Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana *May 27, 2008*

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Joe Shyne at 3:04 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2008, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Pastor McClain. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Webb.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Lester, Walford (Arrived at 3:12 p.m.), Long (Arrived at 3:09 p.m.), Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman, 7. Absent: None.

Motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Bowman</u> to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference, Monday, May 12, 2008 and Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 5. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilmen Walford, and Long. 2.

Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, and Communications of the Mayor which are required by law.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, we're at your disposal.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Chairman Shyne, members of the Council. I want to have several communications today that we want to present. But since we always know that youth should be served, we're going to start with the young folks of University Christian Preparatory School, and they also may be the loudest, I figured we might as well go ahead and issue the warning for folks who are here who may be a little sound and noise sensitive, you may want to step out into the anti-room area, or be prepared to place your fingers over your ears. But these young people you see sitting here before you today with the navy blue University Christian Prep T-Shirt on, are part of the national award winning drumline, War and Thunder. Now we know that the Chancellor of University Christian Prep is my good friend and yours, Bishop Larry L. Brandon. And the drumline is under the direction of Mr. Isaac Brooks. And last year in Dallas, TX, these young individual representing the State of Louisiana and University Christian Prep drumline entered into a round of tough competition and emerged as the winners of the National Competition. Beating thousands of drumline entries from across the country. So, how can you do better than a national win? Well, this month in Orlando, FL, they topped that. Again, representing the state, the University Christian Prep brought home the gold again. But this time their precision, their expertise and their passion separated them from the rest and they brought home the trophy and the title of 'Grand National Champions.' The drumline is made up of outstanding and committed young men and women ranging from grades 3rd through 12th. They see themselves as role models for the youngsters and

ambassadors for their school and this city. They've set the bar and we are so proud of them. And proud to have them here this afternoon. Ladies and gentlemen, join me in recognizing the National and Grand National Winning drumline "War and Thunder."

Councilman Shyne: WAR and THUNDER! Alright.

Mayor Glover: At this time Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, I'm going to ask the members of War and Thunder come here before the Council's dais, and form a formation here in this semi-circle and share with us a little bit of what it is that allowed them to be able to be not only the "National," but the "Grand National Champions." So at this particular time, Mr. Brooks, we will turn ourselves over to your hands.

Performance by University Christian Preparatory Drumline

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Brooks. Mr. Brooks, Bishop Brandon, at this point and time, would you all have any comments you'd like to share with the Council and the citizens of the City of Shreveport.

Rev. Brooks: To the City of Shreveport, we want to thank you for your support. I know that we are a school, but we are a little school with a big heart. And big things are to come. We expect bigger and better blessings here at University Christian Prep. Also, I would like to announce to the City of Shreveport those of you who are looking forward to being a part of a good drumline and a good part of a marching band, we ask that you would be a part of the University Christian Preparatory School. We welcome you at our school. Thank you.

Bishop Brandon: Thank you so much Brother Brooks. And of course to our Mayor and to our Chairman of our Council, Council Members, and to all of Shreveport, we're just excited about the University Christian Preparatory School and this drumline representing us on a national level, representing not only our school, but Shreveport, LA, and Louisiana at large. And recently, we had our High School graduation, the Class of '08, and our Mayor did an outstanding job as our Commencement Speaker. Let's put our hands together for our Mayor. He did an outstand job. And just grateful for the school, and thank you Council for your support. Of course, you have our prayers, and we certainly thank God for this opportunity. These young people are wonderful. And that's what we're doing. We're producing productive citizens, not counter productive citizens. But productive citizens, so we are changing a generation. Thank you so Mayor Glover. God bless you.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Brooks, I believe this large trophy we have here, would you hold that up please? I believe that's the Grand National Award if I'm not mistaken? While certainly we could not manage to compete with a Grand National Award, we did want to extend on behalf of the Shreveport Mayor's office, and all the City of Shreveport, an award to University Christian Prep, this Mayor's Award of Music Excellence, presented to the University Christian Prep drumline in recognition for winning both the National and Grand National Drumline Awards. And if you will help me Rev. Brooks, we have an award that we want to extend to each member individually. First starting off with you, Rev. Isaac Brooks, Director, University Christian Prep Drumline, Lendsey Alexander, Shontravious Tray Ashley, Ramel Bell, Justin Fields, Allen Harris, Akita Myers, Adrian Prior, Lin Rivers, Schuyler Robinson, Antonio Smart, Charles Turner,

Chelsea Turner, Matthew Walpool, Edgar Washington, Mackenzie Blue Whitaker. We will send these two home by you Mr. Brooks. Thank you all so much. And Rev. Brooks, is it possible for you to collect those certificates up front and have them play for us as you all march out the door?

Rev. Brooks: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I had to push back a little bit, because I didn't want the vibrations to impact my pacemaker.

Mayor Glover: We understand.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Mayor, I don't know about you. I'm getting nostalgic. Usually when they finish with that, it's time to go strap up and hit somebody. To resist the urge to go flying into Michael Long here.

Councilman Shyne: I'd love to see that. I might even pay to see that Calvin.

Councilman Long: Ah, go on.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Lester, I understand exactly what you mean. To hear a bass drum like that and a snare to go along with it, makes you think of a pep rally in somebody's gymnasium.

Councilman Lester: There, you go, there you go.

Mayor Glover: On a Friday afternoon. Councilman Lester: Time to get after it!

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, the next honor to present to you, the 2008 version of the Mayor's Summer Intern Program. The Mayor's Summer Internship Program is a highly competitive Internship geared toward undergraduate and graduate students. This program offers students the opportunity to serve as summer interns in various city departments based upon their major and field of study. This year, the program will run from May 27^{th} – June 27^{th} for a total of five weeks. This is a paid internship requiring a commitment of 35 hours per week. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students will be required to submit weekly reports documenting their progress and their goals. In addition to their work here at City Hall and throughout the rest of the city installations, they will also be required to make a commitment of community service as well. As an intern, they will be required to complete 16 hours of community service. The Mayor's Summer Internship Program will be partnering with the Shreveport Green Initiative to fulfill this years community service requirement. Each intern will be required to complete a departmental project or assignment. This year, we have nine interns. At this particular point and time, I'm going to ask each of them to stand and to be recognized. We will start here from my left, your right, Ms. Brandi Andrews of Centenary College; Krystle Cato of Grambling State University; Sherika Clay of LSU, Shreveport; Stuart Creighton of Centenary College; Meaghan Davis of LSU Health Science Center in New Orleans; Stanisha Fowler of Northwestern; James Holt of Southern University; Emily Mourad of Tulane University; Angela Thomas of Brown University. Nine individuals represent this year's Mayoral Internship Program. Lady and Gentlemen of the Council, I want to thank you all for supporting this initiative. As I said last year when we started this effort, it is our intent to not just try and hold on to our potential leaders here in Shreveport, not just to attract leaders from other areas, but to also actively engage in the effort of growing and cultivating our own leaders. And it is my hope, my desire, that the experiences that these young folks will engage in over the coming five weeks will position them to be able to be a part of the leadership that Shreveport and Northwest Louisiana will need as we forge ahead into what is getting to be a brighter and brighter 21^{st} Century everyday. So join me again, in giving all nine of these interns a round of applause. I want to also in particular want to thank Chloe Haygood and Gwen Campbell for their work in helping to facilitate this year's Summer Internship Program. You have to have been in Las Vegas probably for the last several weeks to have not heard here in Shreveport about the phenomenon that is quickly coursing around Shreveport, Bossier, Desoto, Northwest Louisiana known as the 'Haynesville Shale'. I'm still asking the question as to how it didn't end up becoming the Shreveport Shale, but that's a question left for another day.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, not to cut you off, but you remember seems like, the other Mayor that was sitting over there, might have been from Haynesville. You think he might have had something to do with that?

Mayor Glover: I'm not sure. That might be. You put me on a different line. Mr. Shyne, you give me something else to think about.

Councilman Long: And Mr. Mayor, also in E. Texas, they call that same zone, the Bossier Shale.

Mayor Glover: Then I guess Haynesville, it shall be. But nevertheless, there's been quite a bit of attention over the last several months about the Haynesville Shale plate and all the potential implications that go along with that. There are certainly lots of rumors. Some true, coursing back and forth in an effort to best try and position the City of Shreveport to be in the posture of maximizing the opportunity that's before us, while at the same time empowering the people of this city, throughout this area with good accurate objective bias free information, I decided one of the best things I could do as Mayor would be to reach out to one of my fellow Mayors who has dealt with and experienced a similar set of circumstances within his own city. And to that end, I called Mayor Mike Moncrief of the City of Fort Worth and asked if he would make some time available for both me and members of my staff to come over and meet with him about their experiences with the Barnett Shale, a natural gas plate that has produced significant opportunity throughout the Ft. Worth area. And they were more than willing to and in fact on I guess 2 weeks ago, the day following our last Council Meeting, I and other members of the staff, including Tom Dark, Terri Scott and Dale Sibley journeyed over to Ft. Worth at the beginning of what turned out to be the largest rainfall in Shreveport in about 75 years, but on last Wednesday, or Wednesday before last, we had a chance to spend several hours speaking with Mayor Moncrief about their experiences there in the Ft. Worth, got a substantial amount of advice and input from them, and essentially I told them that what we're trying to do is to put ourselves in a position to replicate the success that they've experienced there, while at the same time avoiding any of the mistakes that they may have had over there, as well. And so we are in the process right now of coming up with a specific set of recommendations that we want to make to the people of Shreveport in general. There are some conversations that we want to have with you all as a Council, but before we went any further, I thought it would be appropriate to stop and simply share five or six observations that we came away with in our meeting with the folks over in Ft. Worth. 1) Education and information without question, are very key as people move through this process. The discovery of the Haynesville Shale has led to a frenzy of activity by property owners, lease brokers and other persons intending to cash in on this discovery. As with most things, the better informed, the people of Shreveport,

Northwest Louisiana are, the better they'll be able to understand how to proceed effectively with lease negotiations. How to understand and respond to the drilling process and possible royalty payments and help them do better in addressing all those particular issues. We are encouraging individuals out there to do your homework, talk to your friends, your neighbors, your lawyer and other professionals who can give you good unbiased advice and information on lease negotiations. If you are a part of a group or an organization, designation one, perhaps two knowledgeable persons from the group to negotiate the lease on behalf of the group or the organization. 2) Do not rush to agree to the offer, again, do not rush to agree to the offer. Again, you are not obligated to agree to any of the first offers, or the second offer that is made to you in leasing your mineral rights. Do not hesitate to aggressively with the company. Again, do your homework before you sign the lease. See what has been offered to other property owners in your area with comparable amounts of property. 3) Ask to review a copy of the lease at your leisure before signing it. Anybody who shows up at your door, and tells you that they have money in hand for you and you need to sign this particular document immediately, otherwise the offer will go away is someone to avoid. Review it at your leisure, and make sure you have an attorney review it as well. 4) Get it in writing, despite the promises and assurances that may be verbally made to you during the negotiation process, make sure that the promises, conditions and assurances are committed to writing in the lease. Get it in writing. It does not matter what anyone says what they will do. If it is not part of your lease agreement, then it may as well not exist. So any promises, conditions, or assurances that are made, they need to be in writing. 5) And this is one that is particularly problematic. Owning the property that you have does not necessarily mean that you own the mineral rights. Owning your property, your surface property does not mean that you own the mineral rights. Owning a piece of property does not necessarily mean that you own the mineral rights. Review your deed to determine if you own mineral rights to the property. In some cases, you may have to review the deeds from previous owners of the property to determine if you in fact own the mineral rights. The Caddo Parish Clerk of Court may be able to provide assistance to you in finding the deeds from the previous property owners. And lastly, 6) Many have asked with the City represent me in negotiating any lease. And the answer to that question is no. The City cannot represent you in negotiating a lease, but stands ready to identify resources and provide information that will be useful to you in this process. Now, these six items represent just an initial response to this overall situation. Within the coming week, we look forward to scheduling a series of public meetings throughout the area where we will provide access to additional professionals and experts in this field, we have at least one on the City Council whose advice could end up being invaluable to individuals as they seek to find out exactly what to do. But what we ultimately we want to put to the people of Shreveport and the surrounding area in a position of is to be empowered. To be able to have full range of knowledge necessary in order to be able to make an informed, and an intelligent decision. We also want to put on notice any of those individuals out there, who may be at this point going forward, because there may be some instances where it already has occurred. But from this point going forward, if you have the intention of trying to take advantage of any of the citizens of this city or throughout this area, then we will look to try and shed as much light as possible so that people will know exactly what their rights are, what this opportunity represents to them, and how best to position

themselves in order to be able to advance the interest of themselves as individuals and their families collectively. So look to hear more and again, we look forward to sharing more and speaking more with you on the Council, and with citizens across this area in the coming days, weeks, and months with regards to the Haynesville Shale. Having said that Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Council, thank you for your time, and we look forward to the rest of the meeting.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, thank you for bringing that valuable information back to us because there are a lot of people who are hoping and praying that this Haynesville Shale will be a blessing sent by God to them. And Bishop, I know you know what I'm talking about. When you get those blessings from God. And so, you know I know there are a lot of people who are waiting for those public meetings, and it was very wise on your part because I don't know, you might have made a mistake if you had carried ah - - - I'm just kinda pointing over here, somebody with you, but I think the people you carried with you were very competent people, and I think the City will be waiting to hear. Because this could be a tremendous windfall for individuals here in the city, for the city, for this area, and for the state. Because a lot of that is taxed and it goes to the state. So, I applaud you for doing what you did.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I want to add, that it has the potential to be a tremendous windfall both for (inaudible) and individuals at the same time, and also presents it own set of unique challenges as well. One of the things that – the thing that Mayor Moncrief said to me that above all else, from today's meeting, remember this. As Mayor, you and the rest of your city have to be viewed as independent objective arbiters in this situation. That you cannot be perceived or in actuality to have in any way your ability to be able to broker as best you can fair deals from everyone, compromised. And so we remember that first and foremost. Also urged me to remember that in addition to the great opportunity that comes with this, there is also the actual process of extracting this natural gas from underneath our region as well. And with that the need to drill. And unfortunately, one of the things that we do not have the wherewithal here in the City of Shreveport or in the State of Louisiana, is the regulatory authority over much of the drilling process. And so one of the things that we have spent the last several weeks researching exactly to what extent here at the local level, we can help to influence and direct exactly how this drilling activity will take place. Where and under what circumstances. In Forth Worth, there is an actual permitting process, that the City itself is empowered to be able to go through that actually says, that here is where you will drill and here is where you will not. As we learned from down in South Louisiana over this past holiday season and just down the road in Frierson, with the gas well find there, local government is not as empowered here in the State of Louisiana. That's something that in fact we have been trying to figure out how to possibly better position ourselves to be able to control and direct these things. In addition to that, there is the presence of the drilling stations themselves, the compressing of this natural that has to take place, the piping of it to various locations. The trucks that carry the implements of the drilling process back and forth. So there is a full range of issues that will come before those of us here at the local level that we'll have to be prepared to address and hopefully control and direct as we look to maximize our opportunity while at the same time minimizing the harm and the impact on our citizens and our neighborhoods. Thank you all and we look forward to working with you as we go forward.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, one question for him. Mr. Mayor, were you and your Administration successful trying to reach Melvin Sewell?

Mayor Glover: Thank you for reminding me of that, and thank you for sending that communication out. No, we have tried desperately to arrange for Mr. Sewell and to give you all a quick background in terms of what Council Member Bowman is referring to I believe it was Sunday's paper?

Councilwoman Bowman: Saturday's paper.

Mayor Glover; Saturday's paper. A young man was featured, that was just simply was one of the most inspirational stories I have ever read anywhere. And to know that this particular saga has been played out here within the City of Shreveport, and to only find out about it, via Saturday's paper is just utterly amazing. Mr. Melvin Sewell who happens to be a 2008 graduate of my alma mater, Caddo Magnet High School, is a young man who has just gone through so much in such an early point in his life. As I recollect, he essentially has lived on his own at the Salvation Army Men's Dormitory since the last three to four years, I believe it is. And despite that fact, he has continued to be a student at the Caddo Magnet High School, and not just an average student, but an outstanding student who dealt, on a daily basis, with a set of circumstances Mr. Chairman, that apparently not even his classmates and many of his teachers were aware of. Didn't complain, didn't bellyache, just simply took what he had, saw that as a blessing and moved forward with it. And so despite being homeless for much of his high school career, apparently some of his time while he was in middle school, and having no parents as I understand correctly, and limited other family support, this young man still managed to press forward, so much so, that he graduated from Caddo Magnet, did so with an outstanding grade point average, and has been fully scholarshiped to Louisiana Tech University. Over this past weekend, we spent a considerable amount of time trying to reach out to him, because we wanted him to be here at this Council Meeting today to be honored. However, just to indicated just how focused and how committed he is towards achieving his educational goals, today is the first day of Summer School at Louisiana Tech University, and so Mr. Sewell is in Ruston, safely (inaudible) in his dormitory and already attending the first day of classes at Louisiana Tech, where he is a pre-med major and intends to become a medical doctor. And so, we --- while we certainly want to be in a position to honor and recognize Mr. Sewell today, for all that he has accomplished and all that we know that he will accomplish, he has gone about the business of getting his education and becoming Dr. Sewell. But now we look forward to having an opportunity at some point when he is on a break between quarters and it coincides with one of our council meetings, and we can bring him here to these Chambers and let him know just how much we honor and appreciate the kind of example that he has set, not only for his classmates, but for those of us who are adults as well, and young people and everywhere across this city and across this country. And so we send in his absence kudos out to Mr. Sewell, and we are in fact, we were looking Council Member Bowman for some way and manner in which to be able to recognize Mr. Sewell as well as to encourage him, and as some of you all may remember on last year, the Mayor's office, we presented three young people from Caddo Parish School System, with laptop computers, because they had achieved perfect attendance from 1st Grade all the way to 12th Grade. Unfortunately this year, no one had perfect attendance. And so we did not

have anyone to make those presentations to. Also unfortunately, Mr. Sewell already has been given the gift of a laptop computer. However, we are at this point trying to find out if there are any other things that he needs sine he's been given a full scholarship, he has a laptop computer, I think he's gotten some other monies and what have you for other necessities, books and whatever. But we're looking to see what it is that we can do to be able to assist Mr. Sewell, as he goes through his matriculating at Louisiana Tech, and once we make that determination, we'll communicate that back to you and the rest of the Council, and we'll look to see if we can't step forward and give him a helping hand. But he is obviously someone who has proven without question, he doesn't look to wait for anybody to help him. He picks himself up by whatever bootstrap the good Lord has left him, and he moves on with his life. And so we're very proud, very honored and a great, great account for all of Shreveport.

Councilwoman Bowman: I want to just hug his neck.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. And I want to express to Brandy McNeil and the folks over at Volunteers of America, that she was quoted in the article as well. Kudos for the great work that they've done in helping this young man. And quietly allowing him to go about doing what he's done and amazingly not making any case about it until everything's been completed. He's out of high school, on his way to school and ready to move forward with the rest of his life. Thank you again Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council.

Councilman Shyne: Communications from the Council? Before we go to that, Mr. Mayor, I see some young people back in the audience. Are you all here as a special guest to someone? Or is there a spokesperson for the group? Don't be bashful now, you might get a Mayor's Award. Come up, if you're from Newton Smith, come on down. Mr. Mayor, excuse me. If you're from Newton Smith, because we've been hearing some good things about Newton Smith. Come on up. As a matter of fact, if it wasn't on the Cooper Road, I'd take it and put it in the heart of Mooretown. So now - - -

Ms. Smith: Good afternoon, my name is Deborah Smith, and we're from New Smith Elementary, we're a 5th Grade Class and we were here on a field trip sponsored by the Martin Luther King. Jr. Neighborhood Association. And we just brought a few of our 5th Grade kids to come and experience what it's really like to be in a City Council Meeting.

Councilman Shyne: Would you have them to stand?

Ms. Smith: You all stand. And traveling with us, we also have Ms. Williams, and Ms. Tucker.

Councilman Shyne: Well Ms. Williams and Ms. Tucker, will you all stand? Alright. Let me ask you this. I've been hearing that you all have been doing extremely well on the LEAP Test?

Ms. Smith: Yes.

Councilman Shyne: You want to say a little something about that?

Ms. Smith: Well this year, well it was 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade. The results just came back and we went up in every area. In 4th Grade, 3rd Grade and 5th Grade, our test scores did go and we're proud of that.

Councilman Shyne: Now Mr. Mayor, I don't want you to hear this, but don't tell me something good can't come off the Cooper Road.

Ms. Smith: That's right. A whole lot of good things.

Councilman Shyne: Now I don't want you smiling behind that, but I'm extremely proud. It goes to show you what can be done, when people are focused when they work hard and they pray hard. And I spent a lot of years on the Cooper Road, when that young many there might have been barefooted sometimes, from time to time. So, I'm extremely proud and don't think the word hasn't gotten around about the good works that you all are doing at Newton Smith. So, just keep it up and take it back to the kids, and I don't know, he might be a graduate of Newton Smith if he wasn't, he was right down the road. So, Mayor, you want to say a word or two to our kinfolks?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, this is without question a very delightful surprise. Not only is Newton Smith located in the neighborhood where obviously I grew up. Not only am I the former President of the Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association, but my father's last teaching assignment was at Newton Smith Elementary School. And so without question, there is a very deep, long and abiding love and history between me and my family, and Newton Smith Elementary School. So, I'm very honored and proud to see these members of the 5th Grade Class here today. And at this point, I want to invite all of you all up here, if you can. Come on up here to the front.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, bring 'em on up.

Mayor Glover: In honor of you all being here today, we're going to make everyone who is here an Honorary Deputy Mayor. We're going to start here on the left. Here you go young man.

Councilman Shyne: Let him tell us his name Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Glover: Come on and enter your names into the records of the City of Shreveport.

They are: BriOcean Savannah; Tommy Sing; Monika Rhodes; Raven Robinson; Jaqorius Willis; Randy Robinson; Lakedrick Henderson; Latedrick Henderson;

Councilman Shyne: You kind of remind me of the Mayor when he was your age.

Natalie Buffin; Destiny Young; Rochelle Green; China Bates.

Mayor Glover: Thank you each and everyone of you. Appreciate you all for coming today, and for you all, we have Honorary Deputy Mayor Pins as well, but I think we need one more, so come on up and get yours.

Ms. Tucker: Good afternoon, my name is Alicia Tucker, I'm a parent professional for the 5^{th} Grade Class.

Ms. Williams: I'm Jackie Williams, I'm a 5th Grade teacher at this present time.

Ms. Smith: And I would also like to say that we're under the leadership of Tracy Harris, she's our Principal.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, it was worth having somebody from Newton Smith down here. I think Councilman Walford wants to say a word.

Councilman Walford: I taught Jr. Achievement at Newton Smith, and had a good time doing it.

Councilman Shyne: Councilwoman Bowman, I believe you have somebody that you would like to recognize?

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes, Cassandra Calloway with Shreveport Green, and she's going to give us a brief presentation and let us know about the Grant that she's received, and what she is going to do to help everyone of us in our district as far as litter cleanup.

Ms. Calloway: I want to start of by saying thank you so much Council Member Bowman for inviting me to speak to you all today. I just wanted to come here briefly and give you a little tidbit of what we're doing. It's rare that we get a chance to speak to you, and let you know what we're doing in your districts. So, thank you so much for inviting me. First, I want to say thank you Mayor Glover. Yes, I just love your spill about your new 'Green Initiative,' and I thank you for your passion about neighborhoods. You just don't know neighborhoods are dear to me, and what you're doing, we love it, and we're so appreciative of a Mayor that didn't just run his campaign on neighborhoods, he's actually doing something. So, I'm going to give you a handclap for that. Shreveport Green, kicked off the 1st of April, the Clean Community Challenge. And what that is, we're trying to get some personal responsibility back on the citizens' backs. We the Litter Index Survey every year in May, as a matter of fact, I'm doing it again this Thursday. We have volunteers that ride in the vehicles with us and we go around to all seven Council Districts. And we could be a lot cleaner. We've come a long way, but we still got a long way ago. I wrote this grant in January, hoping that we would get it just to do that. You drive around neighborhoods and the average citizen is doing their part. Keeping their property nice, keeping their premises clean, but we need to do a little bit more. You go to some neighborhoods, and they might have a street, just one street that's filthy with trash. And it's always near a convenience store. I did a little research, and we have some wonderful litter laws. We don't need to reinvent the wheel, we just need to enforce what we have. Shreveport Green works on the grassroots, we work from the ground up, with the citizens, with the moms, the dads that care. Who work hard, but who kinda throw their hands up and don't know what else to do because they're doing their part. So, we try to fill the gap. And I want to say it's a wonderful partnership working with you Mayor Glover, working with your 'Green Initiative.' He's taken a stand on trying to make neighborhoods clean and our efforts are strictly here to support you. I want to say thank you to Gwen Campbell, she's not here and to Chloe. They've been very instrumental in guiding us in what we need to do to make Shreveport more cleaner. I just want to give you a brief synopsis of what the Clean Community Challenge is. It's going to direct messages, publicity marketing to where it's needed most. To homeowners, renters, and to those small businesses that I spoke of earlier. We have a problem with litter, particularly near a convenience store/gas station. You can drive around town, and I'm not trying to give everybody a bad name. Some of them are trying and they're doing their part. But it's disheartening for us, for 15 years I've been with Shreveport Green. I've coordinated at least 45 neighbors to do cleanups a year. And it's disheartening, we're out picking up trash that you come across a business that serves packaged liquor, and food. And there's trash on the premises. That's makes our volunteers feel like, 'Well why am I doing this? The trash is coming right back'. We've done campaign after campaign with business owners to encourage them to keep their properties clean. And I can only beg so much. Now it's time to break out the big guns! We need some enforcement. And that's where Shreveport is lacking. We don't have any enforcement tools. We can only plead with people and show them how a clean

environment is a healthy and a safe environment, but at the end of the day, you still have that small percentage of persons who just don't get it. And that's why I'm here today. To implore you, to appeal to you, to have our litter laws enforced. Mayor, you spoke of the 'Broken Window' theory, and we love it. We taught it, we've been saying it for years. If you don't enforce the small things in neighborhoods, then they lead to the bigger things. I know we see litter, 'Oh, it's just trash.' But that's a symptom of something bigger. Would you let litter go unaddressed? Then the bigger crime starts. Any police officer will tell you that there is a relative or there is a relationship between neighborhoods that have high crime? They also have high litter. The cleanest neighborhoods have the lowest crime. Why is that? Because your average criminal does not want to be noticed. So he or she will fit in to the area where it's abandoned houses, trashy, windows going unattended to. They will congregate in those areas, because people just don't care, so we think. But at any rate, the clean community challenge is just like I said, it's putting personal responsibility back. I gave you a packet. In your leisure, please take a look at it. It gives you a synopsis of some of the things we're doing. Mayor Glover is assisting us with a Clean Community Litter Challenge Pledge, where I'll be going to schools and summer camps, getting young people to sign the pledges to make a commitment. Not to litter. To use their hands to improve their communities, and protect their environment. We feel, we've got to start young with young people. I was very pleased to see so many young people here today. And those are the young people I want to recruit. I just want you to see something else. We have T-Shirts that I brought for each one of you, and we want people to join the Green Team. The Green Team is simply this. You take care of your neighborhoods, your property and you're fighting against litter and any other type of things that will hinder our quality of life. We've helped so far with this project once we kicked it off in April, we've held about six neighborhood associations. Southern Hills, Queensborough Neighborhood Association. Highland just had a clean up this weekend. We've held Image Changers in MLK, West Peak Neighborhood Association, and we're just really glad that people are receiving this project in the way it was intended. Now where do you come in? We want you to talk it up at your churches. We really need young people the ages of 10-30 to get involved in this. We want to see lime green shirts all through Shreveport doing three things. Distributing door hangers to households. Telling people how to take care of their properties, and No. 1, not to litter. A big problem I'm noticing are people littering and throwing trash down their storm drains. It baffles me that people do that, and then were shocked when we get a real bad flood. And that's part of the reason. Another thing we're doing, we partnering with the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, and the African-American Chamber of Commerce. We're trying to reach businesses with our Clean and Attractive Business Guide. Everybody is going into business, but is there anybody teaching them how to operate? They look horrible, some of them. You drive around businesses, they have thousands of signs. I drive up to intersections, and I have to pull out in the road at the risk of getting hit, because the signs are illegally placed in the right of way. So, I'm just saying please get on board, we want cleaner neighborhoods. We deserve cleaner neighborhoods. But I don't want to give the impression that the City is going to do it, or Shreveport Green is going to do it. We're asking people to join us and roll up their sleeves, lets pick up the trash together, lets teach our kids not to litter in the first place. We don't want to put it down, then we don't have to pick it up. So we do

want to reduce litter in all of our neighborhoods. Some neighborhoods have more litter problems than others, and those are the neighborhoods we will be targeting. We're going straight to the source. To the business owners, the schools, the recreation centers, the churches, the homeowners, and the renters. And we want them to partner with us. We don't want to give the impression that we're going to be out there cleaning it up. They're going to work with us and clean it up. So, like I said, when you get a chance, please read your packet, and see what we're doing. And please join us. And if you have any suggestions on what we can do better, we welcome it. Because we don't pretend to know it all. But we just feel like it's time for our neighborhoods to look cleaner, and we all can do something about it.

Councilman Shyne: Cassandra, that's excellent, but before you go to your seat, I think we have something from Councilman Walford, and I just want to say these two things. Tom when she was talking about the 'Green Team,' now that was not a political team. See what I'm saying? And Mr. Mayor, you and Calvin don't have to smile about that. But the other thing, you know and I'm glad you mentioned something too. I would hope that you would look - - - I think it's the first block on Murvon Street off Broadway. It's right up above - - - it's about 15 feet above Jerry's Barber Shop. A lot of trash came up out of the drainage, and I'm afraid that - - - and it's not bagged. And I don't think our Public Works Department picks up trash if it's not bagged. And we really need to get somebody in there to bag it this week. Because if we don't, I'm afraid the next rain, it's going to go back off in the drainage ditch. And that's what caused a lot of flood waters in that area. So, if you can get somebody in there tomorrow. And Joyce, when you get home, tell Jerry, Cassandra will have somebody in there tomorrow or the next day to look at that. Because it's - - - you can't help but to see it, because it came up out of the drain. And that's another thing. That's why I say we need to look at people cutting yards and all and blowing trash off into the drainage system.

Ms. Calloway: And I want to say this to you Councilman. I'm in the process now of developing a door hanger that addresses just that. People - - - and I wish I could be on a megaphone and say this. When people are cutting their lawns, it baffles me that they will blow the clippings into the street. And I'm like, "Where do you think it's going to go?" Down your storm drain. So, that is illegal. Like I say, we have wonderful litter laws, but they just need to be enforced.

Councilman Shyne: They do, they do. Councilman Walford.

Councilman Walford: Cassandra, did I sense that for some reason, you don't like signs in the right of way. Do you know anybody else that doesn't like signs in the right of way?

Ms. Calloway: Well, I'll just tell you. They are just getting out of hand. The signs in the right of way,

Councilman Walford: You and I've had this conversation.

Ms. Calloway: Yes. You risk getting hit, trying to see the oncoming traffic. I mean we are plagued. I call it visual pollution. Signs are everywhere. We are inundated with them, and it's just getting - - - it's becoming ridiculous. You see them on utility poles. We usually have volunteers that we call 'Pole Patrol.' Going out, we say when you're cleaning up, holding a neighborhood cleanup, pull them off the SWEPCO power lines, because it's illegal. But people do it. And you know you do wrong for so long, you think it's right.

Councilman Walford: I haven't reported any since this morning.

Councilwoman Bowman: I just wanted to thank her for bringing us (inaudible).

Ms. Calloway: Thank you so much. Thank you for having me, and I'll just leave these T-Shirts if it's okay on the end here.

Councilwoman Bowman: No, don't leave 'em over here cause they might - - - Councilman Walford: That's the Administration's end. This is the Council end.

Ms. Calloway: I gotcha. And thank you so much, and I will be in touch.

Councilman Shyne: And make sure I get an extra, extra large.

Ms. Calloway: Yes sir, I will do that. Thank you so much.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before we leave Communications in general, and before Cassandra takes her seat, I want to just take this point, and I hope the media will do a very good job of reminding the city as a whole, of it this evening, as folks watch their evening news and read their newspaper on tomorrow. But we did in fact today kick off the City's recycling effort. Officially. We're in the process right now of getting those blue canisters assembled that Shreveport Green is assisting us with and Shreveport is in the process of joining that great legion of cities across this country who engage in curbside recycling. It is something that citizens across this city are overwhelmingly excited about. There are some who don't necessarily share my passion, or the passion of probably most of you all on the Council, and that's understandable. As I've heard you say, Chairman Shyne, you're going to always agree with your wife.

Councilman Shyne: Wait a minute. Did I say that? I hope my wife isn't listening. Mayor Glover: And it doesn't mean that we're always going to agree, but I think that without question, the recycling effort that kicked off today, and that will soon spread throughout the entirety of this city is something that represents one of the most progressive steps that the City of Shreveport has ever taken. I'm glad to have joined you all in being a part of it, and thank you for your support. And we look forward to working with you as we move forward with this full implementation over the next several weeks and months. I want to in particular thank Council Member Long for extending to us the courtesy of being able to kick off this curbside recycling effort.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Mayor, where is his tie? He had one on. I saw him on television there, then he comes here without it.

Councilman Shyne: Maybe it's going through recycling.

Mayor Glover: I'm not going to comment on Council decorum. Now you all have your own rule on that.

Councilwoman Bowman: I did, thank you.

Mayor Glover: There were folks who sat in this seat before me, who didn't wear a jacket during a Council Meeting. So, I'm the last one to comment on attire. And when I sat as a Council Member where you all are, there were many times I sat there without even a jacket on. So, I'm going to the be the last - - -

Councilman Shyne: I remember that. Sometime without a tie on.

Mayor Glover: And most times without socks Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Well, I didn't notice that.

Mayor Glover: That was back in my 'Top Sider' days. But that was a lifetime ago. But we're excited to have us join the legion of cities that engage, not just in recycling, but curbside recycling. And it's going to be very easy for people to do. They put all their recyclables in one container. Don't have to worry about sorting metals, and

plastics and paper and what have you. Just put all the recyclable material in that one container, take it to the curb. The same day as you take the rest of your garbage and the rest is as they say, 'easy.' So, you can just curb it. So I want to thank everyone involved, especially the folks who helped to make that a reality. Now Cassandra, Mr. Chairman, at this point I also was remised in not bringing up to speak to the Council, and to the City Mr. Sandy Davidson and Mike Strong. Sandy Davis, I keep giving him DAVIDSON, I don't know why I want to do that. It probably rhymes with Randy Davidson. I'm sorry, (inaudible). It rhymes with Randy Davison, which is we all know an accomplished Shreveporter. A great athlete who spent time in the NFL. So, I guess I see you all as twins. Randy and Sandy. So, Sandy Davis. You all know that Sandy is the head of the Shreveport/Bossier Office of Homeland Security. And the person who is responsible to coordinate the areas response to the emergency activities. We all know that Mike Strong is the head of Operational Services and these two gentlemen, two weeks ago today along with the men and women of Shreveport Police and Fire Department, along with the men and women of Operational Services, and Water and Sewerage, and Streets and Drainage, were all very, very, very busy. And I want Mike and Sandy to give you all a brief recap of exactly what has transpired over the last two weeks. Where we are and where we're looking to go forward. I think that we've gotten some good news, at least it's best as good news could be construed in the last several days. And it appears as if our damage amounts have gotten us the threshold for federal disaster area declaration, which puts us in a posture to be able to ask for and receive some additional levels of assistance. So, at this point, Mike and Sandy I'll let you guys - - -

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, just before Mike starts, I'm glad that you did this, because I had planned to ask Mike to come up. Because I had quite a bit of damage in my area. And as I look out, I see a couple of people that's here. And then on Browning Street and in that neighborhood, they're gathering around TVs so that they can make sure that we mention to them, and when we get through, Mike I have a few questions, and a few observations. And I just kinda want to bring to your attention. And I know we have a couple of people that will come up. I believe Ms. Patsy Thomas is back there, and I see Ms. Harris. Is Ms. Thomas still back there? Okay. And not only from the flooding standpoint, but we had people Mike and Tom, and Tom I got your correspondence and it was good, that had raw sewerage that backed up in their houses and I don't mean no harm when I say this, but I had a Clorox spray bottle, when I came out of the houses, I'd take the spray bottle and spray it on the bottom of my shoes. Because when you have raw sewerage in your house, you just don't know what you've got. And some of the houses, smelled and I don't mean to be talking about anybody, but when that raw sewerage backs up into your house, and it's in your kitchen, and your living room and all - - - you walk in the house, and I mean it just smelled. Because really and truly, I couldn't - - - I didn't know what to say to the people. The only thing I - - and I didn't want to tell them to call your office, so I told them to call the Administration and see if they would send somebody out to look at it, because I was not in a position to say whether or whose liable or whose un-liable, or whatever it was, but to call down and check. Because a lot of those people - - - Mike, I felt sorry for them. I mean my heart went out to them. Because I know how I would have felt, because I live on the back of a drainage ditch and the water just kept on creeping up and creeping up, and I'd run and look, and I'd run and look and I'd run and look, and I was kinda halfway scared to go to

sleep, but I was fortunate that it really didn't get in my house, and I was fortunate that the sewerage didn't back up. But Mike and a lot of those houses and a couple of people told me say, "You know Mr. Shyne, I only get \$675 a month for Social Security, and what am I going to do? I don't have the money." And you know I don't know whether I was right or wrong, but I told them, you know Clorox or Purex or whatever, you know I'd take it and that helps to cut down on the mold and mildew and I guess it kills a lot of the germs, because that's what I use to spray, but I just you know and I'm going to listen to you, and I just want to find out, cause I guess, I guess I spent about four or five days just going. I mean the people were just calling me, calling me, calling me, calling me. And I'd just go and look, but like I say, when I'd come out the house, I mean I'd - - - and I didn't have my boots on. I had some old shoes on Mike. You know some of them I had when I might have been in high school. And that hadn't been too long ago, but I'd take it and spray it. And I know this only happens, I think it happened one time before when Hazel was Mayor, and I think Mayor, you and I might have been on the Council together at that particular time. But I'd like for us to kinda look at the drainage ditches because we have some drainage ditches because we have some drainage ditches I know one right up on Hollywood, the Airport drainage ditch right there. And I mean, you can see old trash stuff on the banks, and if we're not careful, some kids or somebody's going to go back by there, and push that old trash back over in there. So, I don't know whether you all have a plan in place where you'll have certain supervisors or people go around and check those drainage ditches and see what trash washed up out of it because it's hard to tell people that when you put trash in drainage ditches like that, eventually, it'll catch up with you. And it'll block you. But I'm glad to see you down and one day when you have time, I'd like for us to go over on Browning Street and talk to those people, because there's a - - they're building an apartment complex - - - no, some houses over there. And for some reason the builders that went in and just cut off a drainage. I mean cut off a drainage. And I had to walk out and look at it in the mud. And it was. And they said, "Look, our place would not have flooded, if these people who are building these houses back there had not filled in." And they had been bringing in truckloads and truckloads of dirt, and had built a mound up. And so water came back. I'd like to get together with you, maybe whenever you have some time, and people out there want to meet with us and just see what is it that we can do in order to keep them from getting flooded. I don't know whether the people that's building out there, you know the new homes out there, I don't know whether they didn't realize what they were doing, or maybe just don't care. But Mike, I'd like for us to go out there and take a look at it. And I'm going to turn it over to you.

Mr. Strong: Councilman, your area is similar to other areas that had rain come down in what took place. You had the No. 2 event in the history of Shreveport, or that they've been keeping records goes back to 1933. The vastest amount of rain in the shortest period of time, came on May 13th. Tell you what, we look at it and we look at what we're talking about in the neighborhood of some 400 homes or businesses that had something to get inside of their house. There is nothing anymore devastating than to have water in your house and in the amounts that we had. But we looked back and in comparison to 1991, when we had over 1200 that had it in there, but have been improvements made. We're blessed when we start looking at what has just taken place in Arkansas, and Iowa, where people were killed. At least we didn't have that here. The

numbers have come down. We are doing an assessment of everything that took place. We're looking into it, and we're going to follow through with our getting back together and coming back and see what needs to be done. It wasn't a lot of work that was done after the 1991 flood. We had, going back in time, you had the '86, the '91, and then we had some in '97 that came out. And then now we have the one of 2008. Which is (inaudible) the second biggest event that we have had here. And we saw that the water that did rise this time, did go back down. And if you remember in '91, we were days getting the water back down. So things have changed for the better, but at the same time, there is nothing that you can think of that would be any worse than to have the water or sewerage to get into your homes. That's why we had our claims people working while we had assessments going out and checking these areas, and there's an intention of going out and we are plugging in every area that had flooding that went on and got in the houses. We're going to look at it, we're going to look at the different ditches in that area, why did it happen there? Was it something that was there? Should it have happened there or whatever. Out at Airport ditch, you know after the '91, there were some houses that were in there. There were some that's still had some water in to it. So does that need to be further on? We're probably going to see probably so more monies put up to see if there's anymore of the buyout program that needs to do. But this is something that's going to take us time to assess the whole area. Our people are out looking at different drainage ditches. After we got Porsches and Mercedes out of it, then we're getting trees and debris that's in there. And you know things have taken place - - - so we're going through the ditches and looking at where it's piled up and got on the fences, and (inaudible) before this. So that's happening as we speak, that's going on. But what I'd like to do right now, is ask Sandy Davis to kinda give us an update on where we are on both the private and the public side of the federal declaration, and explain what that means to us in where we are and how close we are that it might be coming close. So Sandy?

Mr. Davis: Thank you Mike. We began the preliminary damage assessments on the Friday after the storm. We started off with individual assessments. We contacted 280 + homeowners, we had on a list those were the people that called for service from out of the fire and police, the sheriff's department or EMS during the event. We did a preliminary damage assessment on those homes. We've since had 159 additional homes called, that's from within the City of Shreveport, there's additional homes out in the Parish that we also have jurisdiction. That preliminary damage assessment was taken care of by the Small Business Administration, FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Association), and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and his staff members from my office as well. When we completed that, we have met the threshold, I got an email this morning from the Governor's office indicating that we met the threshold for individual assistance. That's individual homeowners and businesses that may have been affected by this storm. Those are for non compensable costs. Anything above what their insurance covered, and unfortunately about 80% of those folks that we interviewed did not have flood insurance for one reason or another. Either they weren't required to have it because this was as Mike said, a historic event where it normally it would not get into those homes, or those individuals chose not to have it because they didn't have a mortgage on their home or required to because they didn't have a lien against the house. In addition to that, we had

to make a threshold of \$3.11 per capita for the Parish in order to meet the federal threshold for public assistance, which reimburses our city cost, our fire and police, our public works, all the operational services that were involved. And as of last Thursday, Mike and his staff, the Fire Department, the Police Department all got together and unfortunately the good news is that we met that threshold, the bad news is we met that threshold. But tomorrow, the Governor's office will be forwarding to the Federal Emergency Management Agency that request for federal aid. What that does is bring in low and no interest loans to reimburse for non compensable items that these individual homeowners and individual businesses may have experienced. And I want to be sure that we understand, there's a little misconception about FEMA's role in this. We've gotten, and I'm sure you have as Council Members and the Administration, thousands upon thousands of phone calls sine this event. People wanting to know where their FEMA checks were. That's not the way the program works. Unfortunately, FEMA set a precedence during Katrina and Rita that probably never will be done again, and never was done prior to that, where they went and handed out money. That' just does not happen. What will happen now is that once this federal Presidential declaration takes place, we'll set up what is called a disaster recovery center. It was set up at the old Summer Grove Baptist Church property during the Katrina and Rita. We were anticipating anywhere from 4-500 homeowners and businesses that might be affected so we'll set it up. I've called Summer Grove about using that facility again, and perhaps we will. We're in negotiation on that. Individuals will come in and they will plead their case the federal agencies. They'll have all your social services, all of your mental health, our physical health, and your financial health that needs to take place after a disaster like this. And upon individual cases will determine how those individuals will be reimbursed. We're going to forward the information. We were supposed to have the preliminary damage assessment team in here tomorrow for our public assistants, fire and police, etc. But they cancelled that on us because FEMA recently been hit so hard by these tornados and these other deadly events that Mike mentioned, until they don't have enough team members to send in here tomorrow. We're going to forward that information to them, and they're going to make that preliminary finding based on the information and his staff, Fire and Police have put together. So with that little briefing, I'll open the floor for questions. If you have any other questions, I'll try my best to answer those.

Councilman Long: I wanted Chief Glass to come up because he had some statistics that were very telling about the whole event, and how the response that we have. Because you're right. This was in '91, this was 2008, and I heard some complaints from some constituents that there was not enough response, and I just wanted David to explain to everybody what was going on, so that we have an idea. Please.

Chief Glass: Thank you Mr. Long, Mr. Chairman, Council Members, and Mayor. At our last Public Safety Committee Meeting, Ms. Bowman and Councilman Long had asked that we provide some numbers and I did as well as the Police Department. During that period of May 13th, that initial night, in that first four hour period, the Fire Department had 696 calls for service that we were able to dispatch. Over the next 24 hour period, we had 1,423 additional calls for service which we dispatched 288 calls for a total of 599 responses in that 24 hour period. As Sandy and Mike said, this is obviously a catastrophic event, this was unusual weather. We had a forecast for some possible rains, but it was supposed to occur much further north than it did, and it basically got over the

City and stalled, and rained an exceptional rate and the water began to rise very rapidly. At one point, one number I've heard was at Bayou Pierre ditch, it raised approximately 20 feet in 2 hours. We literally had that difference between the numbers here, is about 4-500 additional calls. We prioritized our calls to those that involved rescues and recoveries of people that were in danger. We had a number of calls we couldn't get to immediately that were water back calls that over the course of the time, which is a lesson I learned from Chief Whitehorn, we actually saw, and I'll brag on the Police Chief who actually sat out himself when he had some time and took a list of people who had called for 911 service, and called them himself, asking if they still needed assistance. We took note of that and began doing the same thing, and followed up that night and followed up the next day. But within the second 24 hour period, we had actually responded to every call that the Fire Department had. But certainly it was almost maximized all our resources, the Bellsouth building downtown began taking on water, which if we'd lost that, we'd have lost all our 911 service and we prioritized the number of calls. We were in contact with the Mayor's office with Rick who was in the EOC. The Homeland Security opened up the EOC. We had police there. The Fire Department was there, the Mayor's office was in contact with those. The hospitals were there, Operational Services and as well the flooding was happening, we had a huge water main break. And Operational Services and the Fire Department were out working hand and hand with. Our communications worked well, through the use of the Homeland Security, the EOC office. We did some additional things like the Police did. They literally took hundreds and hundreds of calls. I know the Chief can speak to that himself. We activated our dive team, our swift water rescue team, brought in additional companies. Particularly the next day, when we thought we were going to get hit with another 4-6 inches. Thankfully that weather broke up and went around a couple of different directions, and we were just left with the aftermath of that initial flood. But it was quite a catastrophic event, one as they said has not happened since 1933. The men and women of the Fire Department and Police Department all those people there working, worked extremely hard. We didn't do everything right. There were some lessons that we learned that night that we're already working on and trying to improve. In the event we see this kind of event happening, and we'll continue to do that. And we'll take any suggestions or recommendations that anyone has for our service.

Councilman Long: I just want to thank you for that information, because when I heard that the first time, you don't realize the magnitude of what goes on in an event like this. And I just think it's good for citizens to understand that when you get high volumes like this, it's hard for everybody - - - for folks to get right on your situation. As everybody, we all have a tendency to feel very isolated and on our own. We just - - - 'Why aren't they coming to help me?' Well, it's not about you, it's about everybody. So that's why you have to prioritize and do the things that you have to do. But anyway I appreciate and commend all the folks involved and all the responses that y'all did. Cause like I said, this thing just snuck up on everybody, and I appreciate it. Thank you.

Mr. Strong: And let me say one thing, just one correction. It actually (inaudible) 14 feet in 30 minutes and 20 feet in one hour. It came up at that same period of time, you had over 4 inches of rain that first 30 minutes, and then over 6 inches within an hour. So, it was quick, it hit, and it did. We were not expecting it, but I think that from what I have seen and been through too many of these to frank with you, from some of our ice storms to tornados to floods, around our response with the Police, with the Fire and with DOS

working together, it seems like congealed very quickly, and got into the field. And I was out all that night, and I think the Chiefs were, I know were. Sandy, you were out too! He stayed out all through it to make sure everything was going. And we didn't do everything right, but we did a lot of things that were right, and I think one of the things that I'm proud of how we got the word out on the water line. That was one of the things that seems like we got criticized a little bit, how the word got out, but we did it this time. And that was a very quick period of time from January to May in putting the word out. So, we have done some things good, but again, anybody that got any water or sewerage in their house, it's the most devastating hit you could have. And that's the people that we've got to think of, but at the same time, we're blessed and nobody was killed.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I was about to say, we didn't lose a life.

Councilman Walford: I was going to do this under our Councilman Comments, but since I have the three of you there, and Chief Whitehorn just left, but I've got kudos for everybody. David, sometime after midnight your guys were going down Fairfield, which had been a literal raging river and checking every flooded vehicle to see if there was anybody in it. Mike, can't thank you enough for what y'all did afterwards. Because my district was probably the hardest hit I think, and I - - -

Councilman Shyne: No, mine. Cause I think mine might have been the hardest.

Councilman Walford: I thank you and I thank the Mayor for the help with clearing up the curbside carpet and debris. And I talked to your crews that I could see on Saturday, and I thought their attitude was fantastic. Sandy, the way y'all ran the EOC, I was privileged to be there Wednesday morning, in place of our Chairman. I was impressed with the way that you ran it, and that everybody came together. Mike's folks, David's folks, the Police, the Sheriff's Department, the Parish, everybody came together with one common goal, and that's 'get 'er done.' And it was great, so I compliment all of you.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, one other thing, and I forgot to mention this to Mike Strong. I did have one of my constituents that really got in a panic when they thought that we were going to receive more water the following day, and they went and got in that long line to pick up some more sandbags. And as frustrating as it was, she complimented your department and the guys that were doing the work out there, where they were. Just had excellent customer service skills, and how they came out and explained how much longer the wait was going to be and if they preferred to stay that long, or whatever. And even gave them some numbers and stuff like that. But she called especially to give compliments to your department for what they did and how they handled that.

Mr. Strong: Thank you very much. And I will tell you, there were other people here that were concerned about the other amount of water that we were looking at. Because at 9:00, that Wednesday morning when we were sitting there, we were at that time looking for up to about a 4 inch rain before noon time, and another 4 inch rain that night. So yes, we were still looking and we were still nervous about how much more water we were going to get and where it would go.

Mr. Davis: Mr. Chairman, if I might just take a second. I think I had reported to you previously, I know I did to the Caddo Commission about the first call system that Mike mentioned. When Mike indicated to me the geographic location affected by this boil advisory, we called and this was at 2:00 in the morning, but we decided to wait until

6:30, so that we didn't startle everybody. And we figured most people would not be using their water that early. So starting at 6:30, we called 7,960 homes between Mansfield Road, I-49, Hollywood, and the southern city limits in that rectangle there. We were successful in contacting 67% of those homes, either with a person picking up the phone or a voice mail picking up, we're not able to differentiate between the two, so we were very successful with that. And then we followed up with a - - - when the boil order was rescinded, we followed up with a call to those same homes and let them know that the boil order had been rescinded. And as far as I know, I know my office didn't get any complaints about people not getting the word out, so I feel like we've been very successful in that short period of time like Mike mentioned. So, that's just another thing that we - - - you know we learn lessons from every time we respond to one of these events, and if we do that much better between next time we have an event and the last time we had one, then we'll just be - - - it's all those coming together. And Rick, Mayor I really appreciate Rick's support in the EOC. That's the first time ever in my history that we've had representation from the Mayor's office there 24 hours around the clock. And that really helps us to better communicate with the Administration. So Rick, I'm very appreciative of that. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Anymore questions or comments? If not, gentlemen, we appreciate it.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Sandy, thank you Mike, thank you Chief.

Councilman Shyne: And cause Mike, I know you're not going anywhere but I think we have some people here that's probably going to come up and give you a little personal experiences.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I want to also mention, I know that this is on for introduction, and certainly we will do whatever it is that the Council would be so inclined to have us do. We have the measure that regulates the bars and the nightclubs that are on for introduction today. It was requested that we have the Chief available to make a presentation.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, we just discussed that, and when it comes up for introduction, then we were going to allow him to come forward.

Councilman Shyne: How about that Mr. Mayor? I'll yield to the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Glover: We are here to serve Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: You took it out of my mouth now. I serve at the pleasure of the council and so Joyce, that's what we'll do.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you sir.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, and Mr. Mayor, thank you. The Mayor and I go way back. He can - - - we, there was a time when we had some fun on the Council together. Mayor Glover: Always fun Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: I was thinking about one evening back in the storage room there. If you don't say anything, I won't say anything.

Mayor Glover: I'll leave that one to you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Well, I'm not going to say anything. Okay, Property Standards. Jim? I think we probably took care of our Property Standards problems on last Friday, but anybody have any - - -?

Reports: <u>Property Standards Report</u>

Mr. Holt: Usually with that long a weekend, y'all can come up with more. I'll be glad to take any concerns you have.

Councilman Shyne: I think Monty Walford might have a list. You know he can always come up with something. You know he's an old Army man. You know they can generate stuff in the Army.

Councilman Walford: I have a (inaudible) with a property standards violation. Councilwoman Bowman: I'll email mine.

Councilman Shyne: You know I started emailing you, but I didn't want to overload you, so that's why I call you a lot of times.

Councilman Long: Well Mr. Chairman, I was just going to make a comment that the political season is getting ready to be upon us, and there's already been a lot of signs starting to show up, and I had to - - - I located a sign in my district and I've already called the candidate as well, the zoning department. Because I mean it's - - - and I know that typically the notice goes out to these folks when they qualify, but right now I can tell you, we've already got some abuses of signage going on. Signs in mediums, and neutral grounds and stuff like that. So, I just encourage all political candidates to please control your self. Thank you.

Councilman Walford: As well as those who want to give you 'CEO Income' or 'buy your flood damage car,' - - - I could go on and on and on.

Public Hearing: None

Confirmations and/or Appointments, Adding Legislation to the Agenda, and Public

Confirmations and/or Appointments:

Adding Legislation to the Agenda

The Clerk read the following:

- 1. **Resolution No. 148 of 2008**: A Resolution to receive and accept the 56 Point Best Practices Plan to enhance the safety of the public and patrons at certain establishments that sell alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 2. **Resolution No. 149 of 2008**: A resolution amending Section 4.6 of the City o Council Rules of Procedure relative to rules of debate and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 3. Ordinance No. 61 of 2008: An ordinance to enact Sections 10-8, 10-159 and 10-186 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion by Councilman <u>Bowman</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Walford</u> to add Resolution No(s). 148 and 149; and Ordinance No. 61 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Lester. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Now before we go any further, any one of you want to make a comment about the particular legislation, or you want to wait until later.

Councilman Walford: We can wait as far as I'm concerned.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yeah, we'll wait until it's up for introduction.

Councilman Shyne: Okay. Like I've always stated, I serve at the pleasure of the Council. I don't ever want to forget that.

Councilman Walford: Well, we pay you those big bucks.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you. We might have to look into that. Lets move into the Consent Agenda. Mr. Dark I believe we have - - - Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Dark: Mr. Chairman, you still have some Public Comments perhaps?

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, we do, we do.

Public Comments (Agenda Items to be Adopted)

Mr. Timothy Huck: (2013 Darlington Ct) I'm the General Manager of the Phoenix Underground Nightclub and CEO of Downtown Entertainment, L.L.C. In regards to the 56 Point Plan, there's a few issues that I believe need to be majorly or at least looked at prior to approving or denying the plan. And possibly minor adjustments if deemed necessary by the Council or the Police Department. The biggest issue that I see, there are seven laws that are looking to be passed.

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry, I didn't hear. Chief, can you hear him good back there? Okay.

Mr. Huck: I'm sorry about that. It's seven laws basically that are looking to be passed or seven ordinances that are looking to be passed out of the 56 Point Plan. Of the seven, multiple of them are already Louisiana State laws, some of the are already in the Shreveport City Ordinance, just being rewritten a different way to be an ordinance. The only one that I have a major issue with is the one that states hiring licensed security, professionals. By adding that, and I've looked over the expense of it, and I've called multiple security companies to find out which security companies are willing to work inside establishments that the majority of their revenue is alcohol. A few of them aren't willing to work in the establishments. The ones that are willing to work in the establishments are extremely, extremely expensive. The required number is 1 per 75 by his ordinance. At the present time, myself and multiple of other establishments that I've spoken with carry more than 1 security per 75 patrons anyway. By making us go to a licensed trained professional, which the training I have zero problem with, but licensing is going to double the expense, maybe even triple the expense of each and every security. Which is going to cause people like myself and others to decrease our security staff to only meet those standards, because that's all we're going to be able to afford to do. A few of the businesses won't even be able to afford to do that. The expenses is going to be somewhat major if you look at it on a yearly budget. That's really the only major issue on that whole plan that really needs to be addressed. There are some alternatives to that that I would like to at least be looked at. If you like, I'll give you some ideas and suggestions on that now. If not, I'll discuss it at a later date.

Councilman Shyne: What I would suggest that we pride ourselves in being a true democracy, and all of us do serve at the pleasure of the people, the public. And we would

like for you to know that we're always concerned about our citizens. I would suggest that you would give a list of 'em or either ask Councilwoman Bowman when the next Public Service Committee meeting is, and if you've got a list of 'em in writing, I'd also ask for you to get them to the Chief, so he and his staff would have an opportunity to and probably with the City Attorney would have an opportunity to look at the legality of it - - they would be ready for the next Public Service Committee meeting, because we don want you to know that we are concerned about your concerns, because you are a business person here in our community.

Mr. Huck: I appreciate that. We're only majorly concerned about the ability to be able to survive and continue to operate in business adequately and safely.

Councilman Shyne: Would you like to call Councilwoman Bowman and maybe set up an appointment?

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, the next Public Safety meeting will be on the 9th. Isn't that correct Sharon?

Ms. Pilkinton: Right.

Councilwoman Bowman: Our next meeting will be June 9th at 1:30 here at the Conference Room here behind the Chamber. So, if you're interested in coming, what the Chief is going to present to us today to be introduced, we are more than willing to listen to what you have to say. Mr. Chairman, if you don't mind, I'd like to interject just one minute to say what I - - - I'd like for you to know that this whole time that we've been having problems down in these areas with these various clubs, even the one that you represent, no one came to us then when we were trying to calm it down or find a solution to the problem. I'm glad that you're coming now that the Chief has put a plan in place to try to address it. But we'll be happy to hear whatever you'd like to say to us in Public Safety.

Mr. Huck: I will be there June 9th?

Councilman Shyne: Yes.

Councilman Walford: If I could, Ms. Bowman, Mr. Huck has met with me and our Downtown group that meets in Shelly's Conference Room along with the Chief, and he and I have had any number of phone calls with suggestions. So, he has come forward with some suggestions, and the Chief has certainly considered some of those.

Councilwoman Bowman: Well that's good to know because no one ever mentioned them to us in the meeting.

Councilman Walford: He has not been bashful about letting (inaudible)

Mr. Huck: And I do apologize for not making the meeting before this.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I was - - - and I guess Councilwoman Bowman was saying that you had not been to a Public Safety Committee meeting. And it's noting wrong with you meeting with your Councilman in that district, but I think what she's saying, generally we look at legislation from the standpoint of Public Safety Committee meeting, if I'm communicating it right. So, did you get the date?

Mr. Huck: Monday, June 9th at 1:30.

Mr. Chad Fangue: (118 Oak Lawn Drive, Bossier City, LA) Basically as Mr. Huck has already said, I'm kinda in the same position. Been on the Riverfront 14 years, last 14 years, been on the Riverfront with different types of establishments and different things. I've had and I've seen ups and downs and issues and different security changes, and different police change, and everything. It's always a learning period that we go

through or experience of problems that we go through. Just until recently, we probably for the last three to four years, we've had meetings, basically every week downtown Mr. Walford mentioned it a little bit a while ago. We talked about security things, everything in general that's involved downtown. I was a very stern member of that, and I was participating as much as I could. Pretty much 90% of the time. There is the issue of the licensed security. It could be obviously a problem. Having the training done is not an issue. People can use training and we all can use learning ideas in everyday world. Things have changed, people change, (inaudible) different things. I just hope that we can come to an agreement or come to a solution that makes everybody happy, and everybody gets the general aspect of downtown is still safe. Downtown is safe. Downtown is not a bad place to be. It is perceived to be that way because of just people want it perceived that way. I've been down there 14 years. I've seen a lot of ups and downs. Right now, it's an average downtown. We're not as big as New Orleans or other big cities, but we're here, this is what we've got today. Hopefully, I didn't participate in any of your meetings Ms. Bowman, but I will be there on the 9th, if I'm able to be there, and I will be glad to volunteer information, or volunteer any comments. I'm not against anything or any issues that help improve. So if you have any questions, that's kinda of where I'm at.

Councilman Shyne: I think Councilwoman Bowman has a question and observation for you.

Councilwoman Bowman: I have a few really. It's good to know that you've been meeting with Councilman Walford, that is his district. Public Safety Committee, I'm just there representing several parents of the children whose children come to your facility in particular, I do have a problem with that. And I think that a lot of this came about because of the type of activity that has occurred in that particular building. It's not perception. It's when I see folks or pictures of their children with their eyes blackened, and teeth knocked out. I don't have anything good to say about your facility. That's just the way I feel. And if I - - - to be honest with you, I personally feel that somebody is protecting you and your club per se, because believe me if I had anything to do with it, you would have been closed down. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Any? If not Chad, we appreciate it. We look for you all on the 9^{th} at what time?

Councilman Walford: 1:30.

Councilman Shyne: 1:30 in the Conference Room behind the Chamber. We appreciate it. Tom, I appreciate you correcting me. We all make mistakes from time to time, and the older I get, the more I have a tendency to make them. And Mr. Mayor again, it seems like you picked a very diverse group and a very, very group of young Americans. They seem to be hard working Americans. You know where I get that phrase from?

Mayor Glover: No sir Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: From Senator Clinton, says she represents a lot of hard working Americans. I want you to know they seem like a lot of hard working Americans.

Mayor Glover: They're also very time conscious Americans as well Mr. Chairman. They noticed the clock getting close to 5:00.

Councilman Shyne: I got your message.

Mayor Glover: And so they were duly summoned as I've just been told Ms. Haygood to report back to the 2nd Floor, so they can go to their 1st day debriefing. And Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Council, just since I've been given the mic yet again, I just want to make sure that I guess add to or wrap a little bit around what Councilwoman Bowman just offered, and let her know that if there's any protection being afforded or extended to Mr. Fangue or anybody else that's doing business in Shreveport, it's not coming from the Shreveport's Mayor's office or the Shreveport Police Department. I understand your sentiment in that regard, and I know there was something that came up when we held the revocation hearing for the folks at the Hot Spot. I understand and appreciate it, and often times share similar sentiments myself, when I see certain things that happen to go on. But I want you to know that nobody is getting any special treatment or consideration, we're looking to enforce the law fairly, effectively and consistently. And we look forward to joining with you and other members of Council to ensure that that is unquestionably done. So, if anybody who is going to have the privilege, because it is not a right, anyone who is going to have the privilege of doing business downtown Shreveport, we're going to make sure that they're do it the right way, and I want to applaud and commend you as well as Chief Whitehorn for the research and the work that you all have put forth in regard to the 56 Point Plan, and I believe it's going to take us another step toward making sure that we make Downtown the kind of place that we want it to be. We want good operators. We don't want the bad ones. Anybody whose going to be a bad one, eventually we're going to get to them.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I appreciate you saying that. I was looking out at SPAR back there, Shelly Ragle, and you kinda cleared that up, I guess it's no protection coming from her office, huh? I'm just kidding Shelly. Tom, lets move on.

Mr. Dark: You mean Art?

CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION
TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS: None. **ORDINANCES:** None.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk read the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 127 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DECO HOME DREAMS, L.L.C., LOCATED AT 9013 MITCHAM ST., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Deco Home Dreams, L.L.C. has agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Deco Home Dreams, L.L.C., be authorized to connect the structure, located at 9013 Mitcham St., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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 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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 5. Nays: Councilmen Walford and Bowman. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 138 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TONYA ANNETTE FREDERICK, LOCATED AT 10848 NORRIS FERRY RD., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Tonya Annette Frederick has agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that Tonya Annette Frederick, be authorized to connect the proposed building located at 10848 Norris Ferry Rd., to the water system of the City of Shreveport.

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 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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 5. Nays: Councilmen Walford and Bowman. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 139 of 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RHB DESIGN-BUILD, L.L.C., LOCATED AT 255, 259, & 263 OLYMPIA DR., TO CONNECT TO THE WATER & SEWER

SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, RHB Design-Build, L.L.C. has agreed to secure all permits and inspections required by the Shreveport Comprehensive Building Code. Said party having submitted a petition for annexation to the City of Shreveport, and having agreed to fully comply with the regulations of the City of Shreveport in connection with said property, all as set forth in Section 94-1, et. Seq., of the Shreveport City Code. Said request and petition are attached hereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that RHB Design-Build, L.L.C., be authorized to connect the structures, located at 255, 259, & 263 Olympia Dr., to the water & sewer system of the City of Shreveport.

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 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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Webb</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 5. Nays: Councilmen Walford and Bowman. 2.

ORDINANCES: None.

REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION
RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OR WHICH
REOUIRE ONLY ONE READING

The Clerk read the following:

1. **Resolution No. 130 of 2008**: Declaring the City's interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester, B/Walford, C/Long, E/Webb, and G/Bowman) (*Postponed May 13, 2008*)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Webb</u> to adopt.

Councilman Lester: I mean, unless you have some heartburn, I think dealing with some adjudicated properties and some application to get them back on the road. I know the last time we had an issue relative to Councilman Walford's question about the whole scenario with demolitions and things of that nature. I don't know if that - - -

Councilman Walford: That's where I'm going.

Councilman Lester: I don't know if that situation has been ameliorated, if it hadn't, I don't have a problem postponing. This is my appreciation of this particular piece of legislation.

Councilman Shyne: You want Jim to come up?

Councilman Walford: No, Mike. And again, this is after my very bad experience in my district.

Mr. Strong: Councilmen, these properties, I did have Property Standards to check these. There is no action pending on any of the property that's on this.

Councilman Walford: Okay we're good to go.

Councilman Shyne: Where you get all that slang from?

Councilman Long: Mr. Chairman, I just have a comment, or part question. With regards to and Mr. Mayor, you might want to listen to this. With regards to the Haynesville Shale and adjudicated properties and potential mineral rights and all the rest of it, it might be possibly applicable in this situation, how do we - - - have we talked about that at any length yet, or where are we on that issue?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Long, I was in a sidebar with the Chief Administrative Officer, so you're going to have to give me the first part of that question again.

Councilman Long: We're voting on adjudicated properties right now, and I was just debating whether or not - - - do we have any interest to even be concerned about with regards to minerals rights as far as adjudicated properties going on, and all this other activity going on at present?

Councilman Shyne: Mike you're exactly right. That's what having a background in real estate does for you. It keeps you abreast on situations like this.

Councilman Long: Does the City have any potential rights that we might be or mineral rights that might be affected in any direction any way by doing what we're doing? The reason I asked, I know the Parish is evidently - - - just recently voted in a moratorium on adjudicated properties on their side. And I'm just going to ask the question.

Ms. Scott: Yes, we do as a matter of fact. That's an issue that Ms. Glass has actually looking into for our office, and doing some preliminary research. It does appear that the city does have some rights to lease adjudicated properties. Particularly those properties that we've already identified that have been adjudicated for at least five years.

Councilman Long: Alright. So maybe as we move forward with this, is this something that mineral rights could possibly be reserved as we - - -?

Ms. Scott: It would not be a bad idea if we were to follow the Parish's lead or to actually adopt a moratorium at some point on adjudicated properties of our own. That moratorium will at least in the interim give us an opportunity to make sure that we don't continue to (inaudible) tax interest in the adjudicated property until we know fully the extent of our authority with regard to - - -

Councilman Long: How much more time do you think y'all are going to need to do that? Several more weeks?

Ms. Scott: Yes, and in the event we - - -

Councilman Long: I'm going to make a substitute motion we postpone this until we get more information and data that we can (inaudible).

Councilman Lester: I just want to say something, I don't have a problem with postponing. That's a substitute motion.

Councilman Walford: I second.

Councilman Long: Second? I got a second. Go ahead.

Councilman Lester: Just real briefly.

Councilman Shyne: A substitute motion has been made, they got a second. I didn't even carry it through. Now I don't know what this Chairman down here was talking about.

Councilman Long: No, I said as the maker of the substitute motion, I yielded to let him ask his question.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, go head on.

Councilman Lester: No, no, no, no, no. I've had a holiday, I'm going to turn over a new leaf Mr. Chairman, you carry your motion, and then we'll - -

Councilman Shyne: And then we'll come to you. I didn't know whether we were yielding to the new Chairman down there or not from the Real Estate Committee.

Substitution motion by Councilman <u>Long</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Walford</u> to postpone until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Shyne: Now Mr. Lester, we're at a point where you can make some, if it's alright with Mr. Long, you can make some remarks. We just wanted to do it right.

Councilman Lester: No, no, no, no. And I appreciate you do have the gavel Mr. Chairman. My concern is this. I've sent some communication to the City Attorney's office relative to the whole idea about those properties that's been in or out of commerce for five years. And so, I would be interested to find out what our position is on this. But I would say this. To the Council, you know many of these properties have been particularly those that have been blighted for more than four or five years, something that the Council has done, and I think pretty well, is taking a number of those properties that were off the tax rolls, some 7,000 and have reduced that number, even prior to the whole idea about the Haynesville Shale and things of that nature. So, while I'm certainly concerned about the City's interest, mineral rights and things of that nature, I don't want us to be mindful of preventing that process of people actually doing something with these properties. And if in fact, the whole idea of mineral rights is driving people to take these blighted properties and put them back into a commerce type situation, and if there is an additional benefit to it, I think it's all the better. So, I don't think that - - - I understand and I do agree with the position of the Council, to exercise due diligence. But I do want us as a Council to understand that if in fact these properties that for many years have had no economic value or very little, now they have it, and if that's going to bring people to table to take these properties and do something with it and clean them up, I don't think that we should completely forestall that process, just so that we can add to our royalty situation. I just want to put that in parenthetically for what it's worth. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Wooley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Councilman Lester, basically are you saying that we could still sell the property, cause I just asked Julie, still sell the property but retain the mineral rights, I mean that's definitely a course of action we could take.

Councilman Lester: Right. There are a number of ways that we could do it. I just don't want us stopping the train in terms of taking these blighted properties, because you know if people have an interest in doing something with it, and even if someone decides to get involved in purchasing adjudicated property for speculative purpose as it relates to the mineral lease situation, if they're going to take this property, that's \$3,000 that we

don't have to spend in terms of cutting it. That's money that we don't have to spend in terms of Code Enforcement violations, sending Jim out there. That's one less call one of us has to have from the little lady next door with the rats and stuff and the criminals getting involved in the house. If they can derive a benefit from taking it, tearing it down and keeping the lot cut, if they derive some economic benefit from it, fine. I don't want to stop that process. Because trust me, if you have the misfortune of living right next to one of these adjudicated properties that's been blighted for a while, it is a sore spot. And heaven, I think the blessing in this whole deal is if these now have an economic benefit above and beyond what their flat land value is, let 'em come in here and maintain 'em. That's less lots that we have to do. And I just don't want us to stop that process. That's all.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Terri and then we'll come back to the wise man over here.

Mr. Scott: We are in the process of determining exactly what is the extent of our authority with regards to adjudicated properties, with regards to mineral leases, with regards to execution of leases on that. And we are preparing information to submit to the Mayor's office soon as far as what the extent of that authority is. Included in that will be our authority with regard to again, adjudicated properties, (inaudible) in all city-owned property or any property the City may have interest in. And that information will be included as well. We will provide that to the Mayor as soon as possible.

Councilman Long: Well, and again, I totally agree with Councilman Lester about what we're trying to do here. I just wanted to basically and what's happening now, this is a good thing for us as a group to sit down and lets establish some policy based on knowledge and that way we can move forward. So I hope that we can do this in the next couple of weeks, and keep moving right along with this whole thing and get these properties back on the rolls.

Councilman Lester: I agree.

Councilman Shyne: That state was made by a very wise man.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 131 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-8 A, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-8 A described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-8 A have failed; and

WHEREAS, public necessity dictates that these property rights be owned by and subject to the use by the City of Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-8 A, to be acquired in fee title.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 132 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-48, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-48 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-48 have failed; and

WHEREAS, public necessity dictates that these property rights be owned by and subject to the use by the City of Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-48, to be acquired in fee title.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 133 OF 2008

BY: COUNCILMAN CALVIN LESTER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 07A001, PARCEL NO: P-52, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the LEDBETTER HEIGHTS LAND BANKING, Project No. 07A001, and

WHEREAS, the property rights for P-52 described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire fee title to the property comprising Parcel No: P-52A have failed; and

WHEREAS, public necessity dictates that these property rights be owned by and subject to the use by the City of Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and she is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-52, to be acquired in fee title.

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 <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt Resolution No(s). 131, 132, and 133 of 2008.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Dark, is this in relation to the Millennium?

Mr. Dark: This is for what we hope will be Phase II of the Millennium Project.

Councilman Shyne: Course, you don't have to tell me at this particular point, but how is that project coming long?

Mr. Dark: This phase of construction?

Councilman Shyne: Yes.

Mr. Dark: I know they've signed the contract and broke the ground. I've not looked since I got back this week to see if they got under construction, but it will be soon.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I think we just in some aspect of actually clearing and grubbing and making the site ready for construction. And we're responsible for, if I'm not mistaken, I think we just got that contract cleared up and directed last week. Am I correct? Mike?

Mr. Dark: That's where we're moving the drainage. The old drainage pipe.

Councilman Shyne: Mike, I can't do very much manual labor, but if you need any supervisors, let me know hear?

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Walford: Did you put on your glasses that time?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, I want to make sure from now on. Cause I've been wrong a couple of times. Haven't I Sharon? I can't wear my glasses down on my nose like Sharon wear hers down there.

RESOLUTION 134 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE JEANNE B. JACKSON & ALAIN M. JACKSON CHARITABLE TRUST AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO BY:

WHEREAS, the Jeanne B. Jackson & Alain M. Jackson Charitable Trust wishes to make a cash donation to be used for the purchase of a base for the Firefighter Memorial which will be erected at the Dallas W Greene Fire Station; and,

WHEREAS, the donation is valued at seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00); and.

WHEREAS, Shreveport City Code Chapter 26-187 requires City Council approval for acceptance of any donations valued in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to accept the donation referenced herein and execute any necessary documents to complete the donation.

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 application of this Resolution which can be given affect 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 in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Walford</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 136 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT (THE "CITY") TO HIRE PROFESSIONALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ISSUING OF NOT TO EXCEED FORTY TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$42,720,000) DOLLARS LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT), SERIES 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY WHICH WAS USED TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING THE SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, by prior resolution, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City") became a participating political subdivision and member of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the City has filed an application for approval with the State Bond

Commission and is proceeding with a financing through the Authority by the issuance of not to exceed Forty Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand and No/100 (\$42,720,000) Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project), Series 2008 (the "Bonds") in a manner and structure to be determined by a related ordinance, for the purpose of refunding certain existing indebtedness of the City previously issued through the Authority as \$40,000,000 ORevenue Bonds for the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project, Series 2005 (the "Prior Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used by the City to finance the cost of the acquisition and construction of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project (the "Hotel"). The refunding of the Prior Bonds by the Bonds shall be known as the "Project." NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, acting as the governing authority thereof, that: Section 1: Employment of Bond Counsel. The City hereby finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly The Boles Law Firm, APC of Monroe, Louisiana and Shante' Y. R. Wells, Attorney at Law, of Shreveport, Louisiana (together, "Bond Counsel"), are hereby appointed and employed (such employment to be by the Authority for the benefit of the City) to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to such officials of the City for adoption all proceedings incidental to, and shall counsel and advise the Mayor and City Council on the issuance and sale of the Bonds by the Authority. The fees of Bond Counsel shall be contingent upon the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds. The fees to be paid to Bond Counsel shall be an amount less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule as negotiated and other guidelines for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of revenue bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount issued, sold, delivered and paid for at the time the Bonds are delivered, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of Bond proceeds.

Section 2: <u>Investment Banker</u>. An Investment Banker selected in response to a request for proposal shall be appointed and employed as investment bankers/underwriter in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City

and the Authority and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

Section 3. <u>Underwriter Counsel</u>. Weems, Schimpf, Gilsoul, Haines, Landry & Carmouche, (APLC) of Shreveport, Louisiana and Jacqueline Scott, Attorney at Law, of Shreveport, Louisiana (together, "Underwriter Counsel") are hereby appointed and employed as Underwriter Counsel in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and the Authority and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds and the Underwriter Counsel are authorized and directed to prepare necessary documents appertaining thereto and to present them for further action by this Council.

Section 4. <u>Financial Advisor</u>. Grigsby & Associates, Inc., of San Francisco, California is hereby appointed and employed as financial adviser in connection with the Bonds, any compensation to be subsequently approved by the City and the Authority and to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds. The fees to be paid for such services, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred and advanced are contingent upon issuance of the Bonds.

Section 5. <u>Counsel to the City</u>. Terri A. Scott, City Attorney for the City of Shreveport, shall serve as counsel to the City in connection with issuance and delivery of the Bonds. Section 6. <u>Other Professionals</u>. The Project has been necessitated by significant increases in interest payments on the Prior Bonds. Should it be necessary to engage other professionals, the Authorized Officers (as defined below) shall be entitled to engage such professionals provided the contracts employing such professionals shall be promptly submitted to this Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes and directs its Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Finance, Clerk and such other officials of the City (the "Authorized Officers") to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of these resolutions.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of these resolutions 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 to be severable.

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

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long and Bowman</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council, I want to thank you all for that vote. Want to also thank Councilwoman Bowman and the rest of the Council for the suggestion of having the opportunity to brief Council Members on any new developments and to answer any questions. That's a suggestion that we've just made use of this week, and we intend to do so going forward. We believe it to be helpful and

constructive. So we appreciate that, also want to acknowledge Ron Weems, Shante` Wells, and the rest of the Bond Team who are here today, they were certainly prepared to step forward along with the rest of the Administration to answer any questions. So we appreciate you all support and I think now that Ron Weems may have a little bit of time to go back and give a little bit more of his volunteer time to the folks at the Strand. Since he has worked so hard over the years to help that organization and with this Council's help and with the City's help, they were just adding this as a caveat, able to announce a first for Louisiana. Many of you all know last year the legislature passed a tax incentive very similar to the movie production tax credit that specifically targets Broadway Quality Shows. And the very first to hit the stage in the State of Louisiana will be right here in the City of Shreveport, thanks to the leadership of Ron Weems and the folks over at the Strand, Angel's Production.

Councilman Shyne: Get out of here Ron, congratulations! Getting to be big time. Mayor Glover: Where you will see a production that will start here at the Strand Theatre, that will run some several weeks here. Come on up Ron, if you all don't mind giving us a quick moment. I wanted to save this particular part of the Mayor's communication for this particular item on the agenda, but I assumed Ron would have already been at the mic and would have been able to just (inaudible) into this after having answered questions. But since all those were already addressed, we'll bring him up and let him make some comments about it now.

Mr. Weems: Well, first of all I want to thank the City Council and the Mayor for providing \$100,000 to the Strand Theatre to repair our roof and the things that happened last year. All but \$200,000 we were able to get this theatre back operating with air condition and that sort of thing. It was pretty unbearable last year. This is something that the Strand Theatre, Danny (inaudible) in particular, the Executive Director, I want to give him credit, has been working on it for well over a year. There was a media event this afternoon at 2:00 with a lot of the top Broadway Productions Executives in town. You'll see a lot of it on the news tonight and in the paper tomorrow, there've been stipends about this at the Strand over the last couple of weeks. The production is over \$20,000,000 and budgeted, and they have raised all their money. There will be 75-100 professionals in Shreveport beginning in June all the way through September. And what they're going to do is some of it will be designed in New York, but those people will be in town actually designing, building sets, employing folks in Shreveport to help with all that. It's going to be a tremendous economic benefit to the City, but also the Strand Theatre. Normally, if you know anything about the Strand Theatre, it doesn't have much going on during the summer except paying utility bills and trying to keep it together for the Fall Season. This economic opportunity will start in July. The production company has leased the theatre for basically from July through September, and just in lease payments alone, we'll be well over \$100,000 in revenue to the Strand Theatre, which goes along way to help maintain that. And so it's really exciting, it's the first ever in the State of Louisiana. And I don't know if y'all saw the article in the New York Times here recently, within the last few days about how positive it was about Shreveport and the movie industry and how well received they've been in Shreveport. The entire Broadway live performance community which is relatively small is watching this production to see how well received they will be and whether or not they're successful. And we actually have had three inquiries already from other possible movie productions to occur in future years. They're

talking about reserving the theatre for the summer to be able to do the very same thing, if this particular production is successful. So, it's really exciting for the City of Shreveport and the Strand Theatre, and again, I want to thank all of you for your support, and the money that helped put the theatre back in shape to do this.

Councilman Shyne: Ron, I just have a few observations. First of all, it's hard for me to get the Shreveport Times in my neighborhood, let alone the New York Times. I'm just kidding. I see some Times folks out there, they'll be writing something bad about me.

Mr. Thompson: You didn't see the email.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, they'll be writing something bad about me.

Mr. Weems: I'll print it out for you.

Councilman Shyne: And they'll swear that the Mayor and I got into a shouting match and that's the worst thing that could happen to a democracy, and that's the best thing that could happen to a democracy. That's what democracy is all about. But the other thing I'd like to mention. I see Luther Cox back there, and He's one of our homegrown artist. And Luther, can you hear me well? Okay. And if it's anyway, Ron if it's anyway that you all can work Luther and some of his people in, if there are any local people, I mean it would be so great for Shreveport. And let me tell you now, Luther's group is strictly a professional group. Luther, I saw you all at the - - - I can't think of the facility now, but it was not at the Strand, but - - - Yeah, the Riverview Theatre, and Mr. Mayor I was extremely proud of Luther and his group as a Shreveporter. Because you and I have seen Luther struggle through the years, and Luther I don't mean no harm by using that word, but Mayor, you know we've seen Luther struggle through the years, and even when you and were on the Council, how Luther would come and Luther we're extremely proud of you. So, Ron if it's anyway, I wish you would get in contact with Luther, and Luther I wish you would get in contact with Ron. So, if it's any of your people that can be used, it would be great.

Mr. Weems: Mr. Chairman if I may interject, the best suggestion for Ms. Cox and his group is to sign up with Arlena, because from this point forward, they - - -

Councilman Shyne: Okay. Did you hear him Luther? Luther may not have heard what you said.

Mr. Weems: The producers and directors of this show will actually have already working with the Mayor's office and Arlena who find and source vendors, and talent and that sort of thing. So, if he's not signed up with Arlena's office, he needs to do so immediately.

Councilman Shyne: Did you sign up with Arlena's office?

Mr. Cox: (Inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: Luther, thank you for those remarks, but I'm not going to say anything about the Shreveport Times. Cause I know they'll write about me. Luther, you're right.

RESOLUTION NO. 137 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION SELECTING <u>THE TIMES</u> AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

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, 2008 through June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Times has submitted the following proposal:

All printing of required legals in the Classified Section - \$0.27 per agate line (6.5 point);

All printing of required legals in the Retail Section - \$6.58 per column inch;

All other (non-required) ads in the Classified Section - \$1.88 per agate line;

All other (non-required) ads in the Retail Section - \$43.98 per column inch; Affidavits: \$20.00 each; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that <u>The Times</u> be selected the Official Journal for the City of Shreveport to provide the services required by law for the prices described above. 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 <u>The Times</u> is accepted and <u>The Times</u> be and is hereby designated the official journal of the City of Shreveport for the period July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 and the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with <u>The Times</u> 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 Shyne, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: Councilman Lester. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 140 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 RELATIVE TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON MAY 16, 2008 RELATIVE TO DISPENSING, SALE AND/OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 1315 GRIMMETT DRIVE FOR THE AGURS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S CRAWFISH BOIL FUNDRAISER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Calvin Lester

WHEREAS, the Agurs Business Association hosted a Crawfish Boil Fundraiser on May 16, 2008 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 1315 Grimmett Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Agurs Business Association dispensed and allowed the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at 1315 Grimmett Drive during the event; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-80(a) makes it unlawful for any person to dispense alcoholic beverages except within those sections of the city wherein such sale is permitted by the applicable zoning ordinance, Section 10-190(a) prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot of a business or on other property of a business where said property is open to the public, Section 106-130(6) provides that unless otherwise excepted, all uses shall be operated entirely within a completely enclosed structure, and Section 10-81 provides that Section 10-41 (requiring a retail dealer's permit) shall not apply to a bona fide nonprofit event meeting the requirements of this section, only when it is held within the confines of an enclosed building; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution would ratify the dispensing, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the parking lot at 1315 Grimmett Drive, on May 16, 2008 for a Crawfish Boil Fundraiser for the Agurs Business Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the suspension of Sections10-80(a), 10-81, 10-190(a) and 106-130(6) on May 16, 2008 for the Agurs Business Association Crawfish Boil Fundraiser, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 1315 Grimmett Drive is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other applicable provisions of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

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 <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 141 OF 2008

BY:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSELL RD. 18" WATER MAIN REROUTE & REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO: 05-E001 PARCEL NO: P-7, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the Russell Rd. 18" Water Main Reroute & Replacement, Project No: 05-E001; and

WHEREAS, the property described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and **WHEREAS**, all attempts to amicably acquire necessary property rights to the property comprising Parcel No: P-7 have failed; and

WHEREAS, public necessity dictates that servitude across, under and through this property be owned by the City of Shreveport for the installation of water service lines; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-7, to be acquired in fee title for use by the City of Shreveport.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 142 OF 2008

BY:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSELL RD. 18" WATER MAIN REROUTE & REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO: 05-E001 PARCEL NO: P-8, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the Russell Rd. 18" Water Main Reroute & Replacement, Project No: 05-E001; and

WHEREAS, the property described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire necessary property rights to the property comprising Parcel No: P-8 have failed; and

WHEREAS, public necessity dictates that servitude across, under and through this property be owned by the City of Shreveport for the installation of water service lines; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-8, to be acquired in fee title for use by the City of Shreveport.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 143 OF 2008

BY:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSELL RD. 18" WATER MAIN REROUTE & REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO: 05-E001 PARCEL NO: P-10, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the Russell Rd. 18" Water Main Reroute & Replacement, Project No: 05-E001; and

WHEREAS, the property described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and **WHEREAS**, all attempts to amicably acquire necessary property rights to the property comprising Parcel No: P-10 have failed; and

WHEREAS, public necessity dictates that servitude across, under and through this property be owned by the City of Shreveport for the installation of water service lines; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-10, to be acquired in fee title for use by the City of Shreveport.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 144 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSELL RD. 18" WATER MAIN REROUTE & REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO: 05-E001 PARCEL NO: P-13 & 14, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has developed the Russell Rd. 18" Water Main Reroute & Replacement, Project No: 05-E001; and

WHEREAS, the property described in the legal description, and more fully shown on the plat map marked as Exhibit "A" attached hereto, is situated in said development; and

WHEREAS, all attempts to amicably acquire necessary property rights to the property comprising Parcel No: P-13 & 14 have failed; and

WHEREAS, public necessity dictates that servitude across, under and through this property be owned by the City of Shreveport for the installation of water service lines; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the expropriation of this property is necessary for the public interest; therefore, the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized to institute expropriation proceedings against the owners of record, as they might appear at the time of filing suit, of the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto as Parcel No: P-13 & 14, to be acquired in fee title for use by the City of Shreveport.

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 <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Walford</u> to adopt Resolution No(s) 141, 142, 143, and 144 of 2008.

Councilman Walford: Just for the record, if Mr. Lester is not going to give you discussion, they all relate to the same project.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, one of the add-ons, a resolution to receive and accept the 56 Point Best Practices Plan can be adopted today, or I didn't know whether you wanted it here or if you want it under introduction of resolutions.

13. **Resolution No. 148 of 2008**: A Resolution to receive and accept the 56 Point Best Practices Plan to enhance the safety of the public and patrons at certain establishments that sell alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Shyne: Let me let Chief come up with Councilwoman Bowman to see where we are. Where is the Chief?

Mr. Thompson: Do you want it to be introduced here, or in the introduction? Councilwoman Bowman: May as well while we're - - -

Councilman Shyne: Well, I mean - - -

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir, I move on that.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Bowman</u>, seconded by Councilman Lester to introduce Resolution No. 148 of 2008.

Councilman Shyne: Wait a minute now.

Councilman Walford: No, it's already been - - - we added it.

Mr. Thompson: We added it to the agenda.

Councilman Walford: But it can be adopted today, correct?

Mr. Thompson: It can be adopted today or it can be introduced and postponed, or whatever you want to do.

Councilman Walford: Motion for adoption.

Councilman Shyne: I thought the motion was to add.

Councilwoman Bowman: The motion was to introduce it, and we have said when it came up for introduction, that the Chief could get a chance to make his presentation.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, so we will add it under introduction?

Councilman Walford: Right.

Councilman Shyne: Now Chief, we're in your hands with a 7

Councilman Walford: Well, we're on debate on it. We don't vote until after the Chief is through and we have questions or comments.

Councilman Shyne: Well, we can do it either, but - -

Mr. Thompson: If we could make a suggestion, you might want to go on and introduce it, and then the question is whether or not there'll be a motion to adopt it.

Councilman Shyne: That's what I thought we were doing, but we had a wise man who said that we needed to - - - we're at the point of voting? Right, to introduce.

Councilman Walford: Okay.

Councilman Shyne: Did everybody vote?

Ms. Johnson: Mr. Lester?

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry Mike, we got another wise man.

Councilman Long: You are surrounded by wise men.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Shyne: 7-0. Tom it's very seldom you get a chance to work, and you're surrounded by - - -

Mr. Dark: I just think you need to be careful when you use the word 'wise' men Mr. Shyne.

Mayor Glover: Yet the wisest of these may be the woman.

Councilman Shyne: I mean the motion is to debate, cause you're not ready to adopt. Just to debate, right?

Councilwoman Bowman: Well in order to debate - - -

Councilman Walford: You have to have a motion on the floor. And I'll give you a motion to adopt.

Councilman Shyne: I thought we said that we would adopt it. Cause didn't we tell the guys to come to the next City Council Meeting? I thought we needed a motion to debate.

Councilman Walford: And after we debate this, I'm going to give you another motion to postpone.

Councilman Shyne: Well how about a motion to debate at this particular point, and not to adopt. Is that alright?

Councilman Walford: We either got to suspend the rules and let him talk, or you just go with the motion we got and get another motion to postpone.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, give me a motion to suspend the rules.

Councilwoman Bowman: So moved Mr. Chairman to suspend the rules.

Motion by Councilman <u>Bowman</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to suspend the rules.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman you're right, sometimes you get surrounded by too many wise people.

Councilman Walford: We're still going to have to have another motion.

Councilman Shyne: That's okay Chief.

Ms. Johnson: Excuse me Chief.

Councilman Shyne: You didn't get the vote?

Councilman Walford: I never voted because I had a motion on the floor. Roberts is rolling over in his grave.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Shyne, and Bowman. 6. Nays: None. Out of the Chamber: Councilman Webb. 1.

Councilman Shyne: Okay Chief, we're ready.

Chief Whitehorn: Thank you Mr. Chairman, in regards to the 56 Point Plan as we all are aware of, you know we've had several incidents at some of our Shreveport bars, lounges, and nightclubs that have resulted in some serious injuries, Councilwoman Bowman mentioned to some of the patrons. And because of this, the Shreveport Police Department in conjunction with Councilwoman Bowman and the Mayor's office, and the Mayor particularly, determined to addressed these issues concerning crime and disorder at our night spots. To achieve this, first of all we increased our security, the presence, the police presence in the vicinity of these establishments. And we did that through funds that were derived from the Council. We're also attempting to partner with the nightclubs' managers and owners through a best practice type approach, and that is the 56 Point Plan. The 56 Point Plan is the best practice approach to maintain the safety in Shreveport Bars, lounges and nightclubs, and to combat violence, drug sales and underage drinking, overconsumption of alcohol, prostitution and other illegal activities that's occurring at these locations. The Shreveport Plan as you know is modeled after a similar plan in New York City. All or any portion of the recommended items can be implemented at any of the alcohol establishments throughout the city. However the regulatory requirements will be mandatory, and under these regulatory requirements, items No(s). 1, 2, and 3, and No. 4

will be mandatory for all alcohol establishments. And these requirements are relative to the management of those establishments. Items 5, 6 and 7 will be mandatory for any bar, lounge, or nightclub in B-4, that's the Central Business District. These items are regarding security requirements in the Central Business District only. We recognize that the best practices do not guarantee, and I want to repeat that - - - do not guarantee that police will never be called to a bar or club because of crime or disorderly conduct. But we believe that the nightlife establishments that put these best practices into effect will find that they will suffer fewer problems and their personnel will be better prepared to deal with an incident if it does occur. 41 points of this plan apply directly to security. Employees, age verification, club policies and Police Community Relations. The other 15 pertain to reporting crimes including physical and sexual assault. In order to familiarize the bars and lounge owners with the best practices, we held an open meeting on February 19th of 2008, and we invited all of those that were interested to come to Police Headquarters to our assembly room and discuss the purpose of the plan and to allow them to have input into this process. That meeting was well attended. We had many of the bar owners that showed up, and we were able to listen to their comments and suggestions. And offered them the benefit that we would try to incorporate as much as we could into the plan. We addressed not only what the industry could do better, but we also addressed what the Police Department could do better as well. We as a city need to help provide the means to assist business owners in providing a safe environment. With any type of business, it is imperative that the patrons feel safe. I believe that this plan will greatly enhance the safety that Shreveport bars, lounges and nightclubs and therefore, I request your favorable consideration to this resolution and the eventual ordinance. I have a member of my staff here with me today, and will be able to answer any questions that you may have.

Councilman Shyne: Chief, that was beautiful. Any questions?

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Chairman, one question. If not - - - as I understand exactly what you're saying, but because the two young men did come before us, even if we move to adopt this today, and then listen to what they have to say in the meeting, couldn't we, if we agreed in Committee with the change that they'd like to see couldn't we come back and amend this?

Councilman Walford: And I think it's a credibility thing since we said we weren't going to adopt it.

Councilwoman Bowman: Then Mr. Walford, I'll let you do that. I have other emotions going on about it.

Councilman Lester: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I do want to say one thing Chief. One of the things that has been bantered about has to do with the whole idea of security and the training and those issues. I made some notes. And I know that one of the business owners said that he was concerned about the idea of hiring a licensed security company. That it was going to be extremely ineffective in terms of costs. And he said that if we actually went to that, the whole ration of 1 licensed person per 75 patrons, of course he said they do more of that now, and they would have to reduce it down to that level, you know I would just suggest. I think the spirit of where we're trying to go with this, and I would invite your comment is so that there is not a difference in the enforcement of the rules and regulations from establishment to establishment. I think the whole point of this exercise is so that if we have one body of rules and regulations,

whether it's on the corner of Commerce Street or the corner of Spring Street, the rules are going to be applied universally, applicably the same regardless of the establishment, regardless of the patrons, regardless of the age, we're going to have one standard of conduct that permeates the entirety of that area. And for me, the idea of not having licensed security says that, 'You know what? These are what the rules are, but we're going to look at it a little differently here, and we're going to look at it a little differently there.' And I think that flies in the face of why we're doing this in the first place. I mean if we don't have a standardized set of rules of regulations and a standardized code of conduct if you will, for the entertainment district, it doesn't make sense for us to even have the 56 Point Plan. Because someone's going to be able to get away with this at this establishment and do something completely different which as I appreciate it is one of the reasons why we're having the problems that Councilwoman Bowman has spoken about. You know this is allowed in this establishment, wink-wink, whatever. When you go around the corner, they're strict. And I just - - - I don't see how we can have this 56 Point Plan and not have licensed security people. Because if you're licensed, at least you know that everyone understands what the rules are and at least they have a license that says this is what the standard is going to be. I don't see how you can get around that. Can you Chief?

Chief Whitehorn: No sir, I agree with you 100%. And that's why I mentioned the meeting that we had in February, and both of the gentlemen that spoke to you today were present at that meeting. And we listened to the concerns that they had, and we offered them an opportunity through email, through regular mail or telephone to correspond back with us, and give us any concerns that they had. And today, I got a response. We've had an opportunity to work with them. To answer you question in particular, the one security person, licensed security person per 75 does not limit them from using the people that they already have available. They can still use the additional security or bouncers or whatever they have in their establishments. It's not to say that they are limited. This is a minimum requirement that we're offering per 75 patrons. And I think it's a very reasonable requirement to have. And if they have additional, then naturally, they would have to have additional licensed security. Not only does it benefit that club owner, but it benefits the patrons to know that they have someone in that establishment that's involved in the security aspect of their safety, that knows what they ought to be doing. Someone that's trained. And we went further than that. We even told them the locations of training facilities right here in Shreveport, where they could get their people trained. And as Chad Fangue mentioned, he does not have a problem with the training. And so, I don't really see that as an issue to have that trained security person present. And I'm not sure what the cost is for them to hire someone from a specialty security company.

Councilman Lester: Well, I think it's going to be cheaper than a lawsuit. And certainly I think it would - - - I just think if we're going to present a downtown that's going to be professional in terms of securing and making sure that anyone who comes to this area has a good time, and they're secure, the days of a guy my size with a black shirt that says security being security, I just think those days are over because I mean many times those are some of the guys that are the root of the problem. Because when they are presented with an unruly person or a negative situation, because they don't have the training, they handle things in a way that they probably should not have, and many times escalate a situation and make it worse. So, I'm very confident in what the Chief has

proposed. I want to say publicly, I'm 100% supportive of that, particularly of the security issue. And I would hope that the Council would not yield in that regard. Because again, I think for us to back away from that one set of standard that treats everyone the same regardless of your demographic, regardless of the type of establishment, regardless of whatever that treats everybody the same, I think if we don't do that, I think we might as well not even pass this. And I think not putting words in her mouth, but I suspect that's where Councilwoman Bowman is coming from. So, I appreciate you, and thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Shyne: I don't think nobody is talking about backing away, but you know I just wanted to make sure that everybody had an opportunity to put their two cents in or three cents in or five cents in or even to a quarter. You know this is a democratic process, and if it's not brain surgery, heart surgery, unless you say we need to pass this today, you know I would be willing to be let them put their nickels worth in, even if it's a second time of putting their nickels worth in, so that they could not walk away not being happy or walk away thinking that we had taken advantage of them. And I wouldn't want them to do that, but you are the professional, and if you think that we need to pass this today, you have my support, but other than that, you know I'm not about to talk about backing away from your plan. I just wanted to make sure that they had an opportunity to put their nickels worth in. And I don't mean no harm if they're listening when I say nickels worth.

Councilman Walford: Chief, you know I totally support the plan. And for the benefit of the Council, there is one amendment on that agenda. And the only reason I put that after discussing with the Chief and the City Attorney's office, is just to make sure that every employee acknowledges that they have the handbook, so that we don't have a situation where we have an incident or something and the employee says I didn't know anything about that. And that was the only change that I found that I wanted to make in the plan. But I wholly support it Chief.

Chief Whitehorn: Yes sir, and Mr. Walford, on that particular amendment, if we make it mandatory, then we have to move it up and it would be recommended. Because right now, it says "should" dealing with the employees, knowing what the rules are for the club.

Councilman Walford: If you pull it up to an ordinance form, I've got no problem with that.

Councilman Shyne: What is your position Chief? I mean your position is to pass it today, or it would - - -

Chief Whitehorn: Mr. Chairman, I don't think that's my call. I'm here to provide you with information.

Councilman Shyne: Well, Chief I appreciate your generosity.

Councilwoman Bowman: Yes sir. Chief, I want you to know I wholeheartedly support the entire plan. And it will help whatever we need to do. And of course cause we did tell the young men that were here, that we would listen to them, I don't mind listening to anybody. But at the end when the vote comes up, my thoughts and my views are still the same. And that's just the way I feel about it. And I don't mind on the 9th at 1:30 to allow them to come, say what they need to say. And other Council Members will be there, they can see and certainly you've attended all of the Public Safety Meetings. So, therefore you can give whatever input that you need to give at that particular time. And

the only way that I personally will change my mind about anything that's on here, is that you convince me that I need to do it. That's just the way I feel.

Councilman Shyne: I would say at this point, lets move on. Chief, we appreciate it.

Chief Whitehorn: I need to make one comment. Unfortunately I won't be here on June 9th, I have some mandatory Chief's Training. They're going to teach me how to be the Chief of Police. So, I've got to go to a mandatory school in Baton Rouge for that week. So, I won't be here, but someone will be available to answer your questions.

Councilman Shyne: If you'll have Rick to come - - - I'm just kidding. But if you'll have one of your Assistant Chiefs to come, Chief, that'll be fine.

Motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Lester</u> to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS: (*Not to be adopted prior to June 10, 2008*) *The Clerk read the following:*

- 1. **Resolution No. 145 of 2008**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative purchasing agreement between the City of Shreveport and the City of Ruston, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 2. Resolution No. 146 of 2008: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute grant documents with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 3. Resolution No. 147 of 2008: A resolution consenting to and authorizing the assignment and assumption of a promissory note and mortgage execute by McAddo Limited Partnership in favor of the City of Shreveport authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents relative to the assignment and assumption of the promissory note and mortgage, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 4. **Resolution No. 149 of 2008**: A Resolution amending Section 4.6 of the City Council Rules of Procedure relative to Rules of Debate and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to introduce Resolution No(s). 145, 146, 147, and 149 of 2008 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: (Not to be adopted prior to June 10, 2008)

- 1. Ordinance No. 52 of 2008: Ann ordinance amending the 2008 Capital Improvements Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 2. Ordinance No. 53 of 2008: An ordinance amending the 2008 Budget for the Public Safety Grants Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 3. Ordinance No. 54 of 2008: An ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances relative toffees charged by the Department of Public Assembly and Recreation, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 4. Ordinance No. 55 of 2008: An ordinance declaring a public servitude on certain adjudicated properties and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to introduce Ordinance No(s). 52, 53, 54, and 55 of 2008 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

- 5. Ordinance No. 56 of 2008: An ordinance declaring the city's interest in certain adjudicated properties as surplus and to authorize the mayor of the city of Shreveport to sell the City of Shreveport's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 6. Ordinance No. 57 of 2008: An ordinance declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus an to authorize the Mayor of the City of Shreveport to donate the City of Shreveport's tax interest in certain surplus adjudicated properties, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to withdraw Ordinance No(s). 56 and 57 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

- 7. Ordinance No. 58 of 2008: ZONING C-25-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of N. Market, 3,322 feet north of Martin Luther King Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to B-1, Buffer Business District and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)
- 8. <u>Ordinance No. 59 of 2008</u>: ZONING C-29-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the west side of Klug Pines Road, 600 feet south of the 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1D, Urban, One-Family Residence District to R-1D-E, Urban One-Family Residence/Extended

- Use District limited to <u>"A 50-Bed Dormitory" only</u>, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)
- 9. Ordinance No. 60 of 2008: An ordinance to enact Sections 10-8, 10-159 and 10-186 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to introduce Ordinance No(s) . 58, 59, and 60 of 2008 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE (Numbers are assigned Ordinance Number)

1. Ordinance No. 191 of 2007: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$9,000,000 of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana Taxable Special Facilities Revenue Bonds on behalf of the Shreveport Airport Authority, authorizing the pledge of certain revenues to secure the Bonds, awarding the Bonds to the Purchaser thereof, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO AN INTEREST RATE SWAP AGREEMENT; and providing otherwise with respect thereto. (Postponed May 13, 2008)

Having passed first reading on October 23, 2007 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Walford, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until the next regular meting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

2. Ordinance No. 40 of 2008: An ordinance amending and reenacting Section 26-211 of the Code of Ordinances relative to City Contracts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Walford) (Postponed May 13, 2008)

Having passed first reading on <u>April 22, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman <u>Walford</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Wooley</u> to table. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

3. Ordinance No. 45 of 2008: An ordinance closing and abandoning the ten and fifteen foot-wide utility servitudes on lots 33, 34, 35, and 1001 in the Southern Trace Phase IV – Section XVII – B Subdivision located in the SW ¼ of Section 29 (T16N-R13W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Having passed first reading on <u>May 13, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by

Councilman <u>Wooley</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Walford</u> to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: Councilwoman Bowman. 1.

4. Ordinance No. 46 of 2008: An ordinance amending Section 26-106 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to finance and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on May 13, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

5. Ordinance No. 47 of 2008: An ordinance amending and reenact Section 10-190 of the Code of Ordinances relative to drinking in public and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester)

Having passed first reading on May 13, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Lester, seconded by Councilman Wooley to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Lester: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say I appreciate Councilwoman Bowman agreeing to put this matter back on the agenda for the Public Safety Committee Meeting. I was not able to make the meeting on last week, and so she has graciously agreed to put that back on the agenda. So, I appreciate that.

Councilman Shyne: She's a Southern Lady. And Southern Ladies are very generous, and very hospitable.

6. Ordinance No. 48 of 2008: An ordinance creating stop intersections and establishing speed limits in the Haven Subdivision within the City limits of the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Wooley)

Having passed first reading on May 13, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

7. Ordinance No. 50 of 2008: An ordinance making certain findings with respect to the issuance by the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority on behalf of the City of Shreveport of its revenue refunding bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series 2008 to refund the existing auction rate bonds issued for the Shreveport

Convention Center Hotel, funding certain termination payments, approving the forms of and authorizing the distribution, execution and delivery of the preliminary and final official statements by the authority; approving the form of the trust indenture and authorizing the execution and delivery of the loan agreement, and other documents, certificates or contracts required in connection therewith; and authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk of the City to do all things necessary to effectuate this ordinance.

Having passed first reading on <u>May 13, 2008</u> was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Long to adopt.

Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 50 of 2008:

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

Delete the Ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt Amendment No. to Ordinance No. 50 of 2008. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Motion by Councilman <u>Lester</u>, seconded by Councilman <u>Long</u> to adopt Ordinance No. 50 of 2008 as amended. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

Councilman Shyne: Ron, I see you have Ms. Jackie with you back there, huh? Jackie, it's so good to see you. It's been a little while since you've been down. And I want to say this and we're going to move on. Jackie, I love your success story. A lot of times, it's not where you start, it's not how easy you get there, but it's where you start from. You started from, maybe I can use this term, you started from behind the iron curtain. You made it. Extremely proud of you Jackie. Okay, yes Ron.

Mr. Weems: I'd like to get this signed today, so we can get (inaudible) rolling.

Mr. Thompson: I don't know if anybody's still up there. And I didn't - - -

Mr. Weems: I apologize, I forgot to mention that to you earlier.

Mr. Thompson: I wish you would have, we would have taken it up earlier.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson, do I need to sign? If so, I'll wait in the Mayor's office and have a coke and maybe some chips. Now if I need to sign it in the morning, Mr. Mayor, I'll come down and have breakfast with Mr. Mayor in the morning and sign it.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, our staff is going to prepare that, so please don't get away until we - - -

Mayor Glover: We will be here Mr. Thompson.

Councilman Shyne: That means you and I will be there drinking a Coke and I.

Mayor Glover: I think we're going to get it done before - - -

Mr. Dark: Get it done before y'all ever leave.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Mr. Thompson, you want to move on?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, while the Council provided Ozarka Water, in the Mayor's office, we'll be able to provide you with some Music Mountain Water as opposed to Coke Cola.

Mr. Thompson: How about some City water?

Mayor Glover: And soon, thanks to the efforts of Mike Strong, we'll be able to provide you with some bottled city water.

Councilman Shyne: Well, I thought you were going to provide us with some soda water. You remember when you and I used to say we're going to the story and we're going to buy some what? Some soda water. You hadn't forgotten that have you?

Mayor Glover: They were pops on the Cooper Road, but I understand. What flavor of Coke Cola do you want?

Councilman Shyne: Now Mr. Mayor, you know you remember when you used to call it soda water.

8. **Ordinance No. 51 of 2008**: An ordinance amending the 2008 General Fund budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Having passed first reading on May 13, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Wooley, Walford, and Bowman to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

9. Ordinance No. 44 of 2008: APPEAL CA-03-08 - Closing and abandoning a portion of the Flournoy Lucas Road running south and west from Ellerbe Road for approximately 365 feet, located in the NW ¼ of Section (T16N-R13W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and exchanging said property with the YMCA, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Postponed May 13, 2008*)

Having passed first reading on May 13, 2008 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Wooley, seconded by Councilman Walford to postpone until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Lester, Walford, Long, Wooley, Webb, Shyne, and Bowman. 7. Nays: None.

The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 45 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE TEN AND FIFTEEN FOOT-WIDE UTILITY SERVITUDES ON LOTS 33, 34, 35, AND 1001 IN THE SOUTHERN TRACE PHASE IV – SECTION XV11 – B SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 29 (T16N-R13W), SHREVEPORT CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, today the Property Management Section of the Department of Operational Services has received a request to close and abandon a ten and fifteen foot-wide utility servitude.

WHEREAS, Water and Sewerage Engineering has reviewed this request and has no objections to this closure and abandonment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the ten and fifteen foot-wide utility servitudes, located in the SW ¼ of Section 29 (T16N-R13W), Shreveport, Caddo Parish, and Louisiana and as shown and as indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby closed and abandoned.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance be filed and recorded in the official records of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof is invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without 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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 46 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26-106 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO FINANCE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 26-106 (6) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended and now reads as follows:

Sec. 26-106. Fee schedule for services rendered by the police department.

(6) Use of police vehicles used by off-duty police officers working off-duty jobs. Fifty dollars for the first two hours and ten dollars every hour thereafter, with a \$50.00 minimum. The fee for use of police vehicles for funeral escorts is \$25.00 per funeral per vehicle used in the escort.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions 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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. 48 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE CREATING STOP INTERSECTIONS AND ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS IN THE HAVEN SUBDIVISION WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in regular and legal session convened that the following are hereby made and created stop intersections as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A:

- 1. Captain Dillon Court Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 2. New Sensation Court Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 3. Eagle Bend Way Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 4. D. L. Tally Drive Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 5. Captain Mary Miller Drive Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 6. G. W. Sentell Drive Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 7. Captain Cooley Drive Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 8. Mollie Able Drive Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 9. Batture Drive Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 10. Archimedes Drive Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 11. Laurel Hill Drive Stop at Chemin Du Lac Drive
- 12. La Belle Lane Stop at Laurel Hill Drive
- 13. La Belle Lane Stop at Mollie Able Drive
- 14. Colonel A. P. Kouns Drive Stop at Mollie Able Drive
- 15. Laurel Hill Drive Stop at Mollie Able Drive
- 16. Mollie Able Drive Stop at Eagle Bend Drive
- 17. Hallette Drive Stop at Captain Mary Miller Drive
- 18. Grey Eagle Drive Stop at Hallette Drive
- 19 Colonel A. P. Kouns Drive Stop at Archimedes Drive
- 20. Captain Mary Miller Drive Stop at Archimedes Drive
- 21. Captain Cooley Drive Stop at Chemin Du Lac Drive
- 22. Diana Drive Stop at Eagle Bend Way
- 23. Baltic Drive Stop at Eagle Bend Way
- 24. Admiral Porter Drive Stop at Eagle Bend Way
- 25. Laurel Hill Drive Stop at Captain H. M. Shreve Boulevard
- 26. Hallette Drive Stop at Mollie Able Drive
- 27. Captain Mary Miller Drive Stop at Mollie Able Drive
- 28. Grey Eagle Drive Stop at Archimedes Drive
- 29. Hallette Drive Stop at Archimedes Drive
- 30. Grey Eagle Drive Stop at Hallette Drive
- 31. Baltic Drive Stop at Amy Hewes Drive
- 32. Admiral Porter Drive Stop at Amy Hewes Drive

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in regular and legal session convened that the speed limit on all of the streets within The Haven subdivision shall be enforceable in accordance with Section 90-197(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the 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 resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE NO. <u>50</u> OF 2008

____ and seconded by Councilman Long Offered by Councilman Lester_ AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE BY THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT OF ITS REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT) SERIES 2008 TO REFUND THE EXISTING AUCTION RATE BONDS ISSUED FOR THE SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL, FUNDING CERTAIN TERMINATION PAYMENTS, APPROVING THE FORMS OF AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENTS BY THE AUTHORITY; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE TRUST INDENTURE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, CERTIFICATES OR CONTRACTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH: AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK OF THE CITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana established for public purposes including the issuance of bonds and refunding bonds pursuant to Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16) (the "Act") and Chapter 14A of Title 39 (the "Refunding Act"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, a municipality and political subdivision organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana (the "City") is a participating political subdivision and member of the Authority; and WHEREAS, the Authority previously issued its Revenue Bonds for the purpose of the acquisition and construction of the Shreveport Convention Center Hotel ("Hotel") as Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project, Series 2005 (the "Prior Bonds"); and WHEREAS, the Hotel has been completed and is presently operating and generating revenue, however, the Prior Bonds have experienced an increase in interest rates which impact the profitability of the Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested that the Authority issue its revenue refunding bonds to refund the Prior Bonds and to provide funding for termination payments (the "Termination Payments") under the existing swap agreement related to the Prior Bonds, such payments to be made when determined to be deemed feasible by the City and pay costs of issuance therefore (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Act, the Refunding Act and other constitutional and statutory authority empowers the Authority to issue revenue refunding bonds to provide funds to the beneficiary thereof to allow it to refinance, including but not limited to refunding bonds previously issued for the construction and acquisition of public infrastructure, economic development projects and public works of all types including public facilities, including the Hotel: and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to borrow money payable from the income and revenues derived by the City from the operation of the Hotel to finance the refunding of the Prior Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued in accordance with the Act and the Refunding Act; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued pursuant to a Trust Indenture dated as of June 1, 2008 (the "Indenture") by and between the Authority and Regions Bank, as Trustee (the "Trustee"); and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned by the Authority to the City pursuant to a Loan Agreement dated as of June 1, 2008 (the "Loan Agreement") by and between the Authority and the City; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Prior Bonds the City previously authorized a pledge and security interest in net revenues of the Hotel; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain a letter of credit, the City now desires to grant a pledge and security interest in and to (i) the net revenues of the Hotel; and (ii) "Lawfully Available Funds", which shall be defined in the Loan Agreement as to include, but not limited to, the Riverfront Funds, so as to secure its obligations under the Loan Agreement and the Reimbursement Agreement with Regions Bank, as Letter of Credit Provider (the "Reimbursement Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has adopted a resolution on authorizing the issuance of its Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series 2008 (the "Bonds) pursuant to the Act and Refunding Act for the purpose of refunding the Prior Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the State Bond Commission (the "Commission") granted its approval of the issuance of the Bonds and authorized the Authority to proceed with the financing of the Project for the City through the issuance of the Bonds and approved the execution of the Loan Agreement by the City; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the loan by the Authority pursuant to the Loan Agreement, the City will agree to make payments of principal and interest which will be sufficient to pay or reimburse payment of the costs of issuance of the Bonds and principal of, interest and other charges relative to the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, all consents and approvals required to be given by public bodies in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds as authorized by the Indenture and as required by the Act have been or will be secured prior to delivery of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires by the adoption of this ordinance (this "Ordinance") to acknowledge and approve the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority and the execution and delivery of (i) the Loan Agreement and (ii) all other documents, certificates and contracts ancillary thereto and required in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, to authorize the sale and delivery of the Bonds to Morgan Keegan & Company, Inc., the Underwriter (the "Underwriter") in accordance with a Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") among the Authority, the City and Underwriter, to authorize the use and distribution of the Official Statement with respect to the Bonds, and to provide for the execution of all instruments, documents and certificates in connection therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority") of the City, that: **ARTICLE I**

Definitions, Findings and Interpretation

SECTION 1. Authorization of Bonds. For the purposes of financing the Project, the Governing Authority hereby approves and acknowledges the issuance by the Authority on behalf of the City of not to exceed \$42,720,000 of its Revenue Refunding Bonds (Shreveport Convention Center Hotel Project) Series 2008 (the "Bonds"). In connection therewith, the Governing Authority hereby authorizes the Authority to distribute the Official Statement, subject to such changes as may be approved by bond counsel to the City and Authority. The details of the Bonds and the other provisions of their issuance, security and payment shall be set forth in the Indenture, said Indenture to be substantially in the form submitted at this meeting and filed with the official minutes of the City, with such additions, omissions and changes as may be approved by bond counsel to the Authority and the City. The form of Indenture is hereby approved. The Bonds will be issued only as fully registered bonds in the denominations of \$100,000 or any integral multiple of \$5,000 in excess thereof. The Bonds shall mature not later than 30 years from the date of issuance, and shall bear interest at a variable rate not to exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum, all as provided in and subject to the terms and conditions of the Indenture.

SECTION 2. <u>Indenture/Loan Agreement.</u> The forms and terms of the Indenture and the Loan Agreement are hereby approved substantially as submitted to the City and filed with the official minutes of the City, all of the provisions of which are hereby made a part of this Ordinance, with such additions, omissions and the changes as may be approved by bond counsel to the Authority and the City. The City authorizes the pledge of (i) the net revenues of the Hotel; and (ii) Lawfully Available Funds (as defined in the Loan Agreement) and the execution of any documentation required to evidence such pledge and security interest.

SECTION 3. <u>Bond Purchase Agreement</u>. The Bonds shall be sold and purchased pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Bond Purchase Agreement. The Mayor and Clerk of the City are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City, to execute the Bond Purchase Agreement reflecting the City's approval and acceptance of the terms thereof and of the sale to the Underwriter. The use, execution and distribution of the final Official Statement is hereby approved in a form as may be approved by bond counsel to the City and the Authority.

SECTION 4. Additional Authority. The Mayor and the Clerk of the City are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to do all things necessary, on the advice of bond counsel to the City and the Authority, to effectuate the sale and delivery of the Bonds and to implement this Ordinance, including the publication hereof as required by the Act and/or Refunding Act, the execution of agreements, documents or certificates necessary to issue and deliver the Bonds, including but not limited to final versions of the Loan Agreement, the Reimbursement Agreement, and a Pledge and Security Agreement, as well as any documents required in order to fully evidence the security interest granted by such Loan Agreement. Said officials are hereby further authorized and directed to approve for and on behalf of and the in the name of the City, any changes, additions or deletions in any of the documents, instruments or certificates

referred to in this Ordinance, provided that all such changes, additions or deletions, if any shall be approved by bond counsel to the City and the Authority and consistent and within the authority provided in the Act and/or Refunding Act.

SECTION 5. <u>Trustee.</u> The Governing Authority hereby approves Regions Bank to serve as Trustee under the Indenture.

SECTION 6. Miscellaneous.

<u>Publication of Ordinance</u>. A copy of this Ordinance shall be published in the Official Journal of the City of Shreveport.

Ordinance to Constitute Contract. In consideration of the purchase and the acceptance of the Bonds by those who shall hold the same from time to time, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be a part of the contract of the City with the holders of the Bonds and shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the City, the Authority, the Trustee and the holders from time to time of the Bonds. The provisions, covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed by and on behalf of the City shall be for the benefit, protection and security of the holders of any and all of the Bonds.

<u>Filing of Ordinance</u>. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed and recorded as soon as possible in the Mortgage Records in the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana.

<u>Severability</u>. In case any one or more the provisions of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance and this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein or therein.

<u>Governing Law</u>. This Ordinance is a contract made under, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Louisiana applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within such State.

SECTION 7. Swap Approval. By virtue of the Issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the State Bond Commission's approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products, Hedges, Etc." (the "Policy"), adopted by the State Bond Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowings and other matters subject to the approvals, including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swaps or other products or enhancements covered thereby. It is the intention of the Governing Authority that the existing swap be utilized in order to obtain the benefits of a fixed rate, notwithstanding that the rate of the Bonds shall be variable. The Governing Authority authorizes the authorized officer of the City and the Authority to amend the existing swap in order to utilize such swap to establish a fixed rate for the Bonds.

ORDINANCE NO. 51 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: Councilman Shyne

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2008 budget for the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 162 of 2007, the 2008 General Fund budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations):

In General Government, decrease Operating Reserves by \$4,100.

In SPAR, increase Contractual Services by \$4,100.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 162 of 2007 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 to be severable.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. <u>Ordinance No. 204 of 2006</u>: An ordinance amending the 2006 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Disparity Study) (A/Lester) (Introduced November 14, 2006 Tabled December 12, 2006)
- 2. Ordinance No. 205 of 2006: An ordinance amending the 2006 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Introduced November 14*, 2006 Tabled December 12, 2006)
- **Resolution No. 51 of 2007**: A resolution supporting the Employee Free Choice Act, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled May 8, 2007*)
- **Ordinance No. 122 of 2006:** Amending portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to traffic and vehicles and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Lester) (*Tabled September 11, 2007*)
- 5. Ordinance No. 32 of 2008: An ordinance to amend and reenact portions of Division 3 of Article V of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Retained Risk and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled April* 22, 2008)
- **Ordinance No. 24 of 2008**: Amending Chapter 42 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances to add Article XI relative to operation of a rendering plant or transfer center within the City of Shreveport and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Tabled May 13, 2008*)
- 7. PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS:

HBO0700145 – 426 Woodrow, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Adrian Gerard Gallion, 124 Carroll Street, Shreveport, LA 71105 (C/Long) (*Postponed February* 25, 2008 until August 25, 2008)

HBO0700081 – 1062 Dalzell Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) Mr. Stanley W. Burke, III, 8848 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115 (D/Wooley)(*Postponed April 21, 2008 until June 23, 2008*)

HBO0700137 – 1919 Walnut Street, Shreveport, LA (A/Lester); Ms. Ethel J. Reed, 4745 McDaniel Drive, Shreveport, LA 71109 (F/Shyne) (*Postponed February 25, 2008 until August 25, 2008*)

PSD0700065 - 2513 Dupont Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Mr. David Bates, 2509 Dupont Street, Shreveport, La 71103 (B/Walford) (*Postponed until May 12, 2008 until May 23, 2008*) **DECISION RENDERED** – **May 23, 2008**

PSD0700243 - 129 Stoner Ave, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford); Mr. Raul Perez, Jr. 226 Cattail Trail, Benton, LA 71006)(*Postponed May 12, 2008 until August 11, 2008*)

PSD0700170 – 610 Terrell Drive (D/Wooley); Mr. Bobby Player, 3110 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA 71103 (G/Bowman) (*Postponed April 21, 2008 until June 23, 2008*)

PSD0700347 – 4129 Theo Street/4709 Norton (F/Shyne): Mr. Johnny Myles, 1041 Sheridan Street, Shreveport, La 71104 (B/Walford) (*Postponed May 12, 2008 until November 10, 2008*)

NEW BUSINESS

ABO APPEAL: Mr. William Poston, 1740 Cross Lake, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Bowman) GiGi's Martini Room, 420 Commerce Street, Shreveport, LA (B/Walford) *DECISION RENDERED – May 23, 2008*

PROPERTY STANDARDS BOARD OF APPEALS:

CAB0703167, **CAB0703168**, **CAB0703169**, **CAB0703170** – 3831 Conway Street, Lot 43, Mont-Mac Subdivision Parcel No. 171411-044-004300 (B/Walford) *DECISION RENDERED – May 23, 2008*

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES: None. CLERK'S REPORT: None
THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 p.m.

//s// Joe Shyne, Chairman	
//s// Arthur G. Thom	pson, Clerk of Council