

**SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

September 24, 2013

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chairman Michael Corbin.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Shyne seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins for approval.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Rose McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

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Communications of the Mayor

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, I will be brief, but would like to – since it has been confirmed and initially shared by Council Member Sam Jenkins express great sadness and send condolences to the Chapman family; the afternoon passing of Orlando Chapman. The owner and proprietor of Brother's Seafood, named after his father Brother Chapman who was a part of and connected to the lineage that goes all the way back to the early part of the 20th Century here in Shreveport. The opening and founding of the Freeman & Harris Café, which became eventually Pete Harris Café and for a period of time Orlando himself operated the Red River District and ultimately settled out on Monkhouse Drive where that establishment, I'm assuming is still in operation to this day. And certainly pray that it will continue to carry on their tradition, but certainly want to express condolences at his passing and look forward to hearing whatever plans may come forward from this family in terms of how they will seek to honor and recognize him. Also Mr. Chairman, members, on a slightly brighter note I want to share with you all that as of the 20th of September the folks with CoHabitat are now open and operating and right up to this point and time has been referred to as Red River District. It was an event that was a part of the 3rd Annual Digi-Fest South.

Councilman Everson: Second or third.

Mayor Glover: I believe third and that was put on by the Bossier Arts Council that's co-sponsored by a host of entities including the Downtown Development Authority and many, many others. It takes place between Bossier and Shreveport and has to do with all things involving the digital economy of the future. It had some rather significant events that took place down there on this past Friday. The only thing that dampened the spirit was the rain, but John Grinley and all the others involved and connected pressed on otherwise and continued to persevere and it ended up being a rather successful effort. Also, we are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to hopefully be able to announce some other positive activities taking place in that area also, and I believe we're well on our way to seeing it turn around and ultimately being a much better set of

circumstances for the city of Shreveport and for the region as a whole. And certainly want to extend thanks and appreciation to Jeff Everson and Shelly Ragle and Debbie Camus and Terri Scott and all the folks who have been involved in helping to dot the I's and cross the T's to help make that happen, and certainly this council for extending to them the willingness to allow them the wherewithal and the authority to go out and address that situation; so good news from last week and we look forward to more good news coming as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you, Mayor Glover. Do any council members have any additional communications at this time?

Communications from Council Members

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, I believe this weekend the Northwest LA Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation will probably be out shaking the cans on the corners to collect money for this dreaded disease. We want to ask our citizens, No. 1. To be aware that they will be in the intersections so be careful as you drive thru the intersections. I believe they may have some 48 intersections that they'll be at and if you can give contributions I hope that you will. I think it all goes to a very good cause. I wanted to express my appreciation to you Mayor and to your staff, city attorney, Chief Shaw and others who helped the organization kind of work thru a little difficulty before they went out this weekend, so I appreciate the accommodation there. Mr. Chairman, I hope that maybe our Public Safety Committee could take a look at the ordinance that governs the collections at the corners. I think there may be a few math that need to be addressed concerning the speed limit and what intersections you can be at and things like that because you do have a lot of groups that raise funds that way. You may want to you know, if possible, at some point that committee can take a look at it and see if any kind of adjustments need to be made in a year or two. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman O. Jenkins: When you mentioned that, that is a question that they have. Personally, I get a fair amount of complaints about it. Looking out for the – I mean obviously there's some of kind of a conflict in some people's mind what goes back to our solicitation ordinance to begin with. Follow that up with separately the safety of those individuals out there. They're young. Most of them seem to be young and I've always wondered that myself, so when you brought it up I was going to ask about that. So I think that's an excellent point in something we need to address.

Councilman Corbin: And I think one of the prime soliciting corners is about to be under construction for a while, too, because it seems like (inaudible) battle to be at Youree and Kings Highway quite often.

Councilman O. Jenkins: There's Youree and Kings – seems like Hollywood, Jewella is another one and it's a lot of moving parts out there on a Saturday.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask the city attorney if she would maybe start looking into it or you might know the answer already. If somebody would get hit would the city have any liability? Please.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Chairman, I want to ask Mr. Harris about my Brian Hardy out at Forest Mobile Home Estates you know. Have y'all set up a meeting? They had yet to talk about the Lincoln lantern.

Mr. Harris: Yeah, the meeting is set for 2:00 tomorrow.

Councilman Webb: Tomorrow at 2:00?

Mr. Harris: Yeah.

Councilman Webb: Okay yeah, thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Harris, I have something for you, too.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And so do I Mr. Harris.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And so do I Mr. Harris.

Councilman Webb: Hang around.

Councilman S. Jenkins: We forgot you were out there.

Councilman Webb: I started a domino, didn't I? I'm sorry.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Since he's on the hot seat I got – I do have a question. I did happen to review a recent solicitation for vehicle costs, far as the trucks. I'm not sure everybody's had the chance to take a look at what that number is, but that is expensive.

Mr. Harris: Vans, trucks?

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well, I assume that is. I mean not his personal (inaudible). I don't want to let anybody suggest that it's – but I think that price tag looks at 110,000 a truck so that is a big figure. I'm not debating the value of those trucks, but I guess that raised my eyebrow when I read it today or whenever we got it. Yesterday or today, I don't know when.

Mr. Sibley: We'll get back with you on that.

Mayor Glover: We'll follow-up and clarify. Maybe with the Knuckle Bone Program, not sure, but we'll find out.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean I'm just saying it says five trucks and it shows \$550,000 and maybe it's in one of the things that's coming out, but that's a big number.

Mayor Glover: Stan says it doesn't sound familiar to him at the moment, but we'll find out and respond back to the council.

Councilman O. Jenkins: To be honest, I don't know whose department it needs to –

Mr. Sibley: We'll find out.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I mean I just pointed out – it doesn't – maybe I didn't read it closely, but it didn't necessarily indicate whose department it's coming out of.

Mr. Sibley: We're needlessly focusing on Stan. I thought he said it was Stan.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well, I mean I just assumed since she has most of the –

Mr. Sibley: Okay.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Equipment, but I mean it could be SPAR. It could be Water & Sewerage.

Mayor Glover: It could be Sportran.

Councilman Shyne: I think it might be SPAR.

Mayor Glover: It could be Fire.

Councilman O. Jenkins: It's a pickup truck.

Councilman S. Jenkins: A \$150,000 pickup truck?

Councilman Corbin: Equipped for towing, I think it said.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Equipped for towing or some type of –

Mr. Sibley: We'll find out.

Councilman Corbin: The information just came out today or late yesterday.

Mayor Glover: It came from Purchasing. Email from Purchasing?

Councilman O. Jenkins: It doesn't say. Well, maybe it does somewhere, but in the parts that I read in the deal it doesn't make clear who's the department.

Mayor Glover: We will clarify.

Councilman Corbin: A couple of quick things. The store that burned at just the south of Youree and Stoner a couple of weekends ago, the Old Moon Grocery; I noticed when I drove by there, that whoever's doing site clean-up –

Mayor Glover: Stacking up lumber?

Councilman Corbin: Stacking up lumber on the side of the road; just wanted to be sure that nobody thinks that that's our responsibility to pick that up as their working on that site. Also want to congratulate the Nucholls family and their partners for Shreveport's newest restaurant that opened today, Twisted Root Restaurant out on Line Avenue. If you know I've had a chance to eat there yet. A few people got to sneak in early.

Councilman Shyne: They're not selling any alcohol are they?

Councilman Corbin: There might be a beverage or two available.

Councilman Everson: They won't serve it to you.

Councilman Shyne: Then we're good.

Councilman Everson: As long as you don't ask for it.

Councilman Corbin: Any other comments from council members?

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before you get to the next phase I'll share this in conjunction with I'm sure Councilman Webb. And this is going on as we speak so if anybody that's out here listening to us right now or will soon come available before 8:00 the Southern Hills Business Association is today hosting their 2013 Business Expo sponsored by the Gibbsland Bank & Trust and that's taking place out at the Summer Grove Baptist Event Center. They're at 3132 or Terry Bradshaw Passway and Jewella. It started today at 4 and will go on until 8 and there's a great deal being offered from various booths and displays and what have you and certainly encouraging one who's interested to come out. I know it's usually a great event, just regret that it's held this year on a council day. With an executive session to follow it may mean that we may be a little late in getting there, so thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you, Mayor Glover. That brings us to Public Comments and we'll ask that as you approach the microphone if you would state your name and address and make every attempt to keep your comments to 3 minutes or less.

Public Comments

Mr. Sammy Mears: (1901 Centenary Blvd. Shreveport, LA 71101) I got a prepared statement. I normally would come down and say something interesting, but unfortunately today I'm sorry to have to complain. I'm here today to talk about a situation that happened on Thursday night, September 12th at 8:35 p.m. while I was watching television. I was trying to watch something very important on my television and then the TV started having real wavy colored lines, stuck pictures together that stopped, no volume. Everything just went out all at one time on all of the channels. I was not very happy about this. I was very hurt. I don't find that game amusing and when I see on my television a person with green and orange Mohawk hair and then red beaver teeth which was sick or if I see a half purple and half blue person it's ridiculous. And of course it just went on constantly and then there was the one moment it just started flashing and flashing and flashing and then it wouldn't stop and finally when it did

everything just went out completely. After all this, about maybe 8:45 p.m. I finally decided to call Comcast and the lines were busy at the time and I decided I'd better just kind of wait until I could finally get thru. So I waited a few minutes, I finally got thru to speak to a representative and I had to wait for about 10 minutes. They reported that they had a technical problem in the area and that the technicians were working quickly to restore power as soon as possible and they apologized for the inconvenience that it may have caused me and I told them what I had seen on my TV, but I don't want to see green and orange Mohawk hair or red beaver buck teeth or anything like that. So even though it may sound kind of funny it really was nothing to laugh at. It just didn't make any sense to me and they said they'd do everything they could to get power restored back. I was really so mad that night that about 9:00 I just couldn't deal with it anymore and I decided just go on straight to bed. The next morning when I woke up I didn't even know if I wanted to turn on the television or not because I was just afraid that maybe things didn't get restored. I finally did about 9:00 a.m. and they were. Of course they called back on their computer call and said if there were any more things that I might have needed, just to give them a call back at 1-800-comcast, so at the present time I guess I don't need anything in that situation. At first I felt like I might have been taken advantage of for some reason that I didn't know of and it just really hurt. I hope today that maybe I'll get an apology to let me know that everything is okay and I'm sure there are no guarantees that this situation won't come up again because it probably will. If this happened to you you'd be about as furious as I was. I don't want to see things like that on my TV. I mean I want to see normal people on television. Seeing that kind of stuff just doesn't make a bit of sense. It's all ridiculous and it's unacceptable and I won't have any part of it. I won't even put up with it. I just hope you understand how I feel about this and I came today to address that. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Just before you sit down, Mr. Chairman, I think that might have been Sam Jenkins messing with your TV.

Councilman S. Jenkins: No.

Mr. Mears: I don't buy that for one minute. Sam, you wouldn't.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I've been giving out his name for Comcast complaints because he seems so engaged in that particular –

Mr. Mears: I don't buy that for one minute. Besides, Arthur Thompson asked me earlier if I wasn't going to have a green and orange Mohawk and I said when worms have ears. So I made that abruptly clear and I told him and I'll tell all of you, do not bring me in 2 weeks a box of words with pasted ears.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you, Sammy, and I'm sure that Dale has logged that complaint into his database.

Mr. Sibley: He actually hit me with it before the meeting.

Pastor Linus Mayes: (335 E. Dalzell, Shreveport, LA 71104) I came before you to just first of all discuss some of the things that we can do as a city and some things that we know

simply that we cannot do. I think Mr. Jenkins you were at a meeting that took place at Praise Temple and the question was asked concerning what can be done between individuals. I think Barbara Norton was there, several other people were there. What can be done with brutality and stuff that's taken place in our city and the question was a pretty direct question that the young lady asked from Houston. And I told her if she'd be listening on today we'd kind of bring some clarity to what her question really was. Mrs. Norton wasn't able to answer the question, but the recent spike in violence within the city of Shreveport – we all understand and we know that from a local standpoint all that kind be done is to make people aware of what's going on throughout our cities. We as pastors, we're trying to let people know what to do and what not to do. We know that there's not gonna be a citizen review board. (Inaudible) I think you introduced that when you were a state rep and it's passed in the house and it failed in the senate so I came to you this morning to just simply – this afternoon – to just simply kind of see what else can we do as a collective unit to let individuals know. I'm not talking about just making people aware of what they should do and what they should not do, but there is no laws. There's no – from a state standpoint has been issued since Mayor Glover you introduced the legislation that would have a citizen review board and we know that that failed, but my question to you guys is that even though knowing that that had failed on a state level what can we do locally because the spike in violence within our city and our young black men are getting killed. Black on black violence, people steady being shot down by one another. I know educate, empower is what we're trying to do, but as I told the young lady from a city council standpoint that there is no laws that's gonna be implemented that would directly deal with what's going on within our black communities. So I came down today to just simply say to all of the citizens out there that we're gonna have to take a more hands on approach in order to educate our young people, to teach them what they should do and what they should not do. Now also, I want to mention about the 50th anniversary. I think all of that was great. I think where we at now and where we have come from – significant changes have been made, but we as African Americans understand that there's more to be done. We understand that there is an economic disparagement among African Americans as you know other races. Let me just say it like that so nobody would get offended. We know that these things exist. We know the prison population is overcrowded with people that look more like me and we just want to know – and all I'm coming down here today for is just kind of make the public aware that when we meet people in these settings and they say that they can do this and they can do that, that is not truthful information because there's only so much that this council can do. We can't govern morale. You can just educate and empower people on what can be done and what cannot be done, so that's what we're trying to take a collective effort to educate people on what they should do, how they should abide by the law. If an officer pull you over just comply. And as I said, you can never to every black mother, black child, black father – the argument on the streets between yourself and the officer, you cannot win that argument. That argument is not won on the streets. It has to be won in the courts. In order for laws to be changed and I been preaching that down here for the longest. In order for laws to be changed it has to go thru the legislative branch far as people that are state representatives. Those people are implementing these laws and these laws – some of them has to be changed. So with that being said, I also want to give to the unseen heroes that also make an impact in this city that are not hardly ever recognized. There are plenty of people that do stuff in this city that are just not simply recognized because they don't meet the quote, unquote, status quo, but I had a great time at the C.C. Antoine event that my good friend Craig is putting on and has been putting on; wonderful event and we encourage more people. Every year it's getting bigger and better every year and to all those people that were recognized; the recognition was due onto you

for those that wasn't recognized, so with Harry Blake and all the others that actually was a part of that movement. Calvin Austin, a friend of mine, he was in jail for 45 days so they honored him and what we're saying and then I'm gonna conclude with this. What we're saying, that there are a new generation of individuals that are out here that are willing to pay the price, is not looking for any recognition, but just looking for concern and for this city to work together collectively and that contractors, minority contractors can be able to get some of these city contracts. I've been saying that since I've been down here. That's some of the things that we want to see go forward. Some minority contractors that's qualified for some of these city contractors are just simply not getting them and we just want to be equal across the board. It's about fairness. It's not about race. It's about fairness. Let's just be fair with everybody. So with that being said, I want once again, thank y'all for another opportunity for me coming down here to be able to voice my opinion. And to Councilman Jeff Everson, I'm seeing work being done in the city concerning the roads. You can see certain things actually being done and with that we appreciate what we are seeing, especially over there by our church and over there in that neighborhood. You can just see some of the work that's being done now. So with that being said, and all over the city pretty much in areas you can see things being done so with that, that's a good thing, but also, I have one other thing and I'm a take my seat when I say this. I was reading on the internet and it was quite disturbing to me because over \$25,000 – I'm hoping that the Dog Park Alliance and the mayor can come together to get this matter resolved because the taxpayers of this city – it's been over \$25,000+ that's been spent on legal defense. And I just feel that we as a city ought to be able to spend money like that more appropriately and come together and decide exactly what they're gonna do about the dog park issue and put that issue to rest because the money is steady. The legal defense is steady piling up, so we encourage the Dog Park Alliance to get with the mayor and let's get the problem resolved because we don't need to continue to fund or to pay stuff when the money can be allocated and used for other things. So I think that we need to come together. There need to be a coming together to use the money more appropriately and with that being said, thank you guys so very much for another opportunity to speak and hopefully that – I talked to the people at the Dog Park Alliance. Hopefully, that this matter can get resolved and we can move on as a city and stuff can get done and we can get back to the business of the city. So with that, appreciate you very much and God bless you.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you, Pastor Mayes. Council will now –

Councilwoman McCulloch: Pastor Mayes.

Pastor Mayes: Yes ma'am.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Is there one more event that's gonna be held at the A.C. [sic] Antoine Park? They have one left?

Pastor Mayes: I think there is one left.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay.

Mr. Mayes: Yes ma'am, but Mr. Lee has just been doing a phenomenon job with that and I just appreciate what he's been doing. He's one of those individuals that has been working as a foot soldier to get stuff done in this city and the honor is due and the recognition is due. The

scripture says, give honor where honor is due, and with that we appreciate him very much. God bless you.

Councilman Corbin: Council will now recognize Mr. Craig Lee.

Mr. Craig Lee: (PO Box 37612 Shreveport, LA 71104) While I'm getting ready to speak my good partner Ken Penn is gonna pass to council a newspaper and a package to the city council people, not Art. Art, don't get one. He ain't the council people.

Mr. Thompson: But I want to read it.

Mr. Lee: Well yeah, well Oliver done went out so you can get his. You can get his. This fine gentleman here is Mr. Ken Penn. Ken Penn and his wife Savtria Penn are factory workers at Libbey Glass and they're also micro business owners of Penn's 2 Needles an embroidery company. And I'm gonna just stand in the middle so you all can see this New Orleans Saints C.C. Antoine jacket designed by Penn's 2 Needles.

Councilman Shyne: Who dat.

Mr. Lee: I wanted to introduce them because as Mayor Glover and Councilman Shyne talked about my good partner at Fair Park, Orlando Chapman, part of what I do is focus on the cultural economy and C.C. Antoine is that entity.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Lee, before you go on would you also introduce the CEO of the company?

Mr. Lee: Yeah, she is the CEO. It's Mrs. Savtria and little COO. It's my little niece.

Mayor Glover: There's a CEO and COO?

Mr. Lee: Oh yeah, she is one of the top students in Caddo Parish. At what school (inaudible)?

Child: South Highlands.

Mr. Lee: South Highlands and this is a Fair Park –

Councilman Shyne: That's one of the top schools in the state. There you go, so we so proud.

Mr. Lee: Absolutely, and it's a public school.

Mr. Shyne: That's exactly right. I'll look out now. Right on Indian.

Mr. Lee: And they have – when we're talking about C.C. Antoine and Brandon is part of – the whole concept is also merchandising and so from that standpoint they designed the

embroidery on this jacket. In your package you're going to find some very important information. Our project has now taken on a national tone. My cousin and one of our historical research team Gary Joiner and formerly Mr. Eric Brock who is now not with us and Mr. (inaudible) Nedley out of New Orleans. My cousin Juanell Simmons who is our genealogy point person felt so compelled that she wrote President Obama about the history is this great icon C.C. Antoine and his brother and also his father. This is quite significant because C.C. Antoine's father was also born free and he fought in the war of 1812. C.C. Antoine and his brother helped to organize the first black regiment during the civil war. Well, today it's called Morgan City which used to be called Brashear so I wanted to make sure I got a copy of President Obama's certificate that was designated to all 3 gentlemen. We'll be presenting this to the family, also to St. Paul's A.M.E. Church, also to Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church as well as in the coming days. Also, you'll see a Preliminary Economic Impact Report that I have to credit Councilwoman McCulloch. As I said, as a by-product of what we've been pushing, Councilwoman McCulloch felt compelled to petition Greg Tarver for state funds to help initiate the economic development in and around the park. And so you got 400,000 from the state and our illustrious point person for Community Development, Bonnie, got that \$400,000 in her hands and then she flipped it and got 300,000 so they've been doing a great job as we now see to stimulate the economic development, so that's that. The newspaper is a commemorative addition. Of course we lost Kojo Livingston. He actually interviewed me the week of the event and if you turn on the back you'll see great coverage that the *Shreveport Sun* gave us. Councilman Shyne was in attendance. It was very hot that day. Last year we had about 70 degree weather. This year it was about 104 so we had the best entertainment in Shreveport. Jimmy Lynch, Mark Scroggins, Total Choice, my good partner Hal and Henry and his blues band, my good friend girl Nina and her group, they were out. So our focus is to basically bring positive entertainment to C.C. Antoine Park and this couldn't have been pulled off if it had not been for a good partnership that we've had now with SPAR. So I want Mrs. Shelly Ragle to stand because Shelly – Catherine Kennedy and the crew led by Mr. Jarvis Garner, another Fair Park Alum did a great job on that day. Jeff, you talked about the decline in revenues from Riverfront Development, a lot of non-profits seeking actual funding. Sometimes you don't need actual funding. Sometimes in-kind serves just as well; the chairs, the trash pick-ups, all of that cost money, but on the in-kind level that helped us to defray those particular costs. I would say that we're doing all that we can do to help the city leverage the \$30,000,000 grant as it relates to choice communities. We have a great story to tell, but we got to tell our story and we can't be shy as you all talked about getting to go to Birmingham. They just unveiled a statue of the 4 little girls. I used to live in Birmingham. Any city that's worth its weight in gold is gonna tell its authentic story and C.C. Antoine is not only our authentic story from the initiation of the city, but specifically for Allendale. And we're also in partnership now with the North Louisiana Civil Rights Coalition. Mike Hicks, myself, we're working together in terms of renovation of the house and other projects in regards to that. So when we have good micro business owners like Penn's and Needles with Ken and Savtria working together and also my good partner Orlando because me and Orlando were gonna go into business back in the late 90's early 2000's because I told him you all are in the wrong business. You need to be in the manufacturing distribution business of tartar sauce. His wife at that time went around other Fair Park classmates and didn't want me to get 40% of the money and so the idea was tabled and when he opened up in the Red River District Orlando came to me and he said, "Craig, we're finally gonna do manufacturing distribution of the tartar sauce. Do you have a problem with that?" I said, "No, you need to be

doing that.” The first few weeks of operation he signed a deal with Brookshire’s and his first check was 5000 and we charting sales of the tartar sauce at Super 1 on Jewella - Greenwood Road. They started out with two cases of tartar sauce. They’re up to over 10 cases. Now what does this have to do with the City of Shreveport? When you embrace your indigenous businesses and that’s in the cultural economy – now you take an Orlando Chapman Brother’s and you help make this an international company producing a product. Now you get tax revenues and as a by-product of us luring businesses like Elio Motors and I ain’t got no problem with that. We need to also look at these particular things. And in closing, the Economic Development Joint Coalition (inaudible) project is actually the first inner city economic development project for the parish and the city with the C.C. Antoine piece. So with that, I appreciate you all voting for the in-kind participation with SPAR and all of the other entities that helped and I hope you all will frame your certificates because those are historic pieces from all three guys. And starting next year we are planning to have the family reunion. First time ever, they’ve never met. Felix Antoine, C.C. Antoine’s family, they’ve never had a family reunion. We’ve actually brought them together. And our budget for 2014, we seek to do book and documentary so that now we can constantly push him and the city so we now propel the city in the cultural economy. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Lee, I want to commend Mr. Lee and his group and I’m told that your sister did almost as much work as you.

Mr. Lee: Yeah, my sister does work.

Councilman Shyne: Right, I want to – where is your sister?

Mr. Lee: She’s not here right now, getting ready to go to work. She’s on the grind.

Councilman Shyne: Well, tell her we want to commend her for working with you. Sam, I was out there – matter of fact, it was pretty hot that day. Mike, believe it or not and Sam, I got a little suntan. Got a little suntan that day, but it was very hot, but it was good. It was good and to be truthful with you I was really surprised at the crowd. Craig, you really had a good crowd out there that day and I’m looking forward to come back next year. And Sam if you get a little bit of your homemade ice cream together you might be able to sell a little bit out there.

Councilman S. Jenkins: That’s not a bad idea.

Councilman Shyne: A lot of people out there and Craig, next year I wish you would give Mr. Thompson over there, our Clerk of Council a special invitation to come out because I think he will really enjoy it and he might run into some of his cousins out there. Craig, again you did a magnificent job. Keep up the good work and as long as I’m on the City Council – I don’t know how long that’s going to be Art, but he’ll always have my support.

Mr. Lee: Thank you. And I also wanted to thank Chris Giordano who’s in the State Fair of the in-kind person because –

Councilman Shyne: He was out there.

Mr. Lee: Oh, absolutely. They put the stage up, some of the tents. So like I said, a lot of non-profits don't know you can do some projects without direct money and helped to pulled this off, thanks.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Craig, is there another event because I'm told there's one more?

Mr. Lee: We are – and due to my slight illness we are going to basically do two more things before the year is out. I got to go ahead and finish the fundraising for that.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I mean for the month of September.

Mr. Lee: No, not for September. That's it for September, but before the year is out or in February we're gonna rededicate the headstone at that time and we're working with Roy Burrell to now finally put the historic landmark site by the gravesite. And so we're creating a C.C. Antoine trail so that you'll be able to go to the various designations and we'll be bringing in St. Paul's A.M.E. as well.

Councilwoman McCulloch: So you'll keep us informed?

Mr. Lee: Oh, absolutely.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay.

Mr. Lee: Alright, thank you.

Councilman Shyne: But Craig, just before you go – and Rose, there will be another celebration in September. September the 29th, that's my birthday.

Councilman Shyne: I was thinking 28. My daughter was telling me that she had a friend that was I guess a part of the events. She kept telling me that there was another event September 28th and I was looking forward to attending that one.

Mr. Lee: Trust me. I'm burnt out after that. It's so funny because when we did the C.C. Antoine Birthday Celebration, a week before was – me and Leanis celebrated the first ever Caddo Parish Wide Class Reunion which Orlando catered. So trust me. I was tired. That was really the last 2 events for September. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Before you go Craig and good folks I want to say that Craig I truly appreciate the fact that you continually challenge this city, this community to remember, recognize, honor, celebrate and showcase that which is true, unique, and authentic to us. That is a lesson that this city, any city that wants to ultimately be a special unique place needs to learn, know and understand and so I commend you for your continued work in that area. In fact, in standing there listening to you recount your experiences and some of the ventures that you've contemplated in years past with what is now the late Orlando Chapman. It brought to mind that

in many respects life is a series of circles because as we now stand here and mourn the loss of Orlando, what it also reminds me of is that that lineage of something that special and unique to Shreveport has been reborn out in the Hollywood area and just basically learn that any restaurant founded by Eddie Hughes who was considered to be the originator of the –

Mr. Lee: Tartar sauce.

Mayor Glover: The tartar sauce and the stuffed shrimp; that he was the man in the laboratory of Freeman & Harris, the adopted son of the Walette family. That he came up thru his genius with this concept of not just the tartar sauce, but the stuffed shrimp and then there is something that is now in many ways being battled in Shreveport (inaudible) has returned. Brother's obviously carries on their tradition. The folks at C&C Café have their version. Obviously the folks at Sam's have added I guess an Asian slant to the kick, but that is something that again is special, unique to Shreveport. And it's something that we always need to make sure that as we see and appreciate the accomplishments of other places, other locations, we also need to understand that we are quite accomplished. Have a very significant, profound history that we need to make sure that share and celebrate and ultimately showcase that for the world.

Mr. Lee: Absolutely, and you know Mayor, the funny thing in 2004 when Mr. Landrieu, then lieutenant governor started the whole cultural economy thing I told him that we had a product that we were bringing out with the creole soul meat pie, but I was always telling Orlando, dude, I travel throughout the country, nobody else does a stuffed shrimp the way that it's done in Shreveport. Nobody else does tartar sauce the way it's done in Shreveport. What we often get caught up in seeing ourselves smaller than what we can do on the world stage, but if it works here and if it works in Minden it can be replicated throughout the world and I was so happy to see that Orlando has (inaudible) to do it and his mama hugged me in 2008 and she said, "Craig, I wish we had enlisted you years ago because I could be sitting on my butt right now," cause they really started to generate some money. They're now in Texas at the (inaudible) and I hope his sons and children and whatnot continue the tradition because they can actually not only make money and help Shreveport get on the international map cause we're gonna be right behind them. Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Thank you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Thank you.

Mayor Glover: And ma'am if I could also and sir make one recommendation –

Mrs. Savtria Penn: I'd like to introduce myself unto everyone. I'm Savtria Penn and this is my husband Kenneth Penn and our daughter Aryana. We have an embroidery service. We do embroidery and we're looking for our business to grow and we're hoping that maybe we can get some city contracts one day, other contracts.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well, of course. We'll keep you in mind.

Mrs. Penn: Okay, thank you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Thank you.

Mr. Penn: Just put a footnote on what Craig was saying, especially about the stuffed shrimp. I have an uncle that – well, he's deceased now, but he used to come and buy cases of stuffed shrimp and take 'em all the back to Boston. He couldn't make enough trips back and forth so it's really been a good unique item there. It really spoke for itself.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Penn and young Miss Penn, there was a young lady who was in the back from the city staff, Mayor's Office. Karen Barnes who's now either back upstairs or maybe wrapped up for the day, that would like to get you all introduced to so that she can tell you about how you may look to try to access some opportunities here with the City of Shreveport.

Mrs. Penn: Okay.

Mayor Glover: We will pass along your card to her so that she can reach out and contact you, but I also suggest that you reach out and we'll ask if she'll pass this information to you as well. That you all make some contact with what's called the Minority Supplier Institute or the MSI. That's a new initiative that has come about. It's formed with the specific intent of trying to help young fledgling businesses manage to be able to tap out, not just in the city business, but into that larger pool of private sector businesses out there that also need services like you all as well. And so we're taking government and the private sector trying to bring them together enough to try and broaden the doors of opportunity so that folks have a chance to be able to have a great legacy to be able to pass on.

Mrs. Penn: Thank you. We appreciate that.

Mayor Glover: Get started in Shreveport, Louisiana and the young lady right there might be the one that takes it worldwide.

Mrs. Penn: That's right.

Mayor Glover: Exactly. Thank you all for coming down.

Councilwoman McCulloch: In fact, she's ready to go.

Mrs. Penn: Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you. Mayor Glover, I'm about to the point where I could use a platter of those stuffed shrimp right now.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, we don't want to lose that. Craig points out that something that most of us don't realize. That is something that was started and founded in many respects can be only be found in Shreveport, so look to hear a little bit more about that.

Councilman Shyne: Dale, the chairman was trying to give you a hint now for the next meeting.

Mr. Sibley: My stomach grumbling, too, the way they talked about it.

Councilman Corbin: We got to get thru this one first.

Mayor Glover: Y'all carry the executive session long we may have them before the night.

Councilman Corbin: Council will now recognize Mr. Marvin Muhammad. If you would, please state your name and address for the record.

Mr. Marvin Muhammad: (3114 Stonewall, Shreveport LA 71109) First of all I'd like to thank the mayor and the council for allowing me this opportunity to speak today and I know it's probably been some phone calls and I heard it was actually mentioned earlier. I'm a member of the Nation of Islam under the Honorable Minister Farrakhan and as most of you probably already know, you probably seen me at many of the intersections Linwood and 70th, MLK and David Raines, Hearne and Hollywood, Greenwood Rd and Jewella and others. But what brings me here today, our Honorable Chief Willie Shaw thru his assistant chief has notified our local minister here that the permit that you're now getting placed before you will not be extended beyond the October 19 date that it will expire, which will then put us in a point where we're actually out in the communities illegally. And of course we don't want to be out there illegally so we felt that it was pertinent that we come here today and speak to you about the matter. The chief is pointing at Section 42-325 in paragraph c where it speaks about the speed limits of 35mph. As you know, most of those intersections that I mentioned are coded by the MPC as 45mph save the MLK-David Raines location in District A. I don't come here today red. In fact, I actually began to see pink when I heard that we will be denied because I thought about the many funds that is being raised to raise awareness and to continue research for breast cancer survivors. I thought about the sickle cell and those monies that are picked up by the different social groups, clubs, organizations, fraternities, sororities. I thought about just this past Sunday I was out and I was out with a fine gentleman that was out selling our great local newspaper, *The Shreveport Times* at the intersection of Hearne and Hollywood. Not to mention the fine men of the Shreveport Fire Department that put their lives on the line every day, and of course you see them out continuously throughout the year with their boots picking up money for the many causes that they get behind. So we again, we want to come and stress this that we feel like it's very important you have the newspaper that of course that the Nation of Islam presents that we have been afforded by this council. Again, I find Chief Willie Shaw have said – and I'm not certain whether or not that he mean for the other people that's out there and I'm hoping that he's not saying that. Because I believe when we found this out we was right at the point where we was celebrating or commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. And although we do know and we understand and accept that there are some elements that don't want to see us out there in the streets, but I believe the Nation of Islam is well documented for being out in the community, for being on the fore front of rehabilitating black men, women that's strung out on drugs, that finds themselves in and out of the jail – of the penal system. So once again, we stress to the City Council to please, please, please put this on your agenda, specifically

looking at the 35mph zone. And maybe that can be looked at because again, this is what the chief is telling us. Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Stan, before you say something. What is this 35mph zone?

Mr. Sibley: I was just looking at that Mr. Shyne and on the permit it allows the chief to authorize it at intersections that don't exceed 35 and I think some of the intersections that they may want to be at possibly exceed that speed limit, but we need to talk to the chief and get some background on it.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I think this is some of what they were talking about a little bit earlier.

Mr. Sibley: Right, of safety –

Mr. Muhammed: And again, these 45mph zones – these are the main arteries; these Hollywood, Hearne, Greenwood Road and Jewella. And although there are some 35mph zones, they don't give you the exposure. They don't give you the opportunity that those 35mph zones would afford you.

Councilman Shyne: You mean at the 45mph.

Mr. Muhammad: Right.

Councilman S. Jenkins: What about the 10/19/13 expiration date?

Chief Shaw: Well, he's been (inaudible) for a certain period of time.

Mr. Sibley: Well, if you look at it Mr. Jenkins, the chief has allowed for us up to 35mph and perhaps what has happened as Mr. Muhammad is saying, they'd like to be at some intersections above that and the chief doesn't feel comfortable granting that because under the ordinance it can only go up to 35 so we'll need to get with him, perhaps get with Public Safety, look at the whole situation and see what can be done.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm a ask little bit of a different question. This one expires on October 19, 2013, but these permits are – I want to just make sure this group is not being singled out. That's not what's happening at all. I'm sure that's not the case, right?

Mr. Sibley: Right.

Councilman S. Jenkins: So what I'm asking is, are all of the permits issued for a certain period of time?

Mr. Sibley: I would think so Mr. Jenkins, but again, that's part of what we need to find out. This is a brand new issue for us so we'll dig into it. We'll interact and –

Mr. Muhammad: Well, I can answer that.

Mr. Sibley: Here comes big chief now.

Mr. Muhammad: We actually have to file an application every 90 days to renew our application.

Chief Shaw: Go right ahead (inaudible). I'm just waiting.

Councilman S. Jenkins: What I'm saying is October 19, 2013 is right around the corner.

Mr. Muhammad: Right. So we talking about in 3 weeks we'll be pretty much unable to go out with the *Final Call Newspaper* and we're actually trying to prevent that by coming to the councilmen to deal with this.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Chief, we had some discussion I believe already about the 35mph vs. the 45mph.

Chief Shaw: Wait a minute. First of all, let me say this. We're not singling out anyone. The ordinance is what the ordinance is and once that was brought to my attention I'm not comfortable with taking on the honors of telling someone that you can do something above and beyond what the ordinance says, but I can do that in any case. I mean as long we get some kind of whole (inaudible) or whatnot that won't put the city in a position of being responsible for telling an individual you can get in an intersection that's 45mph and the ordinance clearly says 35 and they get hit by a Mack truck. Who's responsible for that? Who gave them the authority to be out there? It'd be me. I'm not comfortable with doing that. We have youth groups with 16 year olds collecting money at Mansfield and Bert Kouns. They get hit by a car. They can't even sign a (inaudible) agreement. They're not old enough. I mean who's responsible for giving them permission to do that above what the ordinance is? It'd be me. I'm just not in a position to put the city in a position to be that liable for something like that. We're not singling out anyone. This was brought to my attention that this was done in the past and as I understand the ordinance it puts us in a very precarious position. Now the ordinance may be old, but it is what it is until it's changed. Again, I know his deadline is the 13th maybe.

Mr. Muhammad: The 19th.

Councilman S. Jenkins: October 19th.

Chief Shaw: The 19th? But he's welcome to sell *The Final Call* at intersections 35mph and below, but I know you want to be in those major thoroughfares. Now, in order to that, until they get the ordinance in a position where the speed limit is higher we'll have to sit down and talk about holding the city harmless in these cases and everybody'll have to sign and we'll have to work something out. But just on the (inaudible) and go in there on the blank and say go out

there and do it. I'm not willing to do it and put myself in that position, nor I'm willing to put the city in that position, but no, we're not singling out anyone. That applies to everyone across the board.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Let me say this so I can be clear. I said I know this group is not being singled out.

Chief Shaw: Oh, okay.

Councilman S. Jenkins: There's no suggestion that they're being singled out. My question was direct and I understand about the 35 and the 45. My question was directed to the expiration date. I didn't realize that it was a permit that expired at a certain point and time.

Chief Shaw: Yes.

Mr. Sibley: Every 90 days Chief, you say?

Councilman S. Jenkins: This was a little longer than that. This one was a year here.

Chief Shaw: Yeah, some are up to a year and then renew them. I mean, they're going to be out there regularly.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Well, I just think Mr. Chairman that the committee is going to have to take a look at this as soon as possible and maybe get some uniformity to what's going on because we brought it up a little bit earlier that maybe our Public Safety Committee can take a look at the ordinance and see if it needs to be adjusted in some kind of way, given the speed limit. It appears to exclude a lot of intersections that I know a lot you folks like to go out and solicit your funds at. I can't say sitting right here myself you know, if raising it to 45 mph is a good idea or not. I really don't know, but hopefully we can look at something where everybody will know what the rules are and everybody abide by the same rules cause we obviously have been in the past allowing it to go on. Enforcement of the ordinance is something that you can't disregard so I think that's why – hopefully, it will get to the committee more sooner than later.

Councilman Corbin: I think that the chairman of the Public Safety Committee certainly is ready to have another meeting and move this forward with some of the things we talked about earlier. So I think that we will start this discussion very soon and it certainly is something that needs to be addressed city wide cause I'm sure that we end up with some groups out there who have never applied for a permit, but I think that it's time to get a hold of it and get it under control. Councilman Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: I want to let the gentleman know that it might not work as fast as you think it should work, but we will eventually get to it because I don't see us calling probably in getting this worked out before your permit expires. Now you say it expires on what date?

Mr. Muhammad: October 19th.

Councilman Shyne: October 19th –

Chief Shaw: We will work with him to give him some kind of temporary relief until the committee meets and makes a decision, but we're gonna have to get some (inaudible) agreements signed and what have you, but we'll talk with him and reference him. I'll have someone get in contact with him and we'll get that one worked out, but in general, like a blanket deal I'm not willing to do until we meet as a committee.

Councilman Shyne: You're exactly right because if you would give permission and somebody would get hurt and sue the city, Mr. Mayor I'd be the first somebody to get on you and the chief about doing that because we don't have tax dollars to waste. So Chief I wish you would –

Chief Shaw: We'll some agreements, some old ordinances in place and whatnot and we'll try to work with him and get him to someplace that he can go, but that's just a short term relief kind of deal, but in long term what the committee is going to have to meet and make a decision on you know, whether or not we're gonna 40 miles, 45 miles an hour and if it's safer not to do so.

Councilman Shyne: And the other thing Chief and Mr. Mayor I would hope something this important – I'm kind of like an old bull. I like to walk down. Something this important –

Chief Shaw: A lot of consideration.

Councilman Shyne: Right. To make sure chief that everything is considered. I don't mean any harm and I like what you all do, but it's more important to the city to make sure that we have this legally done right, than for you all to be out there selling papers, for even the Fire Department could be out there with their boots taking up funds and all. And Sam I don't mean no harm when I say this. And Art, Dale, but you know you got lawyers now who will be glad to take anything and they know that the mayor got deep pockets. So you know, they'll be glad to sue, but Mr. Mayor, Dale, and Chief, I would hope that we would take our time. Work this out to make sure that we wouldn't have any legal ramifications. Our city attorney, that would come back on us and put us in a precarious situation where we just trying to rush into something and make sure that we satisfy certain groups of people because I wanna be truthful with you. I'm going to be the first one to raise a bunch of sand saying look, we got enough lawsuits already. Why would we put ourselves in a position where we would incur something else and we don't really have to do it? And I'm saying this so you'll understand and a lot of times government doesn't work as fast as we want it to. And man I know you understand what I'm saying so I would ask us Mr. Chairman, to make sure that we would look at this and make sure that we got all our I's dotted and all our T's crossed Mr. Mayor before we get involved in this and people gone say you spending money for legal fees, bad again. So please look in it, hear? Okay.

Mayor Glover: I want to first of all thank you minister for coming down and sharing your concerns with us, but I also want to in addition to that express one of the reasons as to why Chief Shaw is the chief. He has obviously very personal expectations and standards for himself and he also expects the folks that he leads to live up to those standards and expectations as well,

which is why Pastor Mayes, in spite of the fact that we don't have a review board for the city of Shreveport we do have a chief that holds everybody accountable. Chief, how many officers have you fired since you've been chief?

Chief Shaw: They fired themselves, but it's probably around 20 or so.

Mayor Glover: How many have been allowed to fire themselves then?

Chief Shaw: About 20.

Councilman Shyne: Okay. Now that's the best to do it.

Chief Shaw: Exactly.

Councilman Shyne: Allow them to fire themselves.

Mayor Glover: And by the same token the chief obviously sees this as a situation that unfortunately, as you look at this permit, what we have here unfortunately Mr. Chairman and members of the council is an example of where we have over stepped our executive authority from the executive branch because we have issued a permit that is in violation of what it is that's been established by (inaudible) the legislative branch of the city of Shreveport.

Councilman Shyne: That's right.

Mayor Glover: Your permit allows you to be able to engage in this activity at areas or in areas where the speed limit does not exceed 35mph of the five that are listed as you mentioned Minister on this permit. The only one is on the Cooper Road, MLK at David Raines. All the rest of these are all unfortunately in violation of the current ordinance and others might allow that to just kind of keep bumping along. The chief sees it as the problem that it is. We got to figure out how to resolve that. I'm one of those folks who expect that we will figure out a way to allow the nation to be able to sell *The Final Call*, to allow our firefighters to solicit for the various great causes that they solicit for, as well as other groups like sickle cell anemia and what have you. We just got to do it in a way that protects the interests of the City of Shreveport because if we don't do that then as Mr. Shyne just mentioned it ultimately ends up in a situation where we end up having to potentially write a large check to somebody.

Mr. Muhammad: We believe we actually have a way we can limit our exposure, but it's a matter of getting some paper work signed and having a conversation with it in reference to exactly what it is that's gonna be allowable under a certain set of circumstances. We just hadn't got to that yet. I will get someone to get with it.

Mayor Glover: And one of those particular provisions Minister, might end up interfering cause the outstanding things about the Nation is that you guys are always impeccably dressed and I think one of things that the folks in Risk Management may end up telling us that for folks to be allowed to do this that we may want to have them actually be more visible.

Mr. Muhammad: There's also a provision in the ordinance where you have to actually wear the bright orange vest so we're not just out there blindly. And also, I want to add that we have a 20 year history in the city of Shreveport of being out on those very intersections without one single incident. So we have a 20 year history and I think anybody, whether it be in a car, plane, or train will take that, you know, a 20 year safety record.

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Mayor, does that mean for example *The Shreveport Times* guys that are selling out on Bert Kouns and Linwood and Youree and Kings are actually – are they permitted or they just actually violating the law?

Mayor Glover: That's a very good question.

Chief Shaw: They have been allowed to do that. Like I said this was just recently brought to my attention that this was done. They historically have been doing this, but once you bring it to my attention that we are in violation of something, well it's gonna stop right then. Say hold on, we gotta stop. We can't continue that. Not that way. And once they tell me about it – so now everybody, when their permit expires we're not gonna go and stop them right away, but after they expire we're not gonna renew them as they are. We're gonna follow the ordinance.

Councilman Webb: But are they permitted now?

Chief Shaw: Yeah.

Councilman Webb: *The Times* is permitted to do what they do now?

Chief Shaw: Yes.

Councilman Webb: Okay. So how long is their permits?

Chief Shaw: I don't have it in front of me. I'm not sure, but when it expires they'll fall in the same realm as everybody else.

Councilman Webb: Right. Okay.

Mr. Muhammad: I guess one thing we really want to try to stress as the Honorable Chief just said. You know there are different groups out there with whatever they're with. We would hate that we are sitting on the sidelines in about 3 weeks while everyone is continuing because they're still being authorized and we are being told that we can't proceed because in our eyes that wouldn't seem fair.

Councilman Webb: Everyone needs to be on the same page.

Mr. Muhammad: That wouldn't seem fair and I'd also share the Chief's sentiments about a 16 year old being at the intersection of Bert Kouns and Mansfield Road. And although I feel

like I can stand on a line with one hand tied behind my back, that's just not an intersection even myself would attempt to negotiate. But again, these thoroughfares that we have chosen, these thoroughfares that go directly if you will, to the clientele that we're trying to reach, although that probably about 10 percent of my sales actually go to the whites of the citizenry of Shreveport because not only are they well heeled, they're also well read. And so they enjoy also reading *The Final Call Newspaper*.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Sounds like they gone work something out for you now before the 19th. That sounds like it's gone be something worked out.

Councilman Corbin: I'd like to say this. We're not gonna reach any resolutions at this particular meeting. I hear the chief saying that he's gonna talk to you and to your group and work some things out. I think certainly the administration and council wants to see this get to the Safety Committee and let's look at it from a citywide standpoint and we will do that just as quickly as we can.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, members of the council, let me say this. Speaking as the mayor, what we gone have to do at this point from my perspective and we'll get the city attorney involved, as well as the folks in Risk Management, is that because this is not a permissible permit you can't be permitted to do something that is outside the perimeters of the existing ordinance. And if we have others that have existing permits that permit them to do things that are outside of the existing ordinance then Minister, it's not just going to end up being applied just to you. We're going to end up resolving this in a way that ends up equally impacting everybody.

Mr. Muhammad: Right.

Mayor Glover: So we won't allow someone else who has a similar situation to operate for another year just simply because their permit is not yet expired if they are currently outside of the existing ordinance. So it will be an even-handed set of circumstances that will apply as equal to you as it does to everybody else, which adds a greater sense of urgency in terms of being able to try and figure out how we work it out.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you, Mayor Glover:

Mr. Muhammad: Can we look forward to something to be done maybe on the agenda for the October 8th Council Meeting or what?

Mr. Sibley: Before it gets to the agenda we've got to meet internally with the city attorney, whether she can look at the ordinance and look at what she can do or can't do and look as it from a risk point of view even before we talk about coming to council with legislation. So we've got to do a little research first and as the mayor said, the first thing we've got to decide is who's all outside operating outside the permit and we've got to catch that cause you're right. It would be unfair if you guys have to stop and everybody else is still going, yet everybody's violating the rule and that's something we can't have.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Sibley, I'm glad to see you say that cause I don't want him leaving, thinking that the next City Council Meeting that we gone rush to do this and get this done. Mayor, you know how it is. I don't want to leave the council and you don't want to leave the Mayor's Office and when *The Shreveport Times* write that we had \$5,000,000 in lawsuits because of some inadequate situation that we did on our part so you know I appreciate it.

Mayor Glover: We will be clear that if some of those folks out there who have a situation similar to this one –

Councilman Shyne: We will stop those. Good.

Mayor Glover: That's exactly.

Councilman Corbin: Alright, just a quick reminder that as soon as this meeting is adjourned we need to go to the back for executive session. If there's no objection we'll now reconvene to the regular City Council Meeting. The committee rises and report. This meeting is adjourned.

Miscellaneous Matters

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 6:23 p.m.

//s// **Michael Corbin, Chairman**

//s// **Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council**