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Correction Regarding Special Committee Formation at Today's City Council Meeting

Shreveport, LA - Today, an oversight occurred during the Shreveport City Council Meeting in the formation of a special committee to advise on the bond proposal. Council Chairman Dr. Alan Jackson acknowledges the error and is taking immediate corrective action.

Immediately after adjournment of the meeting, it was identified that the special committee was not established in the appropriate manner, as outlined in the Council Rules of Procedure Section 7 - Special Committees. Section 7.1 clearly states that the council may authorize the appointment of special committees through a motion adopted at a council meeting. The motion establishing the committee must include the purpose for its formation and the term during which it shall remain in existence. However, the creation of the special committee was not made in the form of a motion to include the specifications of Section 7.

In light of this, Council Chairman Dr. Alan Jackson emphasizes the importance of adhering to established procedures and recognizes the need for prompt corrective measures. To address this matter, the meeting initially intended to be facilitated by the special committee will now be conducted under the auspices of the Planning and Infrastructure/GIS Committee.

The Planning and Infrastructure/GIS Committee, of which the councilpersons named to the special committee on the bond proposal are members (Councilmembers Boucher, Bowman, and Taylor), will attend the meeting. The revised meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 16, 2024, at 10:30 am in the Council Chamber at Government Plaza (505 Travis St.).

Council Chairman Dr. Alan Jackson assures the public that this adjustment is being made to ensure transparency, accountability, and strict adherence to the established rules and procedures governing the Shreveport City Council.

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