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## **Councilwomen Taylor and Bowman Re-Elected to Lead Shreveport City Council for 2026**



**Shreveport, LA** - The Shreveport City Council has unanimously re-elected Councilwoman Tabatha H. Taylor to serve as Chairwoman and Councilwoman Ursula Bowman to serve as Vice Chairwoman for the 2026 council year.

The unanimous votes reflect the Council's continued confidence in Chairwoman Taylor's leadership and Vice Chairwoman Bowman's steady guidance as the body advances priorities focused on public safety, infrastructure, economic development, and responsive governance.

During the 2025 council year, under the leadership of Chairwoman Taylor and Vice Chairwoman Bowman, the City Council advanced several key initiatives. These included oversight of the implementation of the 2021 and 2024 bond initiatives; strengthened public safety efforts through funding for equipment purchases and upgrades for SPD & SFD, support for unit relocations to ensure officer and firefighter safety and improve response time, and continued progress on police substations and headquarters; expanded community engagement through community meetings and workshops; and meaningful progress on critical infrastructure, including street improvements, park upgrades, and water and sewer enhancements.

As the City's appropriating authority, the Council made budget decisions that reflected the City's needs and Council priorities, ensuring resources were responsibly aligned with essential services and long-term stability. The Council also supported economic development, including work with G-Unit and efforts to assist nonprofit organizations and small businesses. Meetings were conducted with decorum and professionalism, ensuring that the voices of constituents were heard, even during contentious discussions.

"I am deeply honored and grateful to my colleagues and constituents for their continued trust," said Chairwoman Tabatha Taylor. "Serving as Chairwoman is a responsibility I take seriously, and I look forward to building on the work we accomplished in 2025 as we continue moving Shreveport forward in 2026."

Vice Chairwoman Ursula Bowman also expressed appreciation for the Council's support. "I thank my fellow council members for the confidence they have placed in me," Bowman said. "Together, we made meaningful progress last year, and I remain committed to supporting Chairwoman Taylor and working collaboratively to address the needs of our residents."

Under their leadership, the Shreveport City Council will continue its focus on strengthening city services, promoting public safety, supporting economic growth, and fostering open communication with the community.

The new council leadership term is effective immediately.

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