



UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



A Message from Mayor Perkins

New Program Manager

The Consent Decree project is a federally mandated overhaul of Shreveport's sewer system. It is the largest infrastructure project in Shreveport history. The Consent Decree work has been plagued by redundancies and inefficiencies that frustrate citizens and gouge prices. To address these issues, Mayor Perkins sought new management for the project.

In April, Mayor Perkins chose *Burns & McDonnell* and *Bonton Associates* to manage the program. *Burns & McDonnell* is a nationally recognized program

"On the campaign trail, I focused on three key issues: public safety, technology, and economic development. My administration continues to focus on these three issues. We are partnering with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to increase police presence and reduce the number of illegal and unregistered firearms on our streets.

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WATER DEPARTMENT

Implemented new systems for meter reading and water billing that improves accuracy and customer service.

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Provided more than 150 young people with the opportunity to do meaningful work that shows them they can make a difference in their community.

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CITY CLEAN-UP

Mayor Perkins formed the Environmental Control Unit, a division of Shreveport Police, to crackdown on illegal dumping and litter related crimes.

management firm with a wealth of experience overseeing large infrastructure projects. *Bonton Associates* is a Baton Rouge based engineering firm. They will assist *Burns & McDonnell* with project delivery, supervising the program's design and construction.

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Message from Mayor Perkins (cont'd)

We are working with ISPs to responsibly fast track 5g tower deployment, increasing access to affordable high-speed internet. I am working alongside the City's newly appointed Economic Development Director to diligently promote Shreveport's assets to prospective businesses, focusing on manufacturing, distribution, and technology. My administration is sticking to the blueprint outlined during the campaign.”

“The new program management team is building on previous success, and amending policies and practices that have not worked,” said Patrick Furlong, City Engineer. “Their experience has proved beneficial in charting a new course for the project, and their use of technology will streamline program management and help optimize our budget.”

Burns & McDonnell and *Bonton Associates* bring an unparalleled level of experience and state of the art technology to the table, improving efficiency and cutting costs. This is a win for the City of Shreveport.

AFFORDABLE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

You may have noticed black towers going up around town, and wondered what they are. They are “small-cell towers,” which boost connection speeds and network reliability for Shreveport residents. The old system becomes sluggish as more people use their wireless devices. It is also prone to dead spots. Small-cell towers increase wireless density, meaning a faster, more reliable connection. In the future, these polls will transmit 5g, the world's fastest wireless internet. This network is also the basis for future smart-city initiatives, which require high-tech sensors and transmitters to control lights, cameras, and monitor utility usage.



SEARCH FOR A NEW POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Perkins established an eight-person advisory team comprised of law enforcement experts, attorneys, and city leaders to help identify Shreveport's next Chief of Police. The advisory team will review each candidate and to make a recommendation to the Mayor. The advisory team consists of: Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator, Caddo D.A. James Stewart, Natchitoches Sheriff Victor Jones, retired SPD Asst. Chief E.J. Lewis, former Director of Crime Stoppers Jim Taliaferro, City Council Chairman Jerry Bowman, and Attorneys Laurie Lyons and Ron Miciotto.