough to prevent the continued decline of the pension's financial position. According to the Middleman report, our pension is now only 41% funded rather than 48 at the end of 2017. We had a very bad year in the market, you know, as many organizations in 2018 including some of the individuals sitting around the horseshoe. But I just called this to your attention because this is a problem that we have to address. We are going to have to either increase the contribution schedule, if we can find the resources to do that or cut the benefits that we promised the city employees. Nobody in this room wants to make promises to employees of the city who give their professional lives to serve the public that we can not keep and if you have an opportunity to peruse Middleman's report, which I circulated by email to members of the council, you will see that it projects over the course of the next fifteen years if we do nothing that

our net position, you know, our assets less our actuarial liabilities will decline from approximately one hundred seventy four million dollars to one hundred sixteen million dollars. And our payment obligations year after year remain very similar in the range of thirty-five million dollars. So, I don't have all the answers on this, I know, this is an issue that staff has dealt with for many years, but we must keep our focus and attention on this. Thank you.

Councilman Bowman announced his intention to hold a Property Standards meeting either next week or before the next council meeting.

Councilman Green asked the Mayor for an update on what is going on at the Airport. Mayor Perkins said he would have the Director give him a call with an update.

Councilman Bradford asked for an update as it relates to the Risk Management office. Mayor Perkins said they have put the position up to have someone new come into the Risk Management department as a supervisor.

Councilman Bradford asked if the administration was short staffed in the City Attorney's office. Mayor Perkins said they were but once the two proposed confirmation of the Assistant City Attorneys are approved they will be back to 100%.

CLERK'S REPORT:

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS:

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Flurry: I just want the public to know for the record that I am going to go ahead and vote when time comes for Winzer Andrews, although I question his judgement, I will vote for him. Because he opposed Mr. Clarke, I think he did maybe because I called and asked him to support Mr. Clarke. But I am going to give him the benefit of the doubt and I will be voting for him because everybody is entitled to be wrong. I will say that Mr. Clarke has certainly proven him wrong and I will be supporting him.

Councilman Bradford and the council congratulated Councilman Flurry and his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 16. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:11 p.m.

Jerry Bowman, Jr., Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council