

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

October 8, 2013

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

Approval of Minutes:

**Motion by Councilman Webb seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins for approval.
Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Everson, O. Jenkins, Webb, Shyne, and
S. Jenkins. 5. Absent: McCulloch. Nays: None.**

Awards and Recognition of Distinguished Guests by the Mayor

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Communications of the Mayor

None.

Communications from Council Members

None.

Public Comments

Mr. Sammy Mears: (1901 Centenary Blvd. Shreveport, LA 71101) As you know, this is Breast Cancer Awareness month, as to why I'm wearing the pink ribbon and my shades are pink. I'm probably wearing those any time I'm out and about to represent Breast Cancer Awareness. Now back to something that's really hurt me during this past weekend. I believe Arthur said something about housing. Well, this past weekend on the news I went to bed real early after 6:00 because I could not possibly stay awake. When I get news that they say that possibly in the month of November that housing might not get funds and that landlords might not be being paid and that tenants in houses and apartments would have to pay the full amount of rent this really bothered me. So I went to my church at Springs of Grace and I know Jeff I left you a message about that because this really upset me very much. I told my Sunday school class at Springs of Grace Baptist Church in (inaudible) three what it was that had me all upset; that I would not want to end up losing my home because I was living over at Oak Meadows Apartments in apartment M10 for eighteen years now. This place means a lot to me and I'm sure it means a lot to everyone else who knows me well enough, that my home is very special to me for good reasons. I would not want to look for another place and I hope that everything will get resolved before October 17th and I know Ron that maybe I was a little freaked out when I came to you. I just hope you can understand why this was bugging me because when you have a place that you've lived in for so many years you don't want

to leave it. My home is special because a lot of people who came from my church who have come by, maybe to visit me or just to take a little tour of my apartment have seen me have 6 pictures of Bob Barker in it and some have seen the picture of Jim Cramer that I've got. And when they got to the bedroom one of them freaked out when they saw a 24x36 poster of somebody going like this. Now that brings a memory. And one time the person that saw that said something weird. I said, "Now look here ham boy." And he said, "That's homeboy." I said, "It's ham porky pig and don't you ever forget it." So that memory will always stick with me in my home as to why it's special to me. Anyway, I just did not want to get the bad news that you got to scoot if you can't pay the full amount, which of course I'd be willing to do if I had to do that just to keep my home. If that's what it comes down to I'm going to. I look at my home as a place that I'm very happy with and I wouldn't be satisfied with any place else if I had to start all over, so I just want y'all to know this. And I think when that camera was playing games earlier it maybe kind of lit my spirits a little bit. Of course I wasn't expecting that, but I think somebody just wanted me to light up. Of course that's what Paul (inaudible) does when he lights up a room. He leaves it. And of course Ron, like I said, if you can just understand that if I did come on a little strong it was not intended, but my home is special and maybe I should have taken your advice about turning off the television. Maybe I should have listened to you. I'll try to. I'll have that opportunity. I just wanted to bring this to your attention and I hope y'all know if it doesn't mean anything to anyone else, it does to me. And I just want them to stop picking on me because that's what I felt like this past weekend. I felt like these people are picking on me and I took it personal. So I just thought I'd say something about it. Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you, Sammy. I have no other requests to speak. If there's no objection we will now reconvene the regular Council Meeting. We have covered a lot of ground today. Thank you, Ms. Fields for the budget presentation. For such a short agenda we were here for a little bit. At this point the committee rises and reports and 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 5:15 p.m.

//s// *Michael Corbin, Chairman*

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