

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO OPERATE DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

In accordance with Executive Proclamation JBE 2020-84, issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on June 25, 2020, this notice shall serve as a certification of the Shreveport City Council's inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law due to a lack of a quorum as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Pursuant to Section 2 of JBE 2020-84, the City Council of the City of Shreveport will provide for attendance at its next meeting, which is an essential governmental meeting, on July 14, 2020, via video/telephone conference.

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with Proclamation Number JBE 2020-84, the Shreveport City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 3:02 P.M. will be held via video/telephone conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in this Notice.

**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
*July 14, 2020***

The City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Vice Chairman Fuller at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020, via video/telephone conference.

Invocation was given by Councilman Nickelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bowman.

The roll was called. Present: Councilmen Tabatha Taylor, LeVette Fuller, John Nickelson, Grayson Boucher, James Green and Jerry Bowman. 6. Absent: Councilman James Flurry. 1

Motion by Councilman Boucher, seconded by Councilman Bowman, to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference and the Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION 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**

Councilwoman Taylor extended congratulations to the graduating Class of 2020.

Councilman Green asked Chief Raymond about the rules as it relates to wrecker services. Chief Raymond said he would get some information together and email it to him.

**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/announcements:

- Spoke about the state wide mask mandate issued by Governor Edwards.
- Asked the council to support Resolution No. 85 of 2020.

- Announced the City of Shreveport has been working with Caddo Parish Schools to help assist in the Class of 2020's graduation to be held at Independence Stadium next month.
- Asked everyone who still needs to complete the Census to visit <https://2020census.gov/> or call 844-330-2020.
- Recognized and thanked Micah Harrold of Red Handed Tattoo, for being featured in Reader's Digest and for being selected as one of the nicest place in Louisiana as well as his volunteerism in the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Invited Alex Washington to speak.
 - Alex Washington informed the council and the administration about a bar complaint that was resolved by the state bar in which his office was cited with a probationary period for accounting practices that started in 2017. Mr. Washington stated he wanted to be upfront and assured the council this had nothing to do with their practice of law at Washington and Wells.

REPORTS:

Property Standards Report (resolution. 7 of 2003)

Councilmen Boucher and Taylor thanked Terence Green with Property Standards, Gary Norman with Public Works, and their staff for their help within their districts.

Councilman Green requested the Public Safety committee to take fireworks under consideration at their next meeting.

Councilwoman Fuller asked Director Green for an update on Don's Seafood. Director Green said as of Monday, all contracts have been pulled and they were waiting on DEQ to give the okay to finish.

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report (resolution 114 of 2009)

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (resolution 238 of 2010)

Master Plan Committee Report (resolution 132 of 2012)

Budget to Actual Financial Report (resolution 183 of 2017)

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE.

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)

The following persons submitted comments electronically or by telephone which were read by Vice Chair Fuller during the meeting:

Mark Schlatter submitted comments in support of Resolution No. 83 of 2020 and general comments as it relates to Resolution No 79 of 2020.

mmodeusher@gmail.com submitted comments in support of Resolution No. 83 of 2020 and general comments as it relates to Ordinance No 90 of 2020, the Shreveport Police Department and justice for Wavey Austin, Anthony Childs and Tommy McGlothen.

Christopher Revis, Jade Kerouac, Vanessa Bennett, Danielle Richard, James Richard, Amealie Roberson, Bianca Riggs, Robert Trudeau, Joel Utley, Michael Willis, Althea Adams, Randal Ross, Logan Byrd, Chaquila Sanders, Lacey Stinson, Rachel Allen, Sicoria Mac, Crystal Davis, Dakota Ferry, Will James, Beverly Alston, Lauren Anderson, Lindsay Attaway, Ikron Alexander, Erin Berry, Hannah Lawless, Danny Martin, Rosie Beene., Chris Lyon, Brittany Turner, Marissa Brown, Katie Bickham, Clayton Bowers, Sharon Chatman, Laurel Connell, Charlie Maranto, Liz Mayo, Jason Middlebrook, Rita Nelson, Elton Frost, Chris Johnson, Jade Kerouac, Lindsey Jones, Latonya Kemp, Wade Lovelace, Chad Hauser, Alexandra Zepeda, John Loggins, Breka Peoples, Tommie McGlothen, Alan Dyson, Dazzmond Hill, Regan Bashara, We Hear You (petition including 350 signatures), Ourania Carmody, Kanya Ewer, Marvin Muhammad and Caitlin Douglas submitted comments in support of Resolution No. 83 of 2020.

Mark Henderson submitted comments in opposition to Resolution No. 83 of 2020.

C. Floyd submitted general comments as it relates to Resolution No. 83 of 2020.

Tonia Moore, Jewel Williams, Kanya Ewer, Katherine Bryant, Ashley Lyerly, April Abraham, Claudia Rodas, Sharon Penson, Ora Bedford, Ann Hollingsworth-Harrison, Jonathan Mitchell, Theresa Logan, Janie Hamilton-Phillips, Al Cummings, Albert Collins, Ashley Hebert, Dazzmond Hill, Dr. Burke Brooks, Chris Lyon, Mitzi LaSalle, Nikesha Tannehill Tyson and Edrina Smith submitted comments in opposition to Ordinance No. 72 of 2020.

Ron Bailey submitted comments in support of Ordinance No. 72 of 2020.

Chris Lyon submitted comments in support of Ordinance No. 82 of 2020

Tim Mallien requested assistance with getting a left turn arrow returned to Stratmore and Youree Drive and submitted general comments as it relates to Ordinance No. 90 of 2020.

Chris Lyon submitted comments in support of Ordinance No. 90 of 2020.

Detric Bell submitted general comments as it relates to the DDA

Gina Martinez submitted general comments as it relates to Mayor Perkins and the employees of the Shreveport Police Department.

Zaimick Milhouse submitted general comments as it relates to his business located in Shreveport.

Kalissia Lattier submitted general comments as it relates to changes for the community.

Miracle Johnson submitted general comments as it relates to COVID-19 and the impact on Louisiana and the residents as a whole.

Jake Brookshire submitted comments on the unity of citizens of Shreveport and how it coincides with public servants and elected officials.

CONFIRMATION AND APPOINTMENTS:

Environmental Court Hearing Officer - Shanerika Flemings

Councilwoman Fuller: I think this is a good time to say on the record that Ms. Flemings will be taking on these responsibilities within her current position. This is not an additional office holding and she will be maintaining her current salary not an additional salary.

Motion by Councilman Nickelson, seconded by Councilman Green, to confirm the executive appointment of Shanerika Flemings as Environmental Court Hearing Officer. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

Assistant City Attorney - Kristina Douglas

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Bowman, to confirm the executive appointment of Kristina Douglas as Assistant City Attorney. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

Assistant City Attorney - Stephanie N Stephens

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Bowman, to remove the executive appointment of Stephanie N. Stephens as Assistant City Attorney. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

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 Deputy Clerk read the following:

Resolution No. 66 of 2020: A resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for water supply and sewerage disposal between the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Pratt Paper, LLC, Pratt Recycling (LA), LLC and BFI Waste Services, LLC and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

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

RESOLUTION NO. 80 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, pursuant to regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Shreveport is required to submit an Annual Action Plan; and WHEREAS, the Annual Action Plan describes activities and programs that are aligned with the Strategic Plan, as outlined in the Consolidated Plan and outline proposed expenditures of the Community Planning and Development formula grant programs. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit the 2020 Annual Action Plan to HUD substantially in accordance with the attached draft which is filed for public inspection with the original of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on June 15, 2020. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute and submit any and all documents necessary for the submission of the 2020 Annual Action Plan. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any problems or items 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 Green, seconded by Councilman Nickelson, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 81 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORIC WADDELL A-TRUSS BRIDGE OVER CROSS BAYOU AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC CIVIL ENGINEERING LANDMARK AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is submitting an application to recognize the A-Truss Bridge over Cross Bayou and the design engineer, John Alexander Low Waddell, as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark; and WHEREAS, the A-Truss Bridge over Cross Bayou is owned by the City of Shreveport and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and WHEREAS, the Historic A-Truss Bridge over Cross Bayou represents the work of John Alexander Low Waddell. Dr. Waddell was one of the preeminent bridge engineers in the United States at the turn of the 20th Century. Dr. Waddell received a patent for his A-Truss bridge in 1894. The A-Truss Bridge over Cross Bayou was erected across Cross Bayou by the KCS Railway Company in 1926. The A-Truss Bridge is one of only two surviving examples of this bridge type in the country. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the A-Truss Bridge over Cross Bayou and the design engineer, John Alexander Low Waddell, be recognized for the significant contributions to the City of Shreveport and the railroad industry as a whole. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shreveport City Council approves the submission of an application to recognize the Historic Waddell A-Truss Bridge over Cross Bayou as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 82 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, PURCHASING AGENT TO REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION #8 BID IFB #20-007 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, four (4) bids were received as a result of solicitation for New Fire Station #8 (IFB-20-007); and

WHEREAS, all bids were over the project budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Shreveport City Charter Sec. 10.07, the Purchasing Agent may reject any and all bids and readvertise for bids with the approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Shreveport City Code Sec. 26-268 the City has adopted, by reference, portions of the Louisiana Public Bid Law (La. R.S. 38:2184 through 38:2316) for public works; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 38:2214 B, authorizes the City to reject any and all bids for “just cause;” and

WHEREAS, “just cause” under these facts and circumstances is authorized in La. R.S. 38:2214 B(2), whereby all bids were over the project budget; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council and Purchasing Agent, and/or his/her designee, that such action is being taken in the best interests of the City.

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

SECTION 1. The “whereas” clauses above are herein adopted as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Purchasing Agent, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized to reject all bid(s) received for IFB #20-007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport, or his/her 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 his/her designee, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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 this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

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 Councilwoman Fuller, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 83 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND/OR THE U.S.

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO OPEN A PATTERN OR PRACTICE INVESTIGATION OF THE SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILWOMAN LEVETTE FULLER

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport City Council has been recently faced with serious questions and concerns related to issues of accountability and lack of transparency for the actions of members of the Shreveport Police Department ("SPD"); and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2020 Mr. Tommie McGlothen, Jr. died while in the custody of the Shreveport Police Department; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2020 Mr. Wavey Austin died in SPD custody; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish District Attorney has stated publicly that there was a significant delay from the Shreveport Police Department in providing his office with their investigative files regarding the circumstances surrounding the deaths in police custody of Mr. Tommie McGlothen and Mr. Wavey Austin; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020 eight (8) officers of the Shreveport Police Department were indicted by a grand jury on felony charges of malfeasance in office; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 10, 2019, two (2) officers of the Shreveport Police Department were respectively indicted for malfeasance in office and simple battery; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Shreveport have continued concerns surrounding the apparent lack of transparency and accountability related to the February 5, 2019 death of Mr. Anthony Childs; and

WHEREAS, while all of the aforementioned incidents require fact-specific investigations, the apparent lack of transparency and accountability by the members of the Shreveport Police Department raise serious concerns about whether their policies, procedures and practices are in conflict with lawful and effective policing in accordance with the constitutional rights guaranteed to all persons; and

WHEREAS, these incidents have further weakened an already strained relationship between the Shreveport Police Department and the citizens of the City of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. 14141 ("Section 14141"), authorizes the United States Attorney General to conduct investigations to eliminate a "pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers ... that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States."; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division is suited to conduct a wholly independent, nonpartisan review and investigation of the policies, practices and procedures of the Shreveport Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that it hereby requests that the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division initiate a pattern or practice investigation into whether there are systematic violations of the Constitution or federal law by the Shreveport Police Department including but not limited to:

- (1) the SPD's use of force,
- (2) the SPD'S handling of investigations of all allegations of officer misconduct, and
- (3) the SPD's standards of training, equipment and supervision provided to its officers for the safe and effective performance of their duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision 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.

Councilwoman Taylor: I'd like to also let you know that I am in support of this legislation as well but I want to make sure that I just have a few of my comments into the record. The fact that I sit here today as a member of this city council is testament to the work of the USDOJ and essentially, prior to their intervention, there were no Black elected officials in Caddo parish since the abrupt and violent ending of the Reconstruction. This drought of representation did not end until 50 years ago in 1970 and without USDOJ intervention, black women would have never elevated to beyond menial positions within the Shreveport Police Dept. Amazingly, it took them until 1976 to get Shreveport to hire its first Black firefighter. It wasn't until 1981 that they convinced Shreveport to lead all of Louisiana by hiring the first woman to be a professional firefighter. The USDOJ's various lawsuits, consent decrees and enforcement actions have served to push us closer and collectively towards a more "Union" by attempting continually to make real our American ideals of God given equality and unalienable rights. But unfortunately, the USDOJ as currently configured, has walked away from its historic role of trying to ensure "justice for all." That thereby bring some of my concerns and reference to them because of that tenure of Jeff Sessions, and I think that some of you can agree with me and now William Barr, such is no longer the case and the last act of Attorney General Sessions was to eviscerate the very mechanism that an investigation such as called for by this resolution will be used to make and force changes needed to correct the unconstitutional practices and patterns of an offending law enforcement agencies. I believe there in your resolution Councilwoman Fuller that we speak to DOJ or US Attorney's office, especially since this is about chief law enforcement entity, but I do want to keep in mind that I do have concerns under this present administration. If there is going to be an investigation under this term or that is probably going to be maybe years from now but I support this calling, willing to work in whatever capacity that I can to see that these things are brought forth.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 84 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. CHARLEY M. LESTER JR. TO THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO DEDICATE THE 4300 BLOCK OF HAYWOOD PLACE IN HIS HONOR, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN JAMES GREEN

WHEREAS, Dr. Charley M. Lester Jr., was born on February 28, 1934, in Scottsville Texas to Charley and Edna Lester; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester was a graduate of Pemberton High School, Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, and Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he obtained his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester served his country as a member of the United States Air Force and was stationed at Croughton Air Force Base, in Bedfordshire, England, where he operated a dental clinic from 1962 to 1965; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 after completing his tour of duty in England, Dr. Lester returned to the Ark-La-Tex, and opened a dental practice in the Hollywood/Mooretown neighborhood in Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, also in 1965, Dr. Lester married Julie Boston Lester. They made their home in the Hollywood/Mooretown community where they raised their daughters, Kai and Charmel; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester took his civic responsibilities seriously. He served his community and the City of Shreveport in many ways, including the following: He was active in the Civil Rights Movement; in 1972, he was one of the first African Americans elected to the Caddo Parish Police Jury, now the

Caddo Parish Commission; he was a member of the Board of the Caddo Community Action Agency, and in 1979 he was an original appointee to the Board of Trustees of the Shreveport Home Mortgage Authority, where he served as president for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester also served the Mooretown Community and the City of Shreveport as a practicing dentist for more than 50 years, he also served the profession and enhanced the practice of dentistry as follows: He was the first African American appointed to serve as a member of the Louisiana Board of Dental Examiners; he was an active member of the State and National African American Dental associations and the American Dental Association, and because of his many years of service to his profession he received the Louisiana Dental Association Distinguished Service Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 63 of 2003, this Council recognized Dr. Lester as an exemplary and model citizen for his lifetime of service to the citizens of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester died on June 20, 2020, and it is therefore fitting and necessary to recognize and remember his lifetime of service to this community.

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 Dr. Charley M. Lester Jr., for his many contribution and years of service to the City of Shreveport, the State of Louisiana and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in recognition of his civic and professional services, the Shreveport City Council authorizes the Mayor to dedicate the 4300 block of Haywood Place in honor of Dr. Charley M. Lester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Resolution No. 156 of 2019, the dedication marker should be approximately 9 inches tall and 42 inches wide and should be placed on an existing standard or street sign if the placement is authorized by the Traffic Engineering.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO (July 28, 2020)
(Motion and second is sufficient to introduce resolutions)**

The Deputy Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 85 of 2020:** A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of smart thermometers to the City of Shreveport from Kinsa, Inc. to be used in Shreveport, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 86 of 2020:** A resolution accepting a donation valued at \$11,044.50 from the Faith Fight Finish Foundation to the Shreveport Fire Department and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 87 of 2020:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a monetary donation of \$101,100.00 from Concerned Business People of Shreveport to the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, to be utilized by the Shreveport Police Department and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Resolution No. 88 of 2020:** A resolution a request to be made to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board, to seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease involving the property located in Districts A, F and G and described herein and to execute the lease for certain mineral interests owned by the City of Shreveport; and to authorize the mayor to execute any and all documents related to the intent of this Resolution; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. A/Taylor, F/Green and G/Bowman)

5. **Resolution No. 89 of 2020:** A resolution stating the City of Shreveport's Endorsement of Studio Network – Shreveport I, LLC to Participate in the Benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. .
6. **Resolution No. 90 of 2020:** A resolution making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval of the incurring of debt and issuance by the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana of not to exceed Thirty Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) revenue bonds, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Nickelson, to introduce Resolution No(s). 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90 of 2020 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (*NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO (July 28, 2020)*)
(Motion and second is sufficient to introduce ordinances)**

The Deputy Clerk read the following:

Ordinance No. 78 of 2020: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 69 of 2020 which amended the 2020 General Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Ordinance No. 84 of 2020: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 47 of 2020 which amended the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, 2020 Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to remove Ordinance 78 and Ordinance No. 84 of 2020 from the agenda. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

1. **Ordinance No. 75 of 2020:** An ordinance amending the 2020 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
2. **Ordinance No. 76 of 2020:** An Ordinance amending the 2020 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 77 of 2020:** An Ordinance amending the 2020 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 79 of 2020:** An Ordinance amending the 2020 Capital Projects Fund Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
5. **Ordinance No. 80 of 2020:** An ordinance amending the 2020 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (*Fire Dept*)
6. **Ordinance No. 81 of 2020:** An ordinance to add a new Section 50-135.3 to Chapter 50, Article II, Division 5 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances relative to reporting lost and stolen firearms and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (C/Nickelson)
7. **Ordinance No. 82 of 2020:** An Ordinance to place a moratorium on the issuance of any occupational licenses and certificates of occupancy for pay day agencies, title loan agencies, other than renewals, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
8. **Ordinance No. 83 of 2020:** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease of City-owned property located at 1126 Texas Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71101, in Caddo Parish, to Man in Black, LLC. for improvements to the subject property including creation of an entrepreneurial space and additional public parking for purposes which benefit the public and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

9. **Ordinance No. 85 of 2020**: A series ordinance pursuant to the general bond ordinance, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) of taxable water and sewer revenue refunding bonds, in one or more series, of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana; establishing certain details of such bonds as required by the general bond ordinance; approving and confirming the sale of such bonds; pledging the net revenues of the system to secure such bonds; prescribing the form, certain terms and conditions of said bonds; and otherwise providing with respect thereto
10. **Ordinance No. 86 of 2020**: An ordinance amending various articles and sections in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
11. **Ordinance No. 87 of 2020**: An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City Of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the east side of Clyde Fant Parkway at the intersection of East Preston Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., from R-E, Residential Estate District to C-3, General Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
12. **Ordinance No. 88 of 2020**: An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City Of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the west side of Clyde Fant Service Road at the intersection of Knight Street, from OS, Open Space District to R-3, Multi-Family Residential District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
13. **Ordinance No. 89 of 2020: Zoning Case No. 20-62-C**: An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City Of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the west side of the Hutchinson Street and Meadow Lane Intersection, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA., from R-1-7, Single-Family Residential District To C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Bowman, to introduce Ordinance No(s). 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88 and 89 of 2020 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

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

The Deputy Clerk read the following:

1. **Ordinance No. 90 of 2020**: An emergency ordinance to require individuals to wear personal protective masks or face coverings during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency while in public, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on July 14, 2020, 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 adopt.

After brief discussion the council with a unanimous consent agreed to move Ordinance No. 90 of 2020 until the end of the meeting.

2. **Ordinance No. 72 of 2020**: An ordinance to amend Chapter 50, Article V of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of Ordinances regarding the effective date of the Smokefree Air Act, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)

Having passed first reading on June 23, 2020, 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 Councilwoman Taylor, to adopt.

The Deputy Clerk read the following:

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 72 OF 2020: By: Councilman Jerry Bowman, Jr.
AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS: Delete and remove from the files the original proposed Ordinance No. 72 of 2020 and substitute the attached Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2020.

EXPLANATION OF THE AMENDMENT: This amendment clarifies that only gaming floors within Gambling facilities will be subject to the delayed effective date.

Motion by Councilman Bowman, seconded by Councilwoman Fuller, to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 72 of 2020. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

Motion by Councilman Green seconded by Councilman Bowman, to adopt Ordinance No. 72 of 2020 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 4. Nays: Councilmen Fuller and Nickelson. 2. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

- 3. Ordinance No. 53 of 2020: ZONING: CASE NO. 20-46-C: An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City Of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the northeast corner of Line Avenue and Montrose Drive from R-1-7, Single Family Residential District to C-UC, Urban Corridor Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (C/Nickelson)**

Having passed first reading on May 26, 2020, 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 Councilman Green, to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

- 4. Ordinance No. 54 of 2020: ZONING CASE NO. 20-3-C: An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City Of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the south side of North Market Street, approximately five hundred and thirty feet southeast of Devereaux Road, from R-1-Single-Family Residential District to R-3, Multi-Family District, and C-2, Corridor Commercial District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (A/Taylor)**

Having passed first reading on May 26, 2020, was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Green, to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

- 5. Ordinance No. 73 of 2020: Zoning: Case No. 20-55-C: An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City Of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the north corner of Sprague Street And Christian Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, La., from R-UC, Urban Core Residential District to D-1-RMU, Downtown Residential Mixed-Use Sub-**

District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (B/Fuller)

Having passed first reading on June 23, 2020, 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 Councilwoman Fuller, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

6. **Ordinance No. 74 of 2020: ZONING: CASE NO. 20-56-C:** An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City Of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the north corner of Travis Street and Schumpert Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, La., from R-UC, Urban Core Residential District to D-1-RMU, Downtown Residential Mixed-Use Sub-District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (B/Fuller)

Having passed first reading on June 23, 2020, 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 Councilwoman Fuller, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

Ordinance No. 90 of 2020: An emergency ordinance to require individuals to wear personal protective masks or face coverings during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency while in public, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

The Deputy Clerk read the following:

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 90 OF 2020: By: Councilman Jerry Bowman, Jr.
AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS: Delete and remove from the files the original proposed Ordinance No. 90 of 2020 and substitute the attached **Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 90 of 2020.**

EXPLANATION OF THE AMENDMENT: This Amendment mirrors the Governor of Louisiana's Proclamation 89 JBE 2020 and sets the penalty for violation at \$50.00.

Motion by Councilman Nickelson, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 90 of 2020. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

Motion by Councilman Green seconded by Councilman Bowman, to adopt Ordinance No. 90 of 2020 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Taylor, Fuller, Nickelson, Boucher, Green and Bowman. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman Flurry. 1. Abstentions: 0.

Ordinances that were adopted, except ordinances that will be published in the Shreveport Code Ordinances, including the Shreveport Unified Development Code, are as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 90 OF 2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WHILE IN PUBLIC, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT

THERETO

BY COUNCILMAN: JERRY BOWMAN

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has the authority to preserve public peace, safety, morals, health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Shreveport City Charter, Section 2.04(a) and (c) the City of Shreveport has the authority to “enact and enforce all necessary ordinances and regulations pertaining to public peace, safety, morals, health and welfare” and “take all actions necessary, requisite and proper to protect life and property in the event of an emergency”; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards declared a Public Health Emergency in response to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020, which was last extended on June 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation 89 JBE 2020 on July 11, 2020 requiring masks to be worn in public; and

WHEREAS, Vice President Mike Pence and Surgeon General Jerome Adams have urged all Americans to wear masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused the deaths of more than 3,380 people in the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Shreveport to preserve the public peace, safety, morals, health and welfare and take all actions necessary, requisite and proper to protect life during this COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has experienced alarming spikes in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, information and data from medical professionals indicates that COVID-19 is more likely to be spread from individual to individual through close contact indoors and particularly through mass gatherings where people do not practice social distancing or wear personal protective masks or face coverings over the nose and mouth; and

WHEREAS, infected persons can transmit COVID-19 to others before showing any symptoms, and widespread and consistent use of personal protective masks or face coverings over the nose and mouth when in public is a critical and necessary measure to help slow the virus while allowing local businesses to continue to reopen and help the City of Shreveport economy reopen; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 between individuals is greatly reduced through the wearing of personal protective masks or face coverings while indoors; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Shreveport City Charter, Section 4.19, due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the City Council has determined it is necessary to enact this Emergency Ordinance requiring the use of personal protective masks or face coverings in order to preserve public peace, safety, morals, health and welfare and to protect life during this COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in accordance with Shreveport City Charter, Section 2.04(a) and (c), does hereby, in order to preserve public peace, safety, morals, health and welfare and to protect life during this COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, adopt the following provisions:

Section 1: In response to Proclamation 89 JBE 2020 issued by the Governor of Louisiana, John Bel Edwards, on July 11, 2020, within the City of Shreveport, personal protective masks or facial coverings must be worn and cover your nose and mouth in accordance with Proclamation 89 JBE 2020.

Section 2: In accordance with Proclamation 89 JBE 2020, certain individuals are exempt from wearing a mask or facial covering as outlined in the Proclamation.

Section 3: Proclamation 89 JBE 2020, Section 4 (A-C, E, and F) is hereby incorporated into this Emergency Ordinance in full.

Section 4: Businesses must require all customers, clients, and visitors to wear personal protective masks or face coverings in accordance with 89 JBE 2020.

Section 5: A violation of this Emergency Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor offense subject to a penalty of \$50.00 for a first offense and all subsequent offenses. No person shall be arrested or taken into

custody for a violation of this Emergency Ordinance.

Section 6: The provisions established herein shall become effective immediately and shall remain in place for the duration of Proclamation 89 JBE 2020.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this is an emergency ordinance in accordance with Shreveport City Charter, Section 4.19 in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Emergency Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Emergency Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Emergency 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 Emergency Ordinance shall become effective *immediately* in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.19.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 73 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH CORNER OF SPRAGUE STREET AND CHRISTIAN STREET, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-UC, URBAN CORE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO D-1-RMU, DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE SUB-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 north corner of Sprague Street and Christian Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described below: be and the same is hereby changed **from R-UC, Urban Core Residential District to D-1-RMU, Downtown Residential Mixed-Use Sub-District:**

Lots 11 and 12, Ten Acre Lot 19 of the City of Shreveport, as recorded in Book L, Page 362, Conveyance Records, Section 37, T18N, R14W, 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. 74 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH CORNER OF TRAVIS STREET AND SCHUMPERT STREET, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LA., FROM R-UC, URBAN CORE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO D-1-RMU, DOWNTOWN RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE SUB-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 north corner of Travis Street and Schumpert Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, legally described

below: be and the same is hereby changed **from R-UC, Urban Core Residential District to D-1-RMU, Downtown Residential Mixed-Use Sub-District:**

Lots 8-21, Schumpert's Subdivision of Ten Acre Lot No. 23 of the City of Shreveport, as recorded in Book 26, Page 359, Conveyance Records, Section, 37, T18N, R14W, 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

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 1) **ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2020:** An ordinance to revise Chapter 78 Article IV "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places -- Construction, Excavations" of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances, relative to construction, excavations, and bores in the city public right-of-way, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 2) **ORDINANCE NO. 161 OF 2019:** An ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Article IV, Division 2, Section 10-175 of the Code of Ordinances regarding hours of operation for retail dealer of alcohol – non-downtown zoning districts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (*Tabled on January 28, 2020*) (C/Nickelson)
- 3) **ORDINANCE NO. 162 OF 2019:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Article II, Division 4, Section 10-82 of the Code of Ordinances regarding sales of alcohol near homes, schools, churches, etc., and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

APPEALS

PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS: NONE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE APPEALS: NONE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZBA APPEALS: NONE

OTHER APPEALS

SOB APPEALS: NONE.

TAXI APPEALS: NONE.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

CLERK'S REPORT: NONE.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS:

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

Mayor Perkins: Thank you all, council members for your very spirited and civil debate today and I want to thank you all for your leadership in the community. Right now my greatest priority is trying to keep the people of Shreveport safe and I couldn't do that without your voices echoing that same message. We have a deadly, deadly virus on the loose in our community and there is no way we can get through this without working together. So, I just want to commend everybody for bringing that spirit to today's council meeting and I assure you and our citizens, the front line healthcare workers, the front line public service out there, our employees, teachers, students, everybody in our community are quite happy with it. So, thank you so much for all that you have done. I'm grateful.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Bowman: I did want to say, again, I appreciate everyone's consideration today. I know

it has been somewhat, some hard decision that had to be made, but that's what we are here for. I do also want to say also that Mayor Perkins did speak of his priority, what was to keep the citizens of Shreveport safe. I do want to keep that in mind and go on the record and say that safe from the pandemic and also safe as a city from other alignments that we have. Whether that's someone shooting, whether that's officers not doing what they are supposed to do and causing some kind of harm or death upon citizens. We need to make sure that we are doing all that we can, you know, I think Chief Raymond is still on, I have been to several different meetings in the past two weeks and at the end of each meeting, four meetings to be exact, and at the end of each meeting it was brought up, why not call for a vote of no confidence in Chief Ben Raymond. I had my part of putting Chief Raymond here hoping that he was in this seat, because I have great thoughts and beliefs that you would do what we asked of you to do and I am still hoping that is the case but, I am being pushed and pulled by many constituents that are asking for a vote of no confidence. I don't want to do that. I don't want to vote on that. I had to get that elephant out here because I know it's in the room, I know I heard Councilwoman Fuller earlier speak on, she said it was a culture. Am I correct Councilwoman Fuller?

Councilwoman Fuller: Yes.

Councilman Bowman: And I do believe that it is some kind of culture there, but when we go that route, we are still being hit with, well that starts at the head. Well, I understand that things happen beyond your control Chief, I get that. Somehow, some way the perception and I have been ranting on this for three years about perception, but we have to do something to get that perception out of the heads of our citizens. They are fearful and I too, can stand alone with them and be fearful on some instances with that and I will leave it there for today and whatever happens tomorrow is different and I do want to echo on the – Chief Raymond, if you had some comments that's fine, but I did want to say Councilman Boucher you spoke about we have to do something about the jobs, you know, things of that nature. I know that we have pushed and Mayor you ran on, you know, getting some jobs here and I know this pandemic has held us up on something but I hope there will be some kind of change and updates from you and your office and our economic development person. We need to get some kind of review or report from him from what he has been doing as far as getting some jobs here and if we need to turn the fire up under him and do something different and I'm going to leave it at that. Chief Raymond, did you have something?

Chief Raymond: No sir, councilman, I don't have any comments at this time, thank you.

Councilwoman Fuller asked Councilman Green to close the meeting by offering a word of prayer for Councilman Flurry, which he did.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the council, the city council meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

LeVette Fuller, Vice Chairman

Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council