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**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**  
*November 12, 2013*

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Michael Corbin at 3:12 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2013, in the Government Chambers in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman S. Jenkins.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Webb.

Councilman Shyne: Just before you take your seat Mr. Chairman, please? I'd like for us to spend a moment in silent prayer for the son of one of America's and Louisiana's greatest sons, the late Eddie Robinson, Sr., his son passed, Eddie Robinson, Jr., who was one of Louisiana's greatest resources. I would you to please just bow your heads for a moment in silent prayer for Eddie Robinson, Jr.

On Roll Call, the following members were Present: Councilmen Rose Wilson-McCulloch, Jeff Everson, Michael Corbin, Oliver Jenkins (Arrived at 3:20 p.m.), Ron Webb, Joe Shyne, and Sam Jenkins. 7. Absent: None.

**Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to approve Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings, Tuesday, October 22, 2013.**

**Amendment No. 1 to the October 22, 2013** City Council Minutes as published on October 29, 2013 in the Official Journal.

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Amend the October 22, 2013 minutes relative to Ordinance No. 117 of 2013 as follows:  
On Page 5F, Column 3, strike Ordinance No. 117 of 2013 and the advertisement thereof.

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Explanation of amendment:

"Ordinance No. 117 of 2013" was postponed at the October 22, 2013 meeting and inadvertently advertised as an adopted ordinance under the subtitle "The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:" This amendment corrects the error.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman O. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

**Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to approve the Administrative Conference, Monday, October 21, 2013, Council Proceedings as amended, Tuesday, October 22, 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 6. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman O. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

## **Awards, Recognition of Distinguished Guests, Communications of the Mayor relative to city business, and Required Reports**

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by City Council members, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I want to, and if we could Mr. Chairman and it's not out of order, invite up Ms. Cassandra Calloway, from Shreveport Green and she has a group of students with her. I think that want to come forward and (inaudible) the Council. If it's appropriate, I'd like for them to come forward at this time.

Councilman Corbin: They might want to say the Pledge one more time.

Councilman Webb: That was strong wasn't it?

Councilwoman McCulloch: My mouth, I couldn't hardly (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: I'll say one thing, they're teaching citizenship out at Huntington.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I don't see my baby, (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: I see former Councilman Tom Arceneaux coming in. Tom, would you wave? Alright.

Councilman Webb: Parish Commissioner here also.

Councilman Shyne: Who is that?

Councilmen S. Jenkins and Webb: Mathew Lynn.

Councilman Shyne: Mathew? Mathew, you got to stand.

Ms. Calloway: Well thank you. Thank you all so much for having us today. To the Mayor, to the Council, we are so honored to be here today and thank you for having us and thank you Councilman Jenkins for inviting us. We're so excited that we're nervous. But you all know me, I'm Cassandra Calloway and I'm with Shreveport Green, and I'm the Neighborhood and Education Program Coordinator. We just kicked off last month. Our new anti-litter campaign. It's called "Take The Pledge To Stop Littering". And we thought what better way to do it than with the younger generation. They are the future of Shreveport. We put the call out to all 12 high schools, and three high schools answered the challenge. That would be Huntington, Fair Park, and Green Oaks. We have a hundred students who are registered and they serve on our Student Litter Task Force. And what they do is they help us, the old people to come up with innovated and creative ideas. You know you can't just tell people it's wrong anymore. And it hurts the environment. That's not enough. They may work for my generation and your generation, but they newer generation, they have a different calling. So I said, it's been a long time since I've been in school, so I need those young creative minds. And that's who I brought with me. This is not all of them. They all had different schedules, but I'm so thankful to those that came that made the sacrifice. And if you notice, they're wearing our new T-shirts that says, I'm too good to litter. And again, they're the future. And on the back it says Take the litter pledge, will you take the pledge? We have set up since October 23<sup>rd</sup> an online survey taking the pledge. And at the time that I typed up my information, we had 123 people since October 23<sup>rd</sup> who have taken the pledge. Now we're up to 200+. Our goal is to get in the thousands. We feel like if we can get people talking about trash, and how ugly it is, and make them feel that they need to be a part of the solution, and we going to individuals. As you know Shreveport Green has held thousands of cleanups, but that alone is not the answer. So we wanted to do something different. This year and hence forth. We want to make it personal, because littering is an act, and it's personal. So we're getting young people like these and adults to take that pledge to make that commitment just like we pledge to buckle up, just like we make a pledge to do other things, we want you to make a commitment not to litter. So, I'm not going to take up all the time, but I want the young people to

speak to you, and they just have a few words to say to you.

Ms. Ashley: Good afternoon, I attend Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy. To take the pledge to stop littering online survey was set up October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 123 people have taken the pledge so far. Our goal is 1,000 people to take the pledge by May 2014. Every day we receive commitments from people who pledge not to litter.

Ms. Wilson: Good afternoon, I attend Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy. We formed the Student Litter Task Force, which includes 102 students. We have been aware of our responsibility to make our city cleaner.

Ms. Thompson: Good afternoon, I attend Huntington High School. We are featured on attractive posters to discourage fellow students from littering. They are being delivered schools, libraries, and other public places now.

Ms. Chester: Good afternoon, I attend Huntington Law and Business High School. We record televised commercials to reach young people and the entire community. It will air on KTBS TV Station in January of 2014.

Ms. Tate: Good afternoon. I attend Fair Park High School We will be recording a radio commercial to reach young teens. The commercial will be aired in February 2014, and they will be aired on two different radio stations.

Ms. Smith: Good afternoon. I attend Fair Park College Preparatory Academy High. Since I've been on the task force, I now realize that littering is a big deal. Now I care. And I'd like to see my neighborhood and city become more clean.

Ms. Calloway: Well, I just wanted to give you a brief synopsis of what we do. We meet every week, all three schools. And we're constantly coming up with creative ways to reach young people. Keep America Beautiful did a litter study in 2009. And they found that people ages 30 and under litter more than any other age group. So that's why we're targeting young people. They litter more. And I don't want to put these guys to shame or anything, but they're trying to be a part of the solution instead of part of the problem. So we just wanted to make you all aware that we're targeting the future of Shreveport to stop littering. Not that we don't care about the older groups, but I just think my generation and those older, we do care. But sometimes the young people are betrayed as those who do not care. So who better to mentor to their fellow peers than these young people. And I just wanted to say thank you so much for allowing them to see how city government works. Some of them have never been to the Council Chamber, and so to see you in action, and one of the young ladies asked me, are they going to pave the streets? Are they going to discuss that? I said, yes they are. They take care of city business. So thank you so much for allowing us to be here, and allowing them to see you in action.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Calloway, before you go to your seat, why don't you let your photographer come up here and take a picture.

Ms. Calloway: Oh, that would be wonderful, thank you.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And while she's taking the picture, I just want to thank Ms. Calloway and Shreveport Green. A lot of the young people who have come down today to participate in educating us on litter, I will take the litter pledge before the week is out and encourage my colleagues to do the same thing, so that we can set the right example. So thank you so much for coming down. Congratulations to all the students for what you're doing. You're (inaudible) at the grassroots level, and that's what we need. So thank y'all for what you're doing.

Councilman Shyne: And just one more thing before you all go to your seats. You were talking about streets? I'm the Mayor's special friend, but if you drive down Jewella, you can see the streets are being fixed. And he wanted to do that just for me. Mr. Mayor, thank you. I'm going to get him an apple. You know how you get your teacher an apple? I'm going to get him an

apple for doing that just for me. So thank y'all for coming down.

Ms. Calloway: Thank you council, and thank you Mayor Glover.

Councilman Shyne: Now Mayor, I'm going to take that back. So Sam and Rose won't be on you here? I'm taking that back now. He hasn't done nothing for me at all.

Councilman Everson: I would like to recognize - - - there are representatives here from A Better Shreveport, Ron Demerath is the main representative. If they'd like to come up, they have a brief presentation to give us on the importance of bike links and most use of pedestrian paths.

Mr. Demerath: Thank you, thank you Council. We appreciate this opportunity to speak to you. We have a power point, I was going to click through. We're from A Better Shreveport, and we discuss issues of quality of life. We've been talking about these ideas for a long time. We're just going click through some things really quickly for you. What we'd like to do is press our point that we want more bike paths, and those are not just for cyclist, but for pedestrians as well, for people in wheelchairs. We've got one down by the riverfront, that's what we're talking about. And we want them soon. We're getting impatient. We've been on this for quite a while, and we haven't added any bike paths to our city, so we really want to press that. We think we got some opportunities with the UDC, the Unified Development Code coming up for us. So, we would request right now that paths be added to the agenda of the infrastructure committee, and that it be a top priority. And that we will revisit this to see how we're doing with that. Again, we think it's a unique opportunity for Shreveport people wanted, and it's also affordable. What we'd be doing is using existing public right of ways to create a network of multiuse paths, that are used for transportation, for healthy transportation. Walking and biking, going to the grocery store, going to work, going to school, and we think we've got lots of opportunities. This is a map of our major drainage ditches in blue that are concreted. In red, they're the natural ones that aren't concreted like the duck pond in Broadmoor. The beautiful bayou that goes up to the Martin Luther King neighborhood, and we really see a lot of potential for those for making real amenities for our city. A trail along that would be beautiful. And there's also in red are the levies as well. And we don't have any levy top bike paths in this city. They've got 'em in Alexandria for Pete's sake, Alexandria, but we don't have them here. So, we want to see 'em here. Here's a guy, he's being interviewed in Spanish Television. He's worked all around the world creating linear parks, they're called the greenways. Bike paths, like our riverfront one. His name is Dr. Bruce Sharkey, he is a professor at the No. 1 program in the U.S. of Landscape Architecture, and that is LSU by the way. He came up here and he said - - - we asked him to come up here. Students were doing projects and they made proposals. He said, I've never seen drainage ditches so amenable to being converted to greenways. Traveled all around the world, right? It will make it cheaper by - - - and I remember he paused, and (inaudible) magnitude, so twice as cheap, three times as cheap is the position that we're in. Our big drainage ditches, they're beautiful, they are, and with lots of possibilities. You could take something like this, this runs just to the west of Gilbert. It's got a little ribbon of water in it, pretty much all the time. But you could find a way to cap that and make that cry with a culvert underneath and a drain. And bikers could use it. That's been done in other cities too. And they just post signs that say when it rains, be careful, this is going to flood. So you could do something where you're going from this, your typical drainage ditch. And I was talking to somebody just the other day who knows about this kind of thing, an engineer who knows that this can be done. To this, where you're cutting it at one end and putting a railing in. So that's what you're making, it might look like something like that. To borrow from one architects depiction. People may ask questions on these things. Will it increase crime? Well it tends not to, they usually lower crime because of eyes on the street and I got in this thing, a thing about National Park Service's net analysis of studies that have been done. Do they reduce property values if you've got

'em running through your neighborhood? No, they tend to increase property values and there's research in a variety of different states, deep south, northeast, California, where that happens. Are there funding possibilities? Well funds were available for transportation enhancements, as you all I know, know. It reduces road maintenance cost when people are taken off the roads, and it shows where regulators were doing something to reduce air pollution, so we could reduce penalties that we may have to pay otherwise. So those are some of the things that we feel strongly about, and those are some of the reasons we feel strongly about this, and how do paths help the city? Particularly, why do people care about them? Well, some of us are just going to tick off some points and give you some examples. We're going to hear from Bentonville, AR, Minneapolis, MN, about growth, about safety, and retention of people in our city.

Ms. Kathy Smith: In September, my husband and I took a trip. And we were pleasantly surprised - - - we actually went to Bella Vista. When we got there, we were pleasantly surprised at bike paths and multiuse paths all over the city. We were taking our bicycles, but we were surprised when we got there at how amenable the whole city was. People were out jogging, people were outside everywhere, morning, noon and night. They had signs all over the city that said, come out and play Bentonville. And the whole city felt so friendly, and it felt so inviting. And I said, I want to come back here, this is awesome. They had tunnels, where the interstate intersected, where you go through the tunnels, you could ride a bike or you could jog, and people were using these morning, noon, and night. They had some bike bridges, the whole infrastructure of the city was for transportation. I think the idea a lot of times, I'm kinda new on this, but when I talked to people, it seems like the idea sort of, well they're just special people, they just want bicycles for recreation, just those people. They just want the whole city for just them. My concern is, I want it for transportation. I see hurting people who need a way to get from Point A to Point B. And I saw this being accomplished in Bentonville, AR. A variety of people. People in motorized wheelchairs walking their dogs on the multiuse paths. They were all over the city, they were downtown and it was just very inviting. The whole city felt very friendly. And I would like to see that happen in Shreveport, LA. I think there's a need. And I think it's time.

Ms. Bolden: I (inaudible) in Minneapolis, MN and in Minneapolis, they made a priority of biking and walking trails around the city. There's a beautiful network of trails and people use these for all types of reasons, not just for recreation, but also for getting to and from work. The big point that I'd like to make is if you haven't been to Minneapolis, I can assure you that they have far more days when it's appropriate to be out walking and biking here in Shreveport than they do up there. And they make (inaudible) use of those paths. People are walking and biking in the sun, biking and walking in the winter. This is a quality of life issue that can enhance the quality of our lives here in Shreveport with such paths. They'd also make good use of these as a means of transportation.

Ms. Duke: And I would like to talk about alternative transportation being something that can help attract business to Shreveport, because they younger people who are more apt to use this kind of pedestrian and bicycle commuting are going to be the next generation of entrepreneurs to come to our community. Portland has an active biking and pedestrian infrastructure support. Boston does, New York City has a network of over 100,000 people that are interested in alternative transportation. Maine has a statewide program. Michigan has a statewide program. The U. S. Department of Transportation encourages the Federal Highway Administration people to commute by bike or foot.

Ms. Kelly Leaks: I just wanted to say that more often than not, I bike with my children to school here in Shreveport. And every day they wake up and say, can we bike today? And we do it more often than not, but I will be honest with you, I am scared every single day of biking on the

streets of Shreveport with a 6 year old and a 9 year old. And we have to go on streets with cars speeding past us, we have to cross busy streets, we have lots of places without and even sidewalks or things, and I would like to see more bike paths and pedestrian paths just so we can do it. My kids love to bike, they would like more often. We would bike as a family on a regular basis commuting places as well so - - - .

Mr. Maurice (Inaudible): I grew up here and I now bike just about everywhere I go. My wife coaxes me into a car once in a while, but I have to keep a battery charger on mine, because I use it so rarely. I just turned 58, and I got to thinking by the time the development around here gets to be secure enough for alternative transportation, I'll probably be in a wheelchair. So, mobility aids are the future for my generation I think, but I wanted to point out this. I managed the Beck Building for a while, and there's a lot of senior members of our business community there, and I've seen a pattern. Those guys can as long as they can operate their vehicles safely, they do fine coming to downtown, pattering around in their offices and going across the street for lunch, and they're still mentally alive because they're engaged with those things. But as soon as they lose their ability to safely operate a vehicle, some family member puts them in a nursing home, because there's not many ways you can function without being able to independently operate an automobile in this city, and the cities that my friends have cited to you and plenty of even third world towns in Mexico, the older people do just fine, they still get to go to the town square and get the newspaper and sit in an outdoor café and they don't have to drive a car, and still can have their life and their mental facilities and moderate exercise. So I know this is going to take a while. What we want is to network with the Parish, with NLCOG, with the State, when the state does transportation stuff, we want the developers to have to tie in to their neighboring subdivisions with paths that people can get to their schools in the next subdivisions, or libraries in the next subdivision without having to go out to arterial roads and risk their lives. We want this place to be more biking and pedestrian and mobility aid friendly. Thank you.

Mr. Demerath: Alright so we plan on talking to those other players too, the MPC and the Caddo Parish Commission, and we really appreciate this opportunity to talk to you. We're wearing white as are some people in the audience, even Mr. Sibley, and I see some of you wearing white as well. It's the color of ghost bikes. Those are people that are - - - ghost bikes are bikes painted white. You may have seen one on Southern and Dalzell. They're placed there as a memorial of somebody who's been killed on a bike. But we appreciate this time, thank you for your attention.

Councilman Everson: I did want to just encourage - - - you know I know that you're enthusiastic about bike paths and I want to help to make sure that we're directing the efforts where they can make the best impact. You know I think that right now, I know Maurice was a participant on the Shreveport Common Bike and Ped Plan, they have been working with NLCOG to come up with a draft, I believe they have a draft of that now. Now there are still some challenges to it, in that what a lot of communities have found is a big challenge is they may find a grant, and they may find some transportation enhancement money that allows them to build some of these types of paths, but they don't come along with maintenance money or with a good plan to make sure that they're connected to one another to make sure that they're actually being able to move people around, and so some of that work I think is starting to happen. I think that some of the connectivity work through the Shreveport Common Plan I think is a good start to showing how bike paths can be productive, and can be useful for exercise, but also for job transportation. So I would encourage you to come and take up some of those efforts that are ongoing already, and help with those support (inaudible) because that will help to set the tone for people who don't understand the value of a bike path. You know there are those people who are still skeptical and

until they sort of see some successes, they're going to be harder to get on board. So, we do have some good initiatives going forward. I know that many members of your group have been part of that, and I encourage you to stay active in those as well as like you said, the Unified Development Code is something that's going to really help to be able over time, set some standards, and there's a number of other opportunities there. Also in December, there is actually an event locally that is a training session called "Designing Streets for Pedestrians and Bicyclist". It's a workshop on December 4-6<sup>th</sup>. So encourage you to get the word out about that, you know get people participating in that and I think it could be a great way to move one step closer to that goal. So thank y'all so much.

Councilman Corbin: Any other recognitions from Council Members? If not, Mayor Glover?

Councilman Everson: I'm sorry, I was going to recognize Simone Hennessey. Simone could we ask you to come forward. Today we have on our agenda, a resolution recognizing this month as Homelessness Awareness Month. And I think that Simone has some comments about the month and just like to give her an opportunity to share with us a little.

Ms. Simone Hennessey: Thank you very much. First, I want to thank all of you, the Mayor and City Council for allowing me a few moments of your time. In particular, I thank you for the support this group has given us over the many, many years. In particular I want to thank you for the new process for nonprofits to be able to apply. I think it's a great process and I think it will help you as well as the nonprofit community do a better job in showing what we do, how we do it and what the results are. So, imagine a community where no family is homeless. As we approach this holiday season, we're reminded of a family in home, but for thousands of families, home is not a reality. It's only a dream. And imagine sleeping in your car with three little children and only \$12 to your name. And while being homeless was difficult, this was a person who actually lives at Providence House now. But what she found in living in her car in a small community, that her children in many, many cases where it was hard on her, it was even harder on her children, because they complained of being hungry. Now this woman refused to steal food. Not wanting to break the law in putting in risk of losing her children by going to jail, however, the situation was so dire for this particular family that she considered taking her life and the life of her children. Running out of options, a friend recommended her coming to Providence House from her small city, because we've had a lot more (inaudible) to serve the homeless. She did find shelter where she could sleep, but she had to leave during the day, which made it impossible for her to find work, while caring for those little children. Homelessness occurs when people are unable to have enough money to make enough money to care for and support their family with housing. And in Louisiana, it takes two full time minimal wage jobs or \$15 an hour to afford a rental/2 bedroom apartment. While in many cases, the circumstances change. The major reason that people are homeless is the lack of affordable rental property for them. And the sparseness of this property is not just about Shreveport, it's about the United States as well. So, in Shreveport and Caddo Parish, we have a 20% poverty rate, and in Bossier City, 14%. The good news for that particular family is that there are options in this family ended up coming to Providence House with her three children. While she was applying for a job, someone had suggested Providence House and she came and she is currently working our program, and I think she has a very bright future, because she has a great attitude. And as most of you know Providence House is about looking at long term solutions to the issues of homelessness. So when families complete this program, our success rate for families at least through this past year has been 76%. And so we know long term solutions ultimately are going to be the solution. So, imagine being homeless and the struggles that this particular family faced is something almost impossible for you and I to understand

without actually being homeless. And so, this year Providence House is asking people to experience being homeless for one night. To live outside in a cardboard box to see what it is really like. So we're inviting families, individuals, young people to camp out at Independence Stadium on November 16<sup>th</sup>. That's this Saturday to do a couple of things. 1) Fulfill our mission, to break the cycle of homelessness, to raise awareness, and understanding of what it cost and what the challenges are for homeless families. And we want to challenge young people to be a part of the solution. And we believe the next generation of young people that actually understand what it is like to sleep out can be our next leaders. We can plant hopefully a philanthropic seed in them as well as our next leadership coming up behind all of us here. So, what I want to do is show a really short video and then just speak for a couple of minutes about what we're doing with this event. And this is called "A Sleep Out For Independence", it's our very first event that Providence House has ever done.

### Video Presentation

Ms. Hennessey: So, that's kind of a little preview about what we're going to be doing this Saturday night. We hope to have about 700 participants with us. So our great hope anyway with the Sleep Out For Independence is that is that families and young people who participate will be transformed by their experience, and become motivated 1) To tell the story, to give their time and talent, to pay it forward, to help in homelessness as we know it in our community. So November is Homelessness Awareness Month, and that is why we are here. I also want to thank the City of Shreveport, Shelly Ragle in particular, SPAR. We are using Independence Stadium, and they have been very, very supportive of us and made it possible. And I think the Mayor is going to be a judge at the event is what I understand, and I think that some of you are - - - Oliver, are you camping out?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm considering it strongly.

Ms. Hennessey: So part of the event which I think is really pretty cool is that - - -

Councilman Shyne: I'd like to see Dale and Oliver camp out.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I've got a long history of camping out, so we're kinda looking for some non-campers to camp out.

Ms. Hennessey: So, I want you to see this trophy. We have a boxed-in shelter contest that is going on as a part of this. So young people are going to be building shelters. And everybody from Robinson Rescue who is building a dog house to sleep out in, to Byrd who is building a bee hive. Moonbot has designed individual trophies to be given out for the best in show, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. These are very individualized, they are signed by the Bot. This is best in show. So, anyway this will give you an idea of what is happening in the Independence Stadium this weekend. So we hope that you all if you haven't built yours yet, I hope there's an opportunity for you as well. Bring the family, sleep out all night. But anyway, we hope that this will be the first of many, many events that not only raises money for Providence House, but at the same time changes lives and transforms young people.

Councilman Everson: Thank you for your comments, but I also want to make sure there's a young lady in the audience who I spoke with earlier, who I'd like to put in touch with you that has some questions about homelessness and experiences that she and people she's close to have experienced, and want to make sure that we put y'all in touch.

Ms. Hennessey: Great. Thank you much.

Councilman Everson: If you want to, come over here and I'll put y'all in touch.

Councilman Shyne: Simone, Simone. Just before you go, I think Arthur Thompson and Oliver Jenkins will represent the Council.

Ms. Hennessey: The Mayor I'm sure is going to be there, right?

Mayor Glover: Absolutely.

Ms. Hennessey: People are asking what happens if it rains? I said, you know homeless people (inaudible)

Councilman Shyne: Get your outing pajamas hear?

Councilman Corbin: If there are no more council recognitions, Mr. Mayor, I'll turn it over to you for awards, recognitions and city business.

Awards and recognition of distinguished guests by the Mayor, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

Communications of the Mayor relative to city business other than awards and recognition of distinguished guests.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, we'll want to do them all in one. As usual, we certainly welcome all those who are here and thank them for their presence, those who are here in the Chambers as well as those who are watching today by COMCAST or Ustream. We certainly appreciate anyone who takes the time from their schedule to be a part of the local democratic process. Mr. Chairman, we'd like to start by inviting Mayoral staffer Karen Barnes to come forward along with the guests that she has brought here with her today. Also her fellow Board Member, whose here with Volunteer Louisiana. That would be Theresa Michels, and Mr. Chairman, members, I want to give you just a little bit of background. This group of public servants represent one of the finest institutions not only here in Shreveport and Bossier and Northwest Louisiana, but the entirety of the United States of America. On last month, our very own Karen Barns and Ms. Theresa Michels, both of whom are board members of Volunteer Louisiana. I believe that they are joined in their service by Shreveport's very own Chris Gorman as well. At one point, I think he may have been chairman or may currently be chairman of Volunteer Louisiana. And I know he couldn't be here today because he's probably running a marathon some place or he may be somewhere advancing the interest of Tango. But I know he's no doubt here in spirit, and we certainly appreciate his service. But they were all in attendance last month at the Champions of Service Gala in Baton Rouge. As you all may know Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, Volunteer of Louisiana has a mission to build and sustain high quality programs that meet the needs of Louisiana citizens and promote and facilitate a desire and willingness to serve. The October 24<sup>th</sup> gala was highlighted by the Barksdale Air Force men and women who were honored in the Sportsman's Paradise category for their compassion and unselfish service as they volunteer their time in many various capacities here in Shreveport and throughout the area. They make a difference in the lives of people throughout Northwest Louisiana and this is without question, a much well-deserved honor, and I want to send a special thanks to Ms. Michels for submitting the nomination. At this point, we will have a slide show that will showcase Col Leland Bohannon and SMSgt Anita Lyons accepting their plaque from Lt. Gov. Jay Darden and pictures of Barksdale Federal Credit Union and the Bossier Chamber of Commerce as the sponsors of this effort. So, Lets queue up our video.

### **Slide Presentation**

Mayor Glover: Karen, you want to tell us who we're seeing as we go through these?

Ms. Barnes: Yes sir. There were two wonderful individuals who traveled to Baton Rouge with us, and the first picture was Lt. Col Bohannon and MSgt Anita Lyons and they were the ones who traveled to Baton Rouge with us. And we were very excited to have them and we just had a really good time in Baton Rouge to watch and share with these amazing men and women to accept this award hosted by Gov. Jindal and Lt. Gov. Jay Darden. It was a wonderful experience, and we couldn't thank the Barksdale Air Force men and women for all they do for our community. Recently, they offered their service to help us with Northwest Louisiana Summit Mayor, as you remember, and we had 20 Barksdale Air Force men and women to serve in that capacity to greet our small businesses as well as our national companies in the Shreveport area. And just can't thank them enough. So, I want to introduce these wonderful individuals. Mayor, please?

Mayor Glover: Absolutely. Well to as I mentioned earlier, thank the good folks of Barksdale Federal Credit Union, and the Bossier Chamber of Commerce they're being the sponsor to event, and also for their continued commitment and service to our community. We have here with us today, representing Barksdale Air Force Base, Col Andrew Gebarra, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Wing Commander, CMSgt Curtis Storm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Wing Command Chief, and also in the audience is TSgt Kathy Jampit and representing Barksdale Federal Credit Union, Patrick Gullet, Chief Operating Officer and Bossier Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director, I know she's not here, Lisa Johnson. So who's here in Lisa Johnson's stead? Monique Rous. Alright at this point, we'll start with the Colonel.

COL Gebara: Well thank you very much Mr. Mayor and members of the Council for the time you're allowing us to have. I'm very proud of the men and women of Barksdale Air Force Base, I take any opportunity to brag on them, but the biggest thing I'd like to just take away is the Chief and I a long time ago, when we were looking at the priorities of the base, trying to decide how much can we partner with the local community, it kind of dawned on us, we're not partnering with the local community, we are a part of the local community, and I think that really has permeated throughout the base and you see in terms of volunteerism. This is a wonderful award as well, but the many things that the young men and women of Barksdale do. A lot of challenges in our community and in our budget and all sorts of issues, not just in the military, but throughout, but despite those challenges and maybe because of them, these young men and women are coming together, standing up and making our community a better place. And so I take any opportunity to highlight that as it is worth the time, and I appreciate the time allowed to do that. Chief Storms

CMSgt Storms: I'd just like to say how honored and humbled I am to be here. You know the airmen at Barksdale just amaze you every day. No different than the young ladies and men that showed up today about taking away the litter off the street. Our airmen are no different than them. They just want to come in to a community and feel a part of it, and they do. And you make them a part of that. Myself being here just nine months now, I can't think of a better community that opens their arms to military personnel, and I've been to a lot of places after 28 years. So you all should feel proud on how your people, part of this community make us feel part of it, so thank you very much for that.

Mr. Patrick Gullatt: Thank you. At the credit union, we have a lot of these service men and women as our members and their family members are our members and we employ a lot of military spouses as well. And I can testify, and we all can testify to the fact that they do give a lot to the community, and they have a real giving spirit, and we're proud just play a small part in recognizing their achievements.

Ms. Monique Roux: I'm actually the Military Relations Liaison from the Bossier Chamber. So working really closely with our military partners here. Of course Barksdale being our largest military neighbor in this community, and a military spouse living here for seven years,

I've been on the receiving end of everything this community has done for us. Thank you very much. We're very, very proud of the men and women of Barksdale and the volunteerism, that spirit that is instilled in them as being a part of the military, and service before self goes into the community here. So thank you very much for having us, and for recognizing the volunteer spirit for Barksdale.

Mayor Glover: Thank you all so much. Mr. Chairman, before you all leave, Mr. Chairman I'll turn it over to Council for any comments that you all may have.

Councilman Corbin: For those of us who attend many events around the city, those of us up here and others in the audience, there is rarely an event that has volunteers, that we don't see representation from Barksdale, whether it's Paint Your Heart Out, or it's a community cleanup day or anything. They're there, and I've never heard a complaint and everybody gets down to business and gets working and certainly we appreciate what you give back to the community.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to say that I appreciate the economic boost that you all give this community. Shreveport and Bossier would not be Shreveport and Bossier without Barksdale. And whatever we can do to enhance the quality of life that you all enjoy while you're here, just feel free to let us know, because we welcome you and you all are a part of this community and you have been for a long, long time, and we're hoping that you all will continue to be a part of this community for a long, long time. Thank you all very much.

Mayor Glover: Colonel, Chief Master Sargent, you know I can never let an opportunity pass when we have something that involves Barksdale to not mention the great legacy that you guys are a part of. That legacy in many respects is possible because of the great visionary leadership that was displayed by the predecessors of those of us who are here before you today. It was in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century when Mayor L.E. Thomas along with civic leaders like Andrew Querbes and Randal (inaudible) and a fellow who used to own the Shreveport Times by the name of Ewing, decided that they wanted to try and see if Shreveport and Northwest Louisiana could manage to figure out how to be of greater service to the country and at the same time help facilitate the attraction of more people to this area. And they understood that the Department of Defense was in pursuit of looking for an area to locate a bombing range. And they put together a task force to try and position this area to go out and compete for that. They ultimately ended up going before the voters of the City of Shreveport in 1929 with a million plus dollar bond proposal that would provide the resources necessary to go out and secure 20+ thousand acres to be able to offer that as what would ultimately end up becoming Barksdale Air Force Base. Ironically, they tried to cite that particular 20 thousand acres in an area right now that is currently predominantly Cross Lake. The surveyors and engineers at that time, determined that the topography of that particular piece of land didn't lend itself to being a bombing range, that it would ultimately end up being better as a lake. Which is what it became, and became the city's water source. It's a credit to great vision, they didn't let the boundary of the river stop them from understanding that this is all one area, one region, and one community and they ultimately ended up sending a young pilot to survey this region, and asked him to find the best plot of land that would serve as this purpose. Well it ended up locating about 20 thousand acres in what was at that time South Bossier Parish. Still somewhat far removed from what was at that time, 3,000+ or so citizens of Bossier City, and that's where we ultimately ended up as a community deciding to make that happen. That air force base opened 80 years ago this past February, and in that time there have been untold thousands of service men and women who have come through here helping to through here helping to safeguard and secure this country. Those of us who are here have been proud, just as Mayor Thomas and all the others to stand up with and stand behind and support you all in your mission. And we're always thankful when those who have come here from different parts of the world and different

parts of the country like my father. A young Clarence Glover in the 1950s as a member of the flight crew of the B-29 decided that the young girl that he met from up around Dixie, LA was the woman he wanted to make his wife. And a few kids later they got it right when I came along. But you all have been an engrained part of this area, this city and this region, and most importantly, you have been an integral part of helping to protect and advance freedom here at home, and around the world. And so on the day after Veteran's Day, we say thank you for your continued service and the service of all those you represent, and because I was also honored to be a part, and I believe Councilman Shyne was on that council in 1994, '93-94 that helped to found Barksdale Ford, an entity that we support along with the City of Bossier City and Caddo Parish and Bossier Parish that helps to bring together the civic resources to continue to advance that mission in Baton Rouge and in Washington, D.C. and at the Pentagon, and before all of those decision makers who ultimately make a determination of what goes where, and when and how. We want you all to know that we're proud of these 80 years and we stand resolved that there'll be a generation 80 years from now that will look back on 2013 and know that we continued to do what was necessary in order to ensure that Barksdale is here to serve and protect. So, thank you all for your service, and God bless you and God bless Barksdale. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mayor Glover.

Mayor Glover: Alright, I have a few items Mr. Chairman before we wrap up. Do I see Ebony Mapp come in? Ebony, come on up real quick. I know I'm catching you by surprise, but as capable and as (inaudible) as you are, I know it would not be any problem at all. Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, as you all may have noticed about a week, week and a half ago, we had a big announcement in this chamber where we had institutions that came together from around the city to talk about the unveiling of Bank On Shreveport. This is an effort that started up with a gathering of folks from the financial community in my conference room back in March of this year. Those folks led by Ebony and Bonnie Moore and the staff at Community Development have been working over the last six months or so to bring that concept to fruition. It has crystalized in a partnership that is helping to hopefully bring a greater level of economic empowerment to our citizens than they've ever enjoyed before. And I'm not here to denigrate or to diminish anybody who is engaged in the legal agenda of business, but the truth of the matter is, as statistical data proves out, for those folks who are either unbanked or under-banked, they end up spending over the course of a rather short period of time, a considerable of their otherwise disposal income, paying fees and other types of unlimited interest rates that if they were able to find themselves in a better set of banking circumstances would constitute dollars that they could spend on their families, on their homes, on their education, and other various venues around town. And ultimately end up being able to increase and elevate their level of wealth. And so I want to ask Ebony if she will, to just give you guys a brief overview of Bank On Shreveport, who some of the partners are that are participating with us, and how you all can help get the word out to your various constitutions in terms of what's going on and what we can look forward to in the future.

Ms. Ebony Mapp: (*Community Development*) As you mentioned we've been working on this project for a very long time. Bank On Shreveport is a program that was actually started out of San Francisco, CA in '06, and it was meant to connect people with the financial mainstream, people who were considered unbanked or under-banked. Unbanked are those persons who do not have a bank account now, maybe never had a bank account, maybe they had an account in the past, but for whatever reason, maybe because of mismanagement of that account, are now unable to get an account at this time. The under-banked are those people who do have a bank account, they have a relationship with the financial institution, but they're not maximizing that relationship. They're not using that relationship to get a home, to get financing for a business that they may

have established, and so, what Bank On Shreveport is meant to do is to open up those pathways. To help people get on a path to financial sustainability, to build assets and they get connected with free financial education to build their capacity to manage their finances better. And so what we've done is we've worked with a number of financial institutions. We have about 13 partners right now that include anywhere from your Region, Red River Bank, Aneca, it's a plethora of credit unions and banks that are working with us. And we're working with financial education providers throughout the city. We have about six now that include the Catholic Charities, Stonewall (inaudible) in Bossier, so we've covered a lot of ground. We're worked with them to create a very affordable as according to the FDIC's regulations as to what determines an affordable checking account. To create an affordable checking account that would not have been available in Shreveport otherwise. So it's an affordable account that maybe has for instance a (inaudible) service fee of less than \$12. It also offers a second chance to people who may have messed up an account before, and now are in a registry which is called Check Systems or Telechecks, that's kind of the most wanted for the banking system. So if you come up in that system, you're under normal circumstances, you are not - - - you are considered a high risk candidate and you would not be offered that account. And so through this program, we've allowed people to not only get an affordable checking account or other financial services offered by these institutions, but they're also able to get a second chance if they need one, and of course get access to free financial education, which our financial education providers offer as well as the financial institutions that we're working with. For anyone that wants information about the program, they can go to our website, [www.bankonshreveport.com](http://www.bankonshreveport.com) or call us at Community Development, 673-5900. Any questions?

Councilman Shyne: Yes. A lot of the people that you all would be talking to might not have a computer. So, I would hope that you all would come up with a creative way - - - and you might be doing it. Maybe through the churches, maybe through the schools. Because I know there are people in my community who would need that service.

Ms. Mapp: Right. We're very mindful of that, and so we have the number of course through the department where people can call and either talk to myself or my colleague on the project Rashida Dawson and get information, because we're not leading people through a process taking people's hands, we're kind of acting as a clearing house for information. So you get the information from us via talking with us on the phone or going to the website, and you get information that helps you make an informed decision. Right, so that's what our goal is, but aside from that, aside from the website and aside from that hotline, we're doing outreach events. And so, we've partnered with SPAR, we're doing monthly events at the top of the year that we're going to push hard on that in the beginning of 2014.

Councilman Shyne: How about the Shreveport Sun?

Ms. Mapp: We've been in conversation with them, I'll keep my points to myself about that, but we have been talking to the media about the program, we've done some interviews. We've also been working with Patricia James from IRS. She heads the VITA which is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. And so they have - - - they do free tax preparation beginning in January up until April every week at the different libraries, at BPCC, all over the place. And so we partnered with them to be a part of those events when they have them. And then of course, we have other events planned throughout the year. Because we're planning on touching people directly within their community, so we did a family fun dates to launch the event at Bill Cockrell Park and also is the way to kind of get people out in a big open space. We had games and all kinds of things like that available. But going forward in the new year, we're planning to do much more (inaudible) events and activities in communities, and so we have a short list of

communities that reflect our target. I chart the population and go into those neighborhoods, into those SPAR centers and reach people that way.

Councilman Shyne: That's really a great idea, because we have so many people who need that kind of services, but you just got to make sure that you target them even through, I want to say some of the apartment complexes, you know like I have a few in my area that cater to moderate and lower income people. I think if you go to some of those situations and target those people. Because Mayor, it's something really needed.

Ms. Mapp: It is, and I just want to also mention we partner from early on that we've been working with this Inner Faith and so, we've been present at their meetings talking about Bank On, encouraging the members of Inner Faith and the churches that they represent to the pastors and to the members that come to their events to talk about Bank On. We've already participated in a number of their meeting and expect to continue that going forward.

Councilman Shyne: How about the Shreveport Housing Authority?

Ms. Mapp: Not yet. But we'll get there.

Councilman Shyne: I figure the Mayor could make a phone call there and get you in that venue, because we have people - - - Mayor you know as well as I do, that live there that need this kind of service, but you just have to target those people, and sometimes the Mayor will tell you, sometimes, you know like when we're out campaigning for a vote, you just have to go back and go back and go back and go back again. Because those are the people that really need what you're offering and sometimes, they don't actually understand how important it is. It's just like you say, how many dollars they're losing. Because they're not engaged in something like that. I hope you're very successful, and I hope that this is a program that will continue to be around for a long time, and you all just continue to go back and try to get those people.

Ms. Mapp: We hope so, and to your point, we've been touching people repeatedly is very important. And that's why we're so happy about our partnering with SPAR, because they've been very excited about allowing us to come in their centers on a regular basis and kind of rotate through the short list of centers that we've selected.

Councilman Shyne: And Shelly, we've got some centers our in my area, please make sure they come three or four times. Not just one, but three or four times.

Councilman Everson: Well and the event that they did at Bill Cockrell a couple of weeks ago was really nice, because it was sort of a - - - you know they had all of the financial institutions there, but also the educators and then you attractions for people with young families who might get them to come out, snow cones and games, and you know kind of a nice day in the park where they could also find out about the program. So I think as y'all continue those events and kinda see what ends up catching the audience the right way is a great start. And Councilman Shyne is absolutely right, because a lot of the centers and neighborhoods that I represent as well and many of us represent that would benefit from the continued outreach in the program. But it is a great program, I compliment you on how far you've come with it so far.

Mayor Glover: Thank you Mr. Chairman, and thank you Council Members, thank you Ebony. As mentioned, we will continue to seek feedback and suggestions in terms of how to go out and get people connected to this information so that they can ultimately hopefully empowered by it, and Mr. Shyne in line with your comments, one of the things that, had I thought about it, we would have had some here. But we will get some delivered to the Council Office, so that you guys can access them, but we do have the brochures recognizing that a significant portion and population despite the number of folks who find themselves in these circumstances and have the various hand held devices who recognize there are still lots of folks who need that solid piece of paper in their hands to be able to see exactly what it is and where it is that they need to go to get

help. And so we have those available, but we are continue to look and to seek places in addition to SPAR as Councilman Everson made reference to. Ebony and Rashida and the rest of the staff put on an outstanding effort over at Bill Cockrell a week ago this past Saturday as the kickoff for this effort in terms of the community but we'll be looking as mentioned for other ways, other areas be it through the housing authority, various health clinics, most especially through our churches and other venues out there that can help us increase the level of awareness of what's available so that we can ultimately end up giving people the chance to be able to make use of what's offered. And again, I want to thank the staff for their work in pulling this effort together, but most especially, I want to thank those financial institutions, who got outside of their silos, got outside of their normal ways and means of doing business, and saw the real vision that's behind this effort and came to the table, informed this coalition of financial institutions that make it possible for us to be able to offer to our citizens what Bank On Shreveport actually does. So we look forward to going forward and certainly thank Ebony for the outstanding work that she's doing. Next Mr. Chairman, members of the Council, want to express great thanks and appreciation to the folks at the Parish whose here. I see represented here today by Commissioner Mathew Lynn, Parish President, Lyndora Baker and also John George who is the current Chairman of the Biomedical Research Foundation. They are leading a delegation of folks that I think will include two of your own, Councilwoman McCulloch as well as Councilman Everson. I'm led to believe to have a chance to be able I believe on tomorrow and Thursday, to go to Austin, TX and be the guest of Dr. Bill Powell, the president of University of Texas, and Dale's first cousin. John Sibley Butler who was the head of an entity called the I See Squares, an institute for entrepreneurial endeavors funded by the University of Texas and helps to provide a platform for entrepreneurial efforts and initiatives that are in and around the Austin community. I had the opportunity on week before last to get a chance to visit with Dr. Sibley Butler again and the folks over there and again had a chance to be able to see exactly up close and first-hand what they have done and what they are doing. I think it's very exciting that we have leadership here in Shreveport now that recognizes that it's important that we not stay within our own little space, our own little silo, but that we look to see what other entities and communities and institutions around the country are doing that happen to be enjoying a great deal of success and see how we might be able to learn and get some insight in terms of how we might be able to come back here and elevate and advance our own efforts. That was very much in line with the recent inner city visit to Birmingham that a group of 50+ Shreveporters just returned from, and this particular effort is right in that very same spirit. So we look forward to the discussions and the dialogue that we seek once they return and see how it might end up putting us on a better path to advancing the economic growth of Shreveport/Bossier and Northwest Louisiana. I want to also very quickly express appreciation to the folks of the Makers Fair, for another outstanding effort that was on display this past Saturday here in Downtown Shreveport and the Shreveport Common area. That effort was followed up by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Unscene I believe, if I'm not mistaken which was an outstanding effort. It started off with a double feature film production or movie production that ended up being shown on the closest thing I've seen to a downtown drive in theatre in Shreveport. I enjoyed a portion of the show featured. Mr. Chairman, before I wrapped up to go stick my head in over at the Shreveport Opera. And then from there I boogied on out to the LSUS tailgate that was taking place out at LSU Shreveport. The first of its kind to my recollection, where they also had a drive-in size video screen up and showed the first half of the LSU/Alabama football game, and I kind of wrapped up and headed in another direction at halftime and I guess that's when the winds came out of the sails of our efforts, and we won't talk about how the rest of that turned out, but that was another great event. I want to commend the leadership at LSU Shreveport for putting that on. It was a great community building effort, and it's something

that we hope they will continue to do in the years to come. Also, Sunday marked the end of an outstanding run of the Louisiana State Fair, a century-plus long event that helps to be a significant part of the quality of life of Shreveport and then lastly, three things. If you have not yet gone on line and or dialed the number and voted for the Voice. Shreveport yet again has another participant in the NBC's The Voice competition, Shreveport's Cole Vosbury is one of the top 12. He's aspiring to become one of the top 10. That voting is currently underway, and if you haven't yet voted, I would encourage you to go and do so. And I'm going to have that number for you before we wrap up here. I want to also express great thanks and appreciation Mr. Chairman and members of the Council to Scott Martinez, and Stephen Moret, the folks at the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. But especially, I want to express thanks to the folks at Libby Glass in Toledo, Ohio for the recently announced decision to not only keep 511 jobs here in Shreveport, I believe right between Mr. Shyne's and Mr. Jenkins' districts there on Jewella, where we're doing some of that street work Council Members. Not only will we have the benefit of being able to keep 511 jobs, there's going to be an addition of 70 additional jobs at Libby Glass as well as a \$20,000,000 investment into a research and development unit here at the local operation. And Shreveport was selected for this investment over the headquarters in Toledo, Ohio as well as the out of country Libby Glass installations as well. And so I think it speaks well of the leadership here in Louisiana, but most importantly it speaks well of the quality of the workers here in Louisiana. And so we want to express not only thanks and appreciation, but also to let all the folks involved from NLED to LED to all of those here at the City and the Parish that that was yet again another example of a team effort. And lastly Mr. Chairman and members of Council, as you all probably already know that Whole Foods is coming to Shreveport. And so that is one that we can check off that long list of things that we continually have folks come up and ask us about as we move around the city. The lease has been signed, they will be located on the corner of Fern and E. 70<sup>th</sup> Street. We anticipate that ground breaking will take place early part of next year and hopefully they'll end up having a chance to open up before '14 wraps up. If not, doors will open shortly thereafter. With that Mr. Chairman, turn it back over to you and the Council. Thank you much.

Councilman Webb: (Inaudible) work on getting a Madeline's to come to Shreveport and put 'em out there on Mansfield Road.

Mayor Glover: Well now we'll go make that (inaudible) too Mr. Webb. That's a good tasting place.

Councilman Shyne: One of the things to help Mr. Chairman, Libby Glass to make that decision was the street is being fixed in front of Libby Glass. I think Mr. Chairman, that probably helped them.

Councilman Corbin: That was probably pretty high on their checklist.

Mayor Glover: Well I noticed State Representative Barbara Norton was instrumental in helping them get some State money to help do some of the infrastructural work that was done along the railroad line there. Of course, we partnered as the City of Shreveport, but as you all hear me say all the time, 'There's a whole lot more to do there along that stretch of Jewella as well as we go further south'. We're off to a good start and no doubt that helped to influence and hopefully we'll end up getting a little bit more to go along with it.

Councilman Corbin: Every job position is a good job position.

Councilman Shyne: That's right. (Inaudible) you don't have to worry about bumping and breaking up a lot of glass.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mayor Glover: At this time, does any City council member have any questions or concerns relative to Property Standards?

Councilman Webb: Mr. Chairman, would it be - - - I know Mr. Norris wanted to approach the Council.

Councilman Corbin: I've got him in - - -

Councilman Webb: You got him on - - -? Oh okay, later on. Okay.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, before you leave, exactly I promise I was going to give out that number for Cole Vosbury because lines are still open. And it's 1-877-553-3711.

Councilman Corbin: Perfect.

Councilman Webb: I voted 21 times for this morning, in case some others don't get to vote.

Councilman Corbin: Okay. And we'll give that out again at the end of the meeting.

## **Reports**

Property Standards Report (*Res. 7 of 2003*)

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report (*Res. No. 114 of 2009*)

Councilman Corbin: I believe we've all received our Revenue Collection report via email. Mr. Sibley, do you have a briefing on that report today?

Mr. Sibley: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of notes I think you all may have noticed from the report that for the past three months, we've had an increase of over 3% sales tax and we're actually 3/10ths of a percent for the year. More importantly that's 3/10<sup>th</sup>s of a percent off the goal that we projected as ending the year with the City of Shreveport in terms of sales tax collections so we feel really good about that. We also would like to note that if you look at the (inaudible) sheet that y'all have, if you look at those numbers and what is not included in that number is an estimated \$1.2 (million) additional dollars that we expect to get in other revenues including UPO payments that are not currently reflected in the budget. So, we feel good notwithstanding the fact that Riverfront continues to see a bit slide, but that being a relatively small part of our overall budget, but in terms of our major drivers, property taxes, sales taxes, those numbers appear to be in line to allow us the end of the year as we projected and we're hopeful for that (inaudible). (Inaudible) hopeful that it will exceed, because the way we are now, if we averaged a little over \$8 ½ (million) per month for the next two we'll be able to see that number. If you notice, the littlest collection we've had this year even the worst month, it's been about \$8.6 million. The lowest for the past couple of years, it's been about \$8.4 or 8.5 (million). So we feel pretty good and hopefully folks will keep spending money and we'll be able to end the year a little bit better than we projected early on.

Councilman Everson: And I'll say it was encouraging to see that the increases are not limited to just one or two (inaudible). I mean we're spread out. And that - - -

Mr. Sibley: Exactly. If you look at the breakdown (inaudible) all across the board. Hotel/motel continues to be a challenge, but car sales are still looking good and as Jeff indicated, business classes all across all spectrum except obviously some of those specific to some of the mining operations has really experienced a bit of a turnaround.

Councilman Webb: The sales tax for the mall, where do we stand on it on our percentage?

Mr. Sibley: Overall and I have the sheet here, overall we're at this year which includes August, September and October there's been about \$86,000 collected, and Charles on the Mall St. Vincent tax, about how much have we collected for the city's share? That's our share? Okay, great then \$86,240. That's our share, that's correct.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Sibley. Keep the good news coming.

Mr. Sibley: We shall try Mr. Chairman.

Surety Bond Forfeitures Report (*Res 238 of 2010*)

Mr. Corbin: And we've also received our Surety Bond report, are there any questions about that for Ms. Scott? If not, brings us to Public Hearing of the 2014 Budget.

Master Plan Committee Report (*Res. No. 132 of 2012*)

**Public Hearing:** Proposed 2014 Budget Ordinances.

Councilman Corbin: This public hearing is now open. Is there a presentation from the administration?

Mr. Sibley: We can do a brief one Mr. Chairman, we have not prepared one considering we've done about three or four in the last couple of weeks.

Councilman Corbin: I am fine with no presentation. Alright, do we have anyone who would like to speak in favor of the proposed 2014 Budget Ordinances? And I do have one who signed up, Ms. Pam Atchison.

*Ms. Pam Atchison: (SRAC)* Mr. Chairman and members of the Council. Well that was a great report. Very optimistic for those of us who have not felt so optimistic recently. Thank you. I'm here on behalf of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council to first of all thank you for more than 30 years of being your partner. We were founded in 1976 literally to partner with the City of Shreveport and to do something that quite frankly didn't happen. We were here to take something off the back of SPAR. I think Shelly would agree that in us taking the arts out of the realm of what SPAR has to manage, we only gave them about 150 cagillion other things to manage. But the arts are not one of them. In 1976, it was determined that the arts needed to be a partner to the city because we had one asset that SPAR didn't have at the time, and that was the ability to go out with city funding and match that city funding with other public funding, private sector funding and earned income. And so the idea was that rather than the arts becoming a literal department of the City of Shreveport, the arts should be an arm, a nonprofit partner and arm and maximize the city's investment. And I hope that over thirty years, we would agree that we've all done a great job of partnering together to do just that. In talking about the way we were founded, first of all to take one burden off of the back of the Shreveport Public Assembly and Recreation, we were also founded to take one burden off of your backs, and that was to stop the 35 different nonprofit art organizations from knocking at your door for funding and for the arts council to become the overseer of the grants process for those organizations. So since 1978, when we received our first city funding, we've been overseeing an annual grant process that awards art organizations based on the merit of their proposal. A grant, we monitor the grant and then we do site visits and we watch our final reports, so we assume the accounting for those grants and we also are happy to partner with you to be the agency that sees the funds go directly to the Black Cultural Coalition. That organization receives a direct allocation through our allocation from you, and I hope you'll remember that together, the coalition funding and the re-grants that we make to all art organizations including some of the major organizations, but also including every nonprofit art organization accounts for 55% of the allocation that you award SRAC. We turn right around and grant that out. The third reason that you all agreed to have an arts council, was so that we could extend the programming of the 1976 Red River Revel throughout the year. That's right, we were founded at the same time of the Revel. And the Revel had an outstanding arts and education program and brought in national artists. And the City Council very much wanted to see that this opportunity for people to engage high quality art from professional artists, and use those

professional artists also to work in our local community to create new works of art. And over 30 years, more than 250 national artists have come into our community, worked with our local arts community and sometimes with our students to produce their works of art. And finally, you wanted us to engage all citizens in experiencing and making art of their own. And so programs like the Art Break Festival, programs such as Art Space which has 15 exhibitions a year, and always hands on activities for young people. Programs like Arts and Education, like our collaboration with Downtown Development Authority on the third Thursday Night Trolley. And by the way this month is Independence Bowl Month, you'll actually throw a football downtown. I'm not sure how it's artistic, but it certainly is vibrant, and Mayor Glover, you'll love it. And then also, the work down in the Central Arts Station Engine Room, where every week, there's a new art program going on. Public art, we talked about bike paths earlier, 10 new bike racks in the City of Shreveport just in the past six months. So I just want you to think about the fact that in 2009, in addition to those things, you gave us a new mandate. And that mandate was to use the offices of the new Central Art Station from the Fire to the Central Arts Station to renewing a blighted area, nine block area in downtown Shreveport on the Border, part of the HUD Choice Neighborhood communities, Shreveport Common. And we've been working very hard. I'm quite proud to tell you today that with the leadership of Caddo Parish, the call for a landscape architect to design the 1.3 acre part of Shreveport Common called Caddo Common has gone out. It's been advertised now twice, and we will by January know who will be designing that new park. And as Mayor Glover so kindly said, we're now producing every month, a one day, all day, new experience to help people see what's been Unscene in this neighborhood, what's really cook, groovy, hip, makes everybody feel like they're discovering a new part of Shreveport and starting to attract our young people back. In the first month, (and some of our older people back) Homer Flynn from Byrd High School came in October graduated in 1969, founded the Band of Residents. He was here in October, along with two students from Caddo Magnet High, who now made their way back to curate the MSPS Sound Experience and then last month of course, just last weekend. And in December we bring in the international group called Inside Out to work with all of the residents of Shreveport Commons. And now we are talking about Providence House, and Mercy Center, the Lighthouse, the VOA McAdoo. They will take portraits of all of the residents who are already in Shreveport Commons, and then we will blow those up poster size and paste them on the side of the data store building. A great partnership with a private business owner, and again, with the help of the City of Shreveport. I just hope again, that you'll know we never lost sight of the fact that we are your art's arm. Please don't lose sight of the fact that we are your partner, and that we go out and the money that you do award us, we directly match \$10 for every \$1 we receive. When you add all of the re-grant organizations that receive 55% of our funding, it's \$20 that we're out raising funds for every \$1 you award. I hope you'll allow us to continue to maximize your investment in making Shreveport, the next, the now great city of the south. Thank you for your time.

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone else who would like to speak in favor the proposed 2014 Budget Ordinances?

*Mr. Ken Krefft: (157 Archer)* I want to support the budget with one caveat. Unless and until we sell bonds again, the sub-object 9315 is not going to be debited cause if you don't sell bonds, the capital projects won't have funds appropriated for the credits. Mr. Grigsby, gentlemen and Rose is not Bernie Madoff. So we need to steer this bond thing to a sale early next year, well guide. Steer is a bad word because that's just the bull whose lost his social standing. Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Is there anyone else who'd like to speak in favor of the proposed 2014 Budget Ordinances?

Councilman Shyne: I saw Ms. Irma Rogers. Is she still here?

Mr. Sibley: She is.

Councilman Shyne: Did you wanna - - -?

*Ms. Irma Rogers: (1920 Michaud)* The greatest concern that I have in terms of our area, MLK, is that I'm hoping the revenues as reported, some of the taxes reported by Mr. Sibley, will come forward because there is still much needed efforts in our area. As I mentioned on several occasions. Our area grew with the 2010 Census, and it's still growing. So there are things that need to be addressed and so I'm hoping that this budget will allow for those. I did some of the streets and drainage issues here, but I'm hoping that we will allow for that in our budget. Because our citizens do deserve better streets and drainage systems than what we have now. And our systems are newer, we know that the funding, rather the prices had to go up for our water and sewerage. But our area has newer lines. I know there are new things that the government is asking for you to do, but since our area was annexed, our lines were newer at that time. So we're asking please consider the streets and drainage issues that we have been proposing for so long in this budget. Thank you so much.

Councilman Corbin: Anyone else who would like to speak in favor? If not is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition to the proposed 2014 Budget Ordinances?

*Mr. Don Norris: (Finance/Pension Office)* I'll try to be brief, succinct and evenly distribute my thoughts to each Council Member. I hear people coming up here, I can't be for or against the bond or the budget, or the taxes, because there are parts of 'em that do great things. There are parts of 'em that have been swiftly pulled up and earmarked at the drop of a hat which could have been used in better places. But the new budgets that come out, that will be adopted, are sorely lacking in pay for the vast majority of employees of this city. I've been with the city for 13 years. In those last 13 years, seven of 'em we have not gotten any raise. There are employees that come here every day, they give it their heart, their soul, and their entire backbone. They work, they're proud of what they do, and all our employees ask is that they be treated fairly, equitably and respectfully. We have a multiagency government. Not everything that people think that the City of Shreveport as being what it is, the Airport is not the City of Shreveport. It's in the City of Shreveport, it's not part of this budget. The Library, Clerk of Court, these are what I consider quasi-governmental agencies. But our employees that come in every day and work and the words we get are work more with less, work harder, work more efficient, and if every department had that same philosophy, that would be fair and equitable. But that's not true, employees come in cause they need to put food on their tables, a roof over their heads and a clothes on their backs. My father taught me many years ago, work hard, you get ahead. Get an education, you'll get ahead. Work hard, get an education, and you will succeed. And that's not true with this city. But I can't blame or point the finger at anybody on this administration, the administration's always come up with incentives to keep the best and the brightest employees in this workforce. And some of 'em were - - - a year ago, we had an educational program. Where we assisted our employees to get an education which in turn would help the city become more effective and efficient. That was great. However it got abused, was done away with. But in order to keep some of those people who had shown that initiative, a few select groups of individuals or a select groups of organizations, and we pay them for their education, when it is not a requirement. And it was this Council, not YOU, but the City Council said, we have to give them an incentive to stay. So, we're going to pay you for your college degree, because we want to keep you. We're going to pay you or give you a tax rebate to live in areas that are dangerous. Yet, you have employees who live in those areas that are not getting paid. We have not had raises when other departments, and I have nothing against the police and fire, they do an admirable job. They get 2% every year, period. Whether that's by city ordinance, whether that's by civil service, it's still occurs. And to most

people in this community, and to most people that work for this community in the city, that perception is reality. They also get \$100 for an Associate's Degree. \$150 for Bachelor and \$200 for a Master's Degree, regardless of whether it's in their field or not. We have people in the Department of Finance, who have undergraduate degrees in accounting and business that are CPAs. How much more related than a CPA in a Finance Department be, but yet they get nothing. Not a requirement, they did it to better themselves and their jobs. I knew we weren't going to get a raise this year because we didn't go up on the insurance. Insurance rates aren't going up, so there's no money. We had money to do special projects. One of the things that came up when we altered the fee from SWEPCO from 3-5. We took those funds and immediately attached them with bonds for streets and drainage. Now those are important things, don't get me wrong. People don't pick up your trash, that's an important thing. Who's going to pick it up? I mean is the Council going to come out and pick it up? No. It's the hard workers who don't make much money, will get up and do it. You as a council, if you want to make and continue to make this city relevant, you have to pay the core people of this city. Streets and drainage don't work, roads don't get taken care of, Finance doesn't cut checks, nobody takes baths, they live in squalor, no water for fire, you lose your ratings. So there's a core group of people that are being ignored. And I sitting there listening to someone speak a couple of weeks ago about pay raises. The sentiment was, well we're trying to make ends meet, we don't want to have to let anybody go, you know we try to do the best we can, and then 2 weeks later, your employees, the City Council gives everyone in their staff an 8% raise. Now, I realize that they are appointed individuals, but explain that to all the employees out here who have not gotten a raise in seven years. Three council meetings ago, positions were reactivated, certain parts. Now we have four or five new deputy directors in some departments that heretofore were not there. They create and make by giving raises for positions that 10 years ago had not been used. In order for everyone to work together, they have to be equitable, treated fairly, paid as if they provide a service, and they're not a second thought. I was going to tell you the story of three people that came to work for the City of Shreveport.

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Norris, I'd appreciate it if you'd begin to wrap up your comments.

Mr. Norris: Well, that's the thing. I could go on for hours on it.

Councilman Corbin: I know you can, and you can certainly come back Saturday to a budget meeting and talk to us as well.

Mr. Norris: But three people come to work here making \$2600 a month. Two of those individuals who get \$4 or 500 raises in six months. Then those same two different groups would get another \$500 a month in raises. And then starting on the third year, a 2% guaranteed raise for the rest of their career, and 364 hours of sick time, which every other employee has to earn as they go. Any of y'all think that's fair and equitable? Then so be it. I personally do not. My assistant and myself are in a department where other people with the same job description are making three times what we make for the same job description. Why have job descriptions? You know why, because they're appointed. I just feel that before you pass the budget, and before you dole out money to other outside agencies that do provide a great service to this city, you look deep in that budget and find funds for the people that make it happen. Y'all do a great job, but it's time to buckle up and take care of those, as they say, that brought you to the dance. Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Norris. Is there anyone else who would like to speak in opposition to the budget ordinances? If not, this public hearing is now closed. Mr. Thompson, I believe we're at adding legislation to the agenda.

Mr. Thompson: That's correct. We have four items that the council can consider to add to the agenda.

### **Adding Items to the Agenda, Public Comments, Confirmations and Appointments.**

Adding legislation to the agenda (regular meeting only) and public comments on motions to add items to the agenda.

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 207 of 2013**: Declaring November 2013 as Homelessness Awareness month and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)
2. **Resolution No. 208 of 2013**: Stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of Home Federal Bank to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana restoration tax abatement program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Public Hearing to be held November 26, 2013*)(B/Everson/C/O. Jenkins)
3. **Resolution No. 209 of 2013**: Suspending the effect of Section 10-54 of the Code of Ordinances in connection with the application for a special events alcohol permit for the "Log Jammer Half Marathon and 5K" on November 17, 2013, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 148 of 2013**: Repealing Ordinance No. 112 of 2013 which created a two-way stop intersection at Creswell Avenue and Southfield Road and to enact the intersection of Creswell Avenue and Southfield Road as a four-way stop intersection.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Thompson. Is there anyone who would like to speak in favor of adding these items to the agenda? Is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition to adding these items to the agenda?

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, if not, I'd like to move to have these pieces of legislation added to the agenda.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Second.

**Motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to add Resolution No(s). 207, 208, and 209 of 2013 and Ordinance No. 148 of 2013. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, you have quite a few public comments, if not, I would like to take a couple of items out of order.

Councilman Corbin: I have one requests, possibly at this time.

Public Comments (*In accordance with Section 1.11 of the Rules of Procedures*)

*Ms. Sally Spruill: (4537 Gilbert Drive)* Thank you for letting me speak. I'm going to quote something from *To Kill A Mockingbird* quickly because it kinda sums up me, kind of sort of. It's the definition of courage. It's when you're licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what. You rarely win, but sometimes you do. So I'm just here to say that one of the components that's misses missing sometimes for many things is the component of the neighborhoods and the neighbors. And I applaud the community, I'm sorry Lauren's Group, a

Better Shreveport for their desire to create bike paths. In light of the budget situation, it's an overwhelming thing sometimes. But I'd like to simply say, that if we could pay attention to when we start to do things, and how it affects or potentially affect the neighborhoods that they go through. That's really all I'd like to bring attention to because I find that a lot of the advisory committees and things, and I think this was brought up recently, that the neighbors are kind of left out. I know there is the Council of Neighborhoods that's being formed, and there's the desire to encourage neighborhood participation, but if maybe we could be brought in sooner on some of these discussions, I think it would make for a better Shreveport in many ways. I'm not going to go on from here, but I'm going to say publicly, that if Councilman Everson, if you are in charge of a lot of the street things that go on and you're passionate about streets, I am too, then I'd love the opportunity to meet with you at another time, and maybe talk further about neighborhood street development.

Councilman Everson: Certainly would be happy to discuss it with you, and we're all equally involved in it. I do happen to chair the infrastructure committee which gives us an opportunity to talk a little bit more in depth about it, so would certainly welcome the conversation.

Ms. Spruill: Okay, I appreciate it, thank you.

Councilman Corbin: We have no Confirmations or appointments today, Mr. Thompson, that brings us to our legislative items and I believe that Councilman Sam Jenkins would like to take a couple of things out of order.

Confirmation and Appointments: None.

**Consent Agenda Legislation**

**To Introduce Routine Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolutions:** None.

**Ordinances:** None.

**To Adopt Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolutions:** None.

**Ordinances:** None.

**Regular Agenda Legislation**

**Resolutions on Second Reading and Final Passage or Which Will Require Only One Reading**

Councilman S. Jenkins: Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. I'd like to suspend the rules so that we could take up the introduction of Resolution No. 205. It's the (inaudible) with the city employees, like I say, because I know we do have a few people down here and maybe one from out of town, rather than make them wait much longer, if we could take that up. I believe it's just for introduction, is that right?

Mr. Thompson: It is for introduction Mr. Chairman.

*The Clerk read the following:*

5. **Resolution No. 205 of 2013:** A resolution authorizing the execution of a collective bargaining agreement with Louisiana Public Employees Council No. 17 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local #13-25, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And it's my understanding Mr. Chairman that the rank and file of city employees have taken a look at it and are in agreement. I know on yesterday, we had talked

about letting some of (inaudible) today, I don't know whether the administration is prepared to do that today, and if so, we could go ahead and do that, and then maybe we could take a vote on this introduction. Is that proper protocol?

Mr. Sibley: We're prepared, and Mr. Jenkins, you are correct. We were asked yesterday and as indicated we only forwarded this legislation after we received notice from both the State and the Local that they were in agreement with that particular agreement. And at this point, I would ask Ms. Scott, the city attorney and just provide a brief overview of what's contained in all those pages that y'all have in front of you. And I might note that it is on today simply for introduction.

Councilman S. Jenkins: In law school Mr. Sibley, you may recall, we used to call that poop material.

Mr. Sibley: There you go.

Ms. Scott: As I promise to make it brief, Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, the legislation that you have in front of you today, one of the items is to authorize execution of a collective bargaining agreement with what we call AFSCME Local 13-25. The process to get us to this point started back in 2010 with the adoption of a resolution by the previous city council that authorized the mayor after the completion of a successful card check, to begin negotiations with AFSCME Local 13-25. After that card check was completed in January of 2011, and the fact sheet that has been presented to you outlined the results of that card check, we received a total of 508 votes of the 507 that were necessary to certify the card check as being successful. Once that was done, we actually sat down with the city's negotiation team that was led by Mr. Sibley, and included Charles Madden, Finance Director, Shelly Ragle, Director of Public Assembly and Recreation, Mr. Stan Harris, Director of Public Works, and Angelita Jackson and myself. We were represented, had legal counsel provided by S. Price Parker and Bryan Carney with the law firm of Cook, Antee, King and Galloway. We met over several months with representatives from the of AFSCME Local 13-25, and what is before you today is a compilation of that. One thing I'd like to point out is as you go through the agreement itself, is that one of the things that was understood from the beginning of the process is that we were trying to make sure from the city's team and as explained to the union representative that the end result of the agreement that was presented, we were trying to make sure that it did not increase the expenses on the city either in terms of personnel costs, or the cost to administer the agreement. I believe that we were successful in doing that, and again, we want to thank the Union Representatives for agreeing to the terms of the agreement that is put before you. The agreement is proposed for an initial two year term, with an option to renew for two additional years. As Mr. Sibley has said, all the terms and conditions in what is presented before you today has been reviewed and favorably recommended for submittal to you by the Union Representatives. In large part, you will also notice that a lot of the agreement is similar to or mirrors the terms of the city's current personnel rules. And what we tried to do was be consistent and not interject or change too many of the terms of the current personnel rules, to make sure that they are consistent. That way since the personnel rules had already been approved by the members of the city's personnel or HR Board, again, those rules were done. They became effective, they applied to all city employees and our secondary goal was to make sure that the terms of the collective bargaining agreement would not be inconsistent with the terms of the personnel rules. And so in large part of a lot of this agreement tracks the terms of personnel rules in terms of employee benefits, employee holidays, leaves of absence. There is a provision that also recognizes current ordinance provision in regard to AFSCME Local 13-25 or an employee having the opportunity to have a Union Representative present to represent them or to simply be present during personnel or pre-disciplinary conferences. That provision is currently included in city

ordinance and it is now reflected in this collective bargaining agreement as well. I think that is about the high points of the agreement. In terms of grievances, let me point out that the terms of the personnel rules are also incorporated into this agreement as it relates to handling of employee grievances. Again, the goal being that we would not be inconsistent with the terms of the personnel rules. We believe it is a workable agreement, the term, the initial two year term is short enough so that we will have an opportunity to determine at the end of that first term, whether or not there are things that should be amended in any way as we go through the process. If this is adopted by the City Council, then there will be subsequent meetings with the Union Representatives as they inform us of who their stewards will be, who their representatives will be, and as we actually have further discussion in implementing the terms of the agreement.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Ms. Scott. Any questions?

Councilman S. Jenkins: If none, I would like to move for introduction.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to introduce Resolution No. 205 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting.**

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman in discussion, just before we move to introduce this, and I know we all (inaudible), I think we have maybe two or three people here from Labor.

Mr. Sibley: Well Mr. Wilson specifically who was one of the heads of the state ASFCME, Mr. Wills was the lead on that side as well as some of the local union reps, and we also have the local President, Mr. Cordell Allen who (inaudible) employee.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Sibley, would you have them to stand and if anyone would like to come forward and just make a small comment. If you're totally satisfied at this point, you don't have to come forward.

Mr. Sibley: Well obviously, there are areas that we disagreed upon.

Councilman Shyne: Well you know I understand that. I mean, you're going to disagree with your - - - well, Oliver I don't know if I need to say this Sam, but you know you're going to disagree with your wife sometimes on some things. But you know you reach a common consensus.

Mr. Sibley: And I think that's where we are.

Councilman Shyne: And that's what we're looking at, a common consensus. Not individual or specific things that you might disagree on, but if there was a common consensus that was reached.

Mr. Cordell Allen: (Streets and Drainage) How you doin' today. I'm also the President of ASFCME Local 13-25 for the city workers, union. And a brief comment here about this agreement that we all come to an understanding with is that we have reached out and agreed with the City of Shreveport and the Union, Local 13-25 and we have ratified this contract and we thank the Council, we thank you in advance for your consideration, and/or possible approval of this contract. Because we would like for this to go forward that we're able to work with city officials as city employees. And we only ask for the same respect that we do give the City of Shreveport in our hard work in the fields. I was coming up to speak about that, but I guess I was a little late as Mr. Norris came up and spoke so well about our concerns. And the one he spoke about with the pay raises as such was one of those that so happened to be amended from the contract. That should have stayed in that we revisited at the time that the city was able to give increases. And we found that there are increases in the budget. And we only ask that you consider the employees before going to an outside entity to give out monies, that the city employees are so well deserving of. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Well Mr. Sibley, I do see that there was a common consensus and that was the only thing that we wanted to make sure. We know that there might be a few 'T's crossed, and a few 'I's dotted that you know might not be in consensus, with the whole contract. So, thank you. Mr. Chairman, thank you so much.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to suspend the rules and call up case No. BAC 133-13, an MPC Appeal.

### **Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeal**

*The Clerk read the following:*

ZONING Appeal BAC-133-13: 3049 Martin Luther King, FLOYD EDWARD WILLIAMS, South side of M. L. King, 200 west of Havana, Special Exception Use & variance in size & number of accessory structures in an R-1H (SPI-2) District.  
(A/McCulloch)

Councilman S. Jenkins: I yield to Councilwoman McCulloch at this time, because I know this is an item that's in her district, but I did express that I may have to leave early today and I did want to weigh in on this one with you, that's why I'd like to just bring it up at this time, if the Councilwoman doesn't mind.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Oh, that's fine. Before someone speaks I'd like for MPC, somebody from MPC to come up and just kinda bring everybody up to speed on this particular situation. So that you'll have the history. Roy, you're going to come?

Mr. Sibley: He's on his way up.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Could you give us dates as you make your - - -

Mr. Jambor: Well, I can be approximate. You guys may remember, but several months ago, you passed an ordinance that was initiated from the MPC that basically eliminated the use by right of mobile homes or manufactured homes in all but certain districts that are designated as mobile home subdivisions, etc. This gentleman and now of course is a special exception use approval. This gentleman showed up at the Zoning Board of Appeals to get that special exception approval to locate a mobile home on Martin Luther King Drive, and the issue became is this an appropriate location for a mobile home or not. That's in essence the basis of the appeal. The ZBA decided that it was not, and he has appealed to you suggesting that that was an erroneous decision.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay, my concern has been - - - it sounds as if though he had made application with the MPC as well as Zoning and some things had been approved?

Mr. Jambor: No ma'am, it was previously a use by right in that district so long as long as you might normally call a double wide. That was a - - - used to be a use by right in certain districts, but that use by right was eliminated by this council.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Two months ago you said?

Mr. Jambor: Several months ago.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay. But prior to that he had been trying to get - - - it sounds like in talking to Floyd and I'm going to ask him to come up in a few minutes, that he got the go ahead on everything except when he got ready to apply for his permit.

Mr. Jambor: He did not need a go ahead prior to that time, till you guys changed the ordinance. He simply had to go get a building permit to have that mobile home moved on the site, because that was a use by right. What changed is, is the ordinance itself.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay, the ordinance changed. Could we maybe hear from Floyd?

Councilman Corbin: We need to hear from him and also Mr. Willie White has requested to speak.

Councilman S. Jenkins: And I'd like for the City Attorney to weigh in on this too Mr. Chairman at an appropriate time because I know there was a change in the ordinance, so I just wanted to (inaudible)

*Mr. Floyd Edward Williams: (2203 W. Algonquin Trail)* As been stated, I started working on this project in the year 2012, and due to unpredictable circumstances, I wasn't able to make the financial adjustments on it at that time, so I did some other research. And this whole thing concerns the property at 3049 Martin Luther King Drive. That's property that I inherited from my father after he passed. I also purchased the property adjacent to it at 3047 at that time, and I had that structure demolished, and started prepping it. This has been a long time plan of mine that I put a lot of thought into. I consulted with the Zoning office here in 2005. And they said that in order to use the two combining lots, I had to make them one single lot. So I had the property surveyed, I had him to flat draw, I went down there to register with the land tax office, and I got an RH-1 zoning approval at the Parish Courthouse. In preparation, for my plan of occupying my land again. And when I came down here at city plaza, everything was as the gentleman said, it was use by right. So I spent a lot of time being considerate with property that I had, what I needed to do, I came down here and asked the questions, and everybody was congenial in talking with me and telling me the process. But through it all, there never was an indication that I would run into any type distraction with my plan. As I was reviewing models and looking at possible selections on my home, I kept in consideration the area that I was going to, the location, the structures around and even the David Raines Community Health Center that's connected to my lot. When they got ready to move in, I got a letter in the mail that that was being (inaudible) and rezoned. So, I came down to the office here, and I asked the lady, I said exactly what's going on. She explained to me that this would have no effect on you. That the people that requesting this rezoning can only rezoning the land that they own. She said that they will be required to put a privacy fence between your property and theirs. So I ain't no problem, I was in total agreement. You know I love that neighborhood, and they came in and they sent me a letter asking me if I would be interesting in donating or selling my land. And I responded, no. The land has sentimental value to me, and I intend to live there again. I'm not interested in selling. And they went ahead and built their building, and I just assumed that they were satisfied with the land that they had, and nobody said anything to me about any future plans or having any expected use of my land anymore, and so I continued with my plan. And after I made my selection, I came back down to the office, and they told me I needed to have a site plan. So I put together my site plan, ordered my building, completed my financing, signed all my contractual papers, come down to get my permit, that's when they tell me I've got to go to another office. The process has changed. I wasn't quite familiar with the change, and I guess I didn't ask a whole lot of questions about it. I completed the process and everything, and they gave me a meeting day to come meet with the MPC Board. I came down to that meeting, I had no idea, I talked with my neighbors, and they were all excited for

me and they were like when you gonna get started? So I'm getting ready to get started. And then I get the opposition from a nonresidential entity that said they were the development team from Southern University. I really didn't - - - I wasn't aware of none of that. It really had a great impact on me. When they were getting ready to build their building, I was contacted and asked for the use of my land to help them in the construction of their building. And I obliged them at no charge. And was proud to see them coming. I think that what they've done here is just (inaudible) to intimidate me and hindered and discouraged my plan to better themselves with the use of my land. I feel it unjust that they even had the opportunity being a nonresidential entity, they're distinctive in themselves to say that putting a trailer home or mobile home is a devalue to their property. I don't take that to be just grounds with the distinction that they have and the entity that they are. It just doesn't seem morally right to starve out the neighborhood, to nourish the business community. The master plan that we're getting involved with now, one of the strategic goals of it is to infield residential development. We were in that area, we were a neighborhood when Southern University came in. When they built there. We were a neighborhood, and we were proud to have them to come into our area, but it appears now that they're taking the stance to point their influence to cause undue burden on us that should be considered their neighbors. It's just not fair. I'm standing here wholeheartedly asking that to the facts that I'm prepared to meet the ordinance of the city. I have completed my financial contracts and everything in the project. If you would give me considerable favor, and grant me the use of my land to put my home on and be happy. I thank you for the opportunity.

*Mr. Willie White: (3041 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive)* Our facility is next to Mr. Williams' property. I certainly concur with Mr. Williams in terms of his comments concerning the development of our project there, which started back in '09-10 to develop our administrative offices on the property adjacent to his in terms of him allowing us some access to his property during the construction phase of our building. And also would concur that we did, David Raines Community Health Center, did approach Mr. Williams to inquire about purchasing that property. Of course our hope was at that time that with the vacant property that was there, that we would have a more extensive development. We have worked with the Southern University and we're aware of the master plan that is supporting the mixed use development along the MLK corridor and to revitalize that area. We've invested approximately \$2,000,000 in that facility, and the associated outfitting of that building as part of what we view at the time as an effort to again, bring additional revitalization to that area as one of the businesses that did locate on MLK. We're certainly of the opinion that the request is not in compliance with the current zoning. We believe it would be inconsistent with the master plan as we understand it and we feel that the location of a mobile home adjacent to our administrative offices would not be something that we would be in favor of. And we would just ask that the Council uphold the ruling from the Zoning Board that denied the exception for the location of a mobile home on this property.

*Ms. Irma Rogers: (1920 Michaud St)* Primarily our objections to placing the mobile home here is that our efforts have been to increase economic development in the MLK area as part of the Martin Luther King Community Development Corporation, that has been impetus for us for the past nine and a half years. Southern did make a plan, and there's also been a master plan, the Shreveport/Bossier Master Plan. As part of that, this corridor was listed as a business prime location for business development. Southern University's bought into the process, David Raines has bought into this process and several other individuals. Now we do understand why people do not wish to sell their property, that is their right and that is their privilege. However, if our area is going to grow, we have to look at the future, we have to look at the future of economic development as I explained to the MPC and the ZBA. We will start similar to what Line Avenue did. When the

homes went down, businesses came up. The houses torn down, you got the Shreveport Eye Clinic. We had the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic with Dr. Watkins and that group. Those businesses came up as a result of homes going down on Line Avenue, way prior to Youree Drive becoming a business corridor. So this is the concept that we have taken. I'm sorry that the gentleman did not come to some of the meetings. We had several master plan meetings, we spoke about it in our local meetings, both the neighborhood association, and the MLK CDC, and others. And we tried as best we could to communicate to our citizens, but there are people who will not come and get the information. I understand his hurt, but my understanding in speaking with our MPC person, Dr. Wilson is that the ordinance primarily because many individuals would come up and they would rename these houses as pre-fab or another name for it, but it becomes a mobile home. Also I think the point was brought up that this may not have been his primary residence. There was a question at that meeting. And there was some concerns, from Dr. Wilson that it might be put up to be rented out or something of this nature. With all that in mind, we're looking at the future, and our future if we intend to have an economic base would depend on how many businesses we can put on MLK. Any questions?

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Rogers, just one question before you go. Did you all have a chance to sit down and talk to Mr. Williams and explain to him what you just got through telling us?

Ms. Rogers: I had one phone conversation with him, and that was after the MPC meeting. I spoke with him briefly by the phone and I tried to explain some things. And I was concerned that the David Raines Center would not have offered him to buy his property, and I think it came out that they did offer, but I don't know what happened in those negotiations. We only had one phone conversation. He did call our office. He said the MLK CDC, and I did call him back, and we did speak.

*Mr. Darien Dixon: (9038 [Inaudible])* Good evening to you and thank you for allowing me to speak. I come on behalf of the Southern University Community Development Corporation. Who has been said, a few years ago, did some neighborhood meetings and planning, trying to (inaudible) for master plan for that corridor, especially from Hilry Huckaby down to David Raines Road. We had a good start with developing a business and a community development center down on the corner of Martin Luther King and Hilry Huckaby and it was our hopes to work with the community and organizations and groups there to as Ms. Rogers said, create some economic development and economic revitalization in that corridor. Which would be good for our constituents, the faculty, and students that we serve as well as the community at large. I think - - - it disheartens me to have to come and stand before this board to be against a man's right to use his property for what he wish, but ultimately I think we have to look at the bigger picture is as Ms. Rogers has so stated, how do we shape the future? Guess it's that's simple, and as it does dishearten me, you can't go against what you have in writing and what this board passed as an ordinance that prohibits that. So, my argument won't be against him, because I don't want to talk against him, but I have to just speak for the law. Thank you.

Councilman Corbin: I have no one else who has requested to speak on this topic, and I think Councilman Sam Jenkins had asked that the City Attorney could speak to us a little bit.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'm simply trying to see, this has always been something of a sticky subject, and I know we want to be on legal grounds. We have a scenario here now where it's my understanding that we made the change to the ordinance, took away the use by right. The only way a person can come in under the presence circumstance is by some exception. Is that a correct understanding?

Ms. Scott: That is correct. When the ordinance was amended to change manufactured homes from a use by right, the ordinance change made them subject to special exception approval. There are conditions under the zoning ordinance under which special exception approval should be considered, and the question for you is whether or not this particular application meets those requirements under the ordinance.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I guess specifically, what day was it approved? You looked at the date of when that ordinance change was approved and when he initiated his (inaudible).

Ms. Scott: I don't. I was actually trying to pull it up in the back. I have the ordinance number, but I don't have the date that the ordinance became effective, nor does the application that he filed with the MPC seeking special exception approval have a date on it. So that's information that we would need to know, because I see where you're going in terms of date.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Done that drill.

Ms. Scott: Yeah, which came first? But I don't have that information right now.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, can we make a motion to postpone this matter then. We need to get what we need to know is, and I think what the council is wondering about is when did he start the process? When did the rules change. Now, I'm going to give my opinion on it. My opinion on it is, if his application was before the ZBA or before the MPC after the change had taken place and they made a ruling based upon that, that's what I intend to support. And that's going to always be a first. When you make a change, that's always going to be a first. And I believe the (inaudible) spirit of the changes that the Council made was to try to prevent scenarios just like we're dealing with now. (Inaudible) something that does not comply, relevant to a community or to a to a neighborhood that's already there, and already established. So, I'm just saying, I'm just sending that signal about where I'm at with it right now, because if we begin to make these exceptions in District A, next thing I know you're going to want to make them in G, next thing I know, you're going to want to make them in C. I think that we've been trying to do - -

Councilwoman McCulloch: And there will be others.

Councilman S. Jenkins: But we've been trying to do a light recent rulings up here, let's keep some consistency about and keep ourselves out of court behind things like this. So it's obvious to me that maybe there is some additional information that the council needs to consider, but I would like to go on record as saying if this application was considered was considered under the new law, the new changes, it seems to me that what he wants to put there does not comply. I sympathize with the scenario that he described. I do not think it takes his property away from him, I don't want anyone to think that. I think there's other structures that would comply and fit on the property that he has. It appears that he's just trying to put something there that does not fit under the new rules we have. If we're just going to ignore that new rules, I do not know why we went through that exercise, I do not know why we approved it in the first place, but we're not going to compliment them in (inaudible). It's going to always be a first. And unfortunately, this may be a first. But that's where I'm at, at this stage. I make a motion Mr. Chairman to continue it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I second.

Councilman S. Jenkins: To continue it until our next meeting and hopefully we can have that information made available to the Council, so that we can make a decision on the case.

**Motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to postpone until the next regular meeting.**

Ms. Scott: We'll get with the MPC staff to get the dates on the application and any other information that might be relevant.

Councilwoman McCulloch: That was one reason I asked Roy to give dates, so that everybody was clear as to when he actually started the process, you know when the application was submitted up to dates you know on - - - the changes as far as the ordinance and everything. So I guess if we postpone, then that would give us time to - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: I don't think anything was grandfathered in, though right? You're either, the application is either subject to the change in the law or not. That's what the question is going to be.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, before Councilman Jenkins makes the motion to postpone, I would just like to ask Mr. Williams if he understands what's going on. Would you come forward then, and before you ask your question, I want Councilman Sam Jenkins to explain to you what he just said as soon as he, so that you will understand. Would you explain to Mr. Williams what you just got through saying, because it seems like he didn't understand.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I'd be very happy to. First of all, I sympathize with your situation. I really do, but we've had a change in the ordinance at whatever allowed what you are proposing to do, which is called a use by right, meaning you have a right to do it. Can you hear me okay? You would have a right to do it. Okay? That change now requires the Council to give or the MPC to give some kind of special exception because you're doing something outside of what is allowed to be done on your property. The question that we want to get an answer for is whether your application what you're trying to do has to be interpreted by the new law, the new changes. We just went through some changes to that ordinance to really talk about exactly what it is you're trying to do. Mobile homes coming in to certain areas and so on, and so forth. But what we're wanting to do now is find out whether or not your case is a case that has to be decided upon the changes that have taken place within that ordinance. And it sounds to me that if your case is one that needs to be decided under those new rules, what you're trying to do does not comply with the new rules. Now what we're wanting to do is get the information from the MPC down here for the council members, wanted to get that down here so they could see the various dates and when some things change. But I don't believe that when we made those changes, we went back and grandfathered in somebody with pending applications or anything like that. I don't know, I willing to wait to see what that situation might be. Need to get that information.

Mr. Williams: I'm understanding what you're saying. When I made my MPC application, is the date that you're looking at.

Councilwoman McCulloch: And what date was that? What date?

Mr. Williams: That would have been in the month of August. And what I was told in 2013, this year.

Councilman Shyne: 2013?

Mr. Williams: 2013. What I was told by the man in the office was the change was made two weeks ago. My thing only was that I had been working with them in that office in the month of July and possibly in the month of August before the change, and it never was mentioned. At no time was there any indication that there was a change coming, there was possibilities of a change, there was nothing of that nature. And I guess to really say that if you're going by the date that Mr. Jenkins is speaking of, then it puts me out the box. Because that was the day I came in to make the application that I was told it was changed two weeks ago. So my application was in fact made after the change.

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Williams, I want to try to bring this to a close for today because I think we have the motion out to postpone. But what I do want to tell you is when the Council

comes back up with this on November 26<sup>th</sup>, the decision that we reach and what will be the basis of our decision will be from a legal standpoint and unfortunately, possibly in this case, it's going to be on application dates, not dates where you began to meet or have discussions. From a legal standpoint of we have to look at those actual application dates. And that's what we'd be looking at and that's why we need a few more weeks to gather that information to make sure that we have it to make an informed decision.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: And one last one Mr. Chairman, and I promise you I'll be finished. Resolution No. 199, authorizing the naming of the community room at Bill Cockrell in memory of Joyce Marie McLemore Bowman. I think that one can be taken up for a vote today, is that correct? Okay, can we call that one or do it just by title only instead of reading the entire resolution.

*The Clerk read the following:*

**RESOLUTION NO. 199 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NAMING OF THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT BILL COCKRELL METRO PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF JOYCE MARIE MCLEMORE BOWMAN, FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SHREVEPORT AND CADDO PARISH AS A CADDO PARISH COMMISSIONER FROM 1999 UNTIL 2006, AS A MEMBER OF THE SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL FROM 2006 UNTIL 2010, AND AS A CADDO PARISH COMMISSIONER FROM 2011 UNTIL HER DEATH ON MAY 26, 2013, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**BY: COUNCILMEN SAM JENKINS**

**WHEREAS**, Joyce Marie McLemore Bowman, a member of the Caddo Parish Commission and former member of the Shreveport City Council, died May 26, 2013, at age sixty; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce M. Bowman, elected from Council District G, served on the Shreveport City Council from November 28, 2006, until November 28, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce M. Bowman's primary goals during her service on the City Council were to protect and improve the neighborhoods, particularly those located in Council District G, to give citizens the best value for their taxes, and to protect the financial resources and integrity of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce M. Bowman successfully pursued those goals with integrity, reliability, determination, passion and gusto; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce M. Bowman was elected Chairman of the City Council - and as Chairman she became Mayor Pro Tem - on November 28, 2009, and served until November 28, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Joyce M. Bowman aggressively carried out her duties as Chairman of the Council and as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Shreveport.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Shreveport City Council authorizes the naming of the community room at Bill Cockrell Metro Park and Community Center to honor the memory of Joyce Marie McLemore Bowman, for her service to the citizens of Shreveport and Caddo Parish as

a Caddo Parish Commissioner from 1999 until 2006, as a member of the Shreveport City Council from 2006 until 2010, and as a Caddo Parish Commissioner from 2011 until her death on May 26, 2013.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman S. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I appreciate it. I've asked to be excused at this time.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Well you got your stuff done, I guess it's time to go home. Well, have a good night.

Councilman S. Jenkins: This is quite unusual for me.

Councilman Corbin: There's not going to be a gold star by your name.

Councilman Shyne: And Sam before you go, leave your collection with Dale over there.

Councilman S. Jenkins: My collection?

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, that's the way you do in church, you know if you leave - - -

Councilman S. Jenkins: I always leave before the offering Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Mayor, tell him, if you get up and leave the church too soon (inaudible)

### **RESOLUTION NO. 192 OF 2013**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA FOR THE FINANCING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, sometimes referred to herein as "Lessee" is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the "State") and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State.

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the governing body of the Lessee ("Governing Body") is authorized to acquire and dispose of real and personal property, including, without limitation, rights and interests in property, leases and easements necessary to the functions or operations of the Lessee.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the execution of one or more new lease-purchase agreements or Schedules to an existing Master Lease-Purchase Agreement ("Equipment Leases") in the principal amount not exceeding \$2,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring the property generally described below ("Property") and to be described more specifically in the Equipment Leases is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the Lessee:

Brief Description of Property:

Vehicles and equipment for the Water and Sewerage Department such as trucks, backhoes, track hoes, and air compressors.

WHEREAS, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., ("Lessor") is expected to act as the Lessor under the Equipment Leases.

WHEREAS, the Lessee adopted Resolution No. 139 of 2013 declaring the official intent of the City of Shreveport to reimburse certain capital expenditures from proceeds of lease-purchase agreements and such expenditures have not exceeded or are not expected to exceed the Principal Amount.

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

Section 1. Cedric B. Glover, Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver one or more Equipment Leases in a form approved by the City Attorney. The Mayor is further authorized to execute and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements) as he deems necessary and appropriate. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Leases are hereby authorized.

Section 2. By a written instrument signed by the Mayor, the Mayor may designate specifically identified officers or employees of the City to execute and deliver agreements and documents relating to the Equipment Leases on behalf of the City.

Section 3. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Leases shall not exceed the Principal Amount and shall bear interest as set forth in the Equipment Leases and the Equipment Leases shall contain such options to purchase by the Lessee as set forth therein.

Section 4. The Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Governing Body as set forth in each Equipment Lease and the Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall not constitute a general obligation of the Lessee or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt.**

Councilman O. Jenkins: Do we know which department the vehicles are for, I can't remember.

Mayor Glover: Water and Sewer Councilman

Councilman O. Jenkins: It just didn't - - - I know we talked about it two weeks ago and I couldn't remember, and I couldn't find it.

Councilman Shyne: And I think Oliver probably wants to know if you're going to get any CNG vehicles?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I won't ask that anymore.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilwoman McCulloch: Would you allow me to bring up 117 before Councilman Jenkins leaves the Chamber? 117?  
Councilman Corbin: Sure.

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 117 of 2013:** An ordinance amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Hersey D. Wilson Project*) (A/McCulloch) (*Postponed October 22, 2013*)

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, this was amended I believe at the last meeting, so if there is a motion to adopt, it should be a motion to adopt as amended.

**Having passed first reading on October 8, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman McCulloch, seconded by Councilman S. Jenkins to adopt as amended.**

Councilman O. Jenkins: I am a man of my word.

Councilwoman McCulloch: My heart is beating real fast Oliver.

Councilman Corbin: Councilwoman McCulloch, we're waiting on your vote.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

Councilwoman McCulloch: Oh, I just love you guys. I'm going to fix Thanksgiving Dinner for you. Every one of you are invited to my house.

Councilman Corbin: Be careful what you promise. Mr. Thompson, let's get back to that regular agenda.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 194 OF 2013**

#### **A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT BY OLIVE STREET MINISTRIES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which, directly benefit the citizens and neighborhoods of the City by participating in wholesome activities which serve to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, Olive Street Ministries desires to provide a wholesome activity open to the community and to benefit its students by hosting a Fall Community Day; and

WHEREAS, Olive Street Ministries has requested the use of certain city owned equipment; and

WHEREAS, the program sponsored by Olive Street Ministries will be open to the public and includes ancillary events such as a gentlemen's cook-off and family activities and games which will be open and free to the public and which serves a public benefit and serves a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the use certain city-owned equipment by Olive Street Ministries on November 2, 2013 during the Fall Community Day is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the equipment by Olive Street Ministries is conditioned upon the execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by Olive Street Ministries in favor of the City of Shreveport in a form acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney.

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 Corbin, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 196 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS, WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SELL THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT'S TAX INTEREST IN THESE ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has an adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A-5" for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties described in Attachment "A-5" are not needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus properties; and

**WHEREAS**, LA R.S. 47:2202(B) and Code of Ordinances Section 26-301. authorize a municipality to sell adjudicated property to an adjoining landowner who has maintained the adjudicated property in accordance with said section for a period of one year; and

**WHEREAS**, Code of Ordinances Section 26-301 provides that the sale price for such sales shall be one dollar and other good and valuable consideration; the real consideration for such sales is the purchaser's effort, labor and expenses in maintaining the property for a full year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has received applications pursuant to the above cited laws from adjoining landowners to purchase its tax interest in each of the properties described in Attachment "A-5".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the properties described in Attachment "A-5" are hereby declared surplus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Shreveport does hereby authorize the sale of its tax interest in each of the aforesaid properties for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration; the real consideration for such sale is the purchaser's effort, labor and expenses in maintaining the property for a full year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 26-301 of the Code of Ordinances, this declaration that these properties are surplus satisfies the requirement of Section 26-301(1)(d), therefore the MAYOR, Cedric B. Glover, is authorized by said Section 26-301 to do any and all things and to sign any

and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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 McCulloch to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 197 OF 2013**

#### **A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous parcels of property which have been adjudicated to the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish for non-payment of ad valorem taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Caddo Parish under which Caddo Parish will undertake to sell said properties as authorized in R.S. 47:2201-2211, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 26-300 of the Code of Ordinances, the city's interests in said properties can be sold after the City Council declares them to be surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has an adjudicated tax interest in the properties described in Attachment "A-17" for the non-payment of City property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent has inquired of all City departments regarding the properties described in Attachment "A-17" and has not received any indication that they are needed for city purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened that the properties described in Attachment "A-17" are hereby declared surplus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 26-301 of the Code of Ordinances, this declaration that these properties are surplus satisfies the requirement of Section 26-301(1)(d), therefore the MAYOR, Cedric B. Glover, is authorized by said Section 26-301 to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including Acts of Cash Sale, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof be 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 McCulloch, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch,**

**Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

**RESOLUTION NO.198 of 2013**

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SECTION 78-359 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE LENGTH OF A PIER AND BOATHOUSE ADJACENT TO 7411 MALLARD BAY DRIVE AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

By: Councilman Everson

Whereas, Section 78-359 of the City's Ordinance Code provides that piers and other facilities extending into Cross lake shall be limited to a maximum total length of 300 feet from the 172-foot contour line of the lake;

Whereas, the homeowners at 7411 Mallard Bay have begun construction on a pier pursuant to permit issued by the City, but in order to reach open waters and complete the construction to the desired endpoint shown on the permit application, the total length will exceed the 300 foot limitation;

Whereas, City staff has determined that completion of the improvements to the desired endpoint would not pose an environmental or safety concern; and

Whereas, given the unique circumstances involved in the permitting process for the project and the fact that no environmental or safety concerns are presented, City staff has no opposition to the completion of the construction to the desired endpoint, provided that the pier includes an elevated section that would allow for the possibility of boat access through an inner cove for the lot owner to the north;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the 300 foot limitation contained in Section 78-359 of the City's Code of Ordinances is hereby waived solely as pertains to the pier and boathouse currently under construction adjacent to 7411 Mallard Bay Drive, provided that all other aspects of the Cross Lake Construction Permit issued for the project are complied with, and further provided that the pier includes an elevated section that would allow for the possibility of boat access for the lot owner to the immediate north which is located, designed and built to the City's satisfaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

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

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt.**

Councilman Webb: How long are they wanting to extend this?

Councilman Corbin: I'm not sure it actually says in here?

Councilman Webb: Who can answer that for us?

Mr. Sibley: What's the question?

Councilman Corbin: How long will the pier be - - -

Councilman O. Jenkins: They're having trouble deciding how long the pier actually is, because they can't say where it's actually starting from land and where it's actually going to be

over the water. So I'm assuming it's a surveying issue at some point or some type of - - - but they know it's going to be in excess of 300.

Councilman Webb: And how long is it right now?

Councilman O. Jenkins: That's what I'm saying.

Councilman Everson: There's no pier there right now. What they're trying to do is build the pier part enough out to where they can to a boathouse, so the boats can get to the - - - so they can access boats and the place for the water is deep enough. But there is a bank of cypress trees that prevents them from doing that within the 300 feet.

Councilman Webb: Who is doing this?

Councilman Everson: Fred Lawrence is here and he has been working with the Department of - - -.

Councilman Webb: The first I've even heard of this.

Councilman Everson: Well we discussed it yesterday. Wes Wyche is the one who has been working with this. This is the gentleman who actually lives outside of the city, and so he has been asked to when constructing this pier, make sure that his neighbor to the north who also would need to be able to have access, that his pier is designed in such a way that it doesn't prevent access for his neighbor to also be able to get to the water, and he has agreed to that.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 200 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DEDICATE THE 2600 BLOCK OF HOLLYWOOD AVENUE IN HONOR OF THE LATE BILLY JOE MCDOWELL AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN JOE SHYNE**

**WHEREAS**, Billy Joe McDowell was born May 9, 1944 in Shreveport, Louisiana to Rosie Dell Glover McDowell and Henry McDowell; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Joe McDowell graduated from Bethune High School where he excelled in basketball and was selected to play on the first All-City Basketball Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Joe McDowell owned and operated Hollywood Auto located at 2616 Hollywood for more than 30 years ; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Joe McDowell served faithfully as a Deacon in the New Greenwood Baptist Church, where he generously donated time and resources to the Children's Ministry and other church activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Joe McDowell was a Master Mason, Allendale Lodge No. 119; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy Joe McDowell was loved and well known throughout the Mooretown Community because he contributed his automotive skills, money and advice to many members of the community, especially to those most in need.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Mayor on behalf of the City is authorized to dedicate the 2600 Block of Hollywood Avenue in honor of Billy Joe McDowell.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman McCulloch to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 207 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2013 AS HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILMAN JEFF EVERSON**

**WHEREAS**, in America, a country filled with infinite promise, the continuing problem of homelessness is deeply disturbing; and

**WHEREAS**, the most recent available data estimates that there 633,782 people experiencing homelessness in the U.S. on any given night and that more than 1.6 million people spent a least one night in emergency shelter or transitional housing over the last year; and

**WHEREAS**, of the 633,782 people experiencing homelessness on any given night 239,403 are people in families and 394,379 are individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the current economic recession and foreclosure crisis exacerbate the problem of homelessness and that the number of homeless individuals is projected to increase by 2% over the next year as the lingering effects of the recession and constant budget cuts continue to aggravate deep poverty levels; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 4,500 people experience homelessness each year in Northwest Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Family Homelessness, reported that 43,488 children are homeless in Louisiana and Louisiana ranks 48 of out 50 for the extent of child homelessness, and 46 when measuring the risk level for families to become homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 Providence House served 980 homeless people in 289 families including 573 children and 283 adults and could not serve 1031 other families due to lack of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in Louisiana it takes wage of \$15 dollars an hour to afford a 2 bedroom apartment or 2 full-time minimum wage jobs for an adult; and

**WHEREAS**, adequate and permanent shelter is a basic need, and its absence has a deleterious effect upon physical and mental health, personal development, and the ability to exercise individual rights and obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, ending homelessness is critical to the vitality of our community and we must commit ourselves to understanding the causes of homelessness and how to best serve those in the greatest need.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that it hereby support all efforts to end domestic violence in Shreveport and proclaims November 2013 as Homelessness Awareness Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 209 OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE EFFECT OF SECTION 10-54 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR THE “LOG JAMMER HALF MARATHON AND 5K” ON NOVEMBER 17, 2013 AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: Councilman Corbin

WHEREAS, the Log Jammer Half Marathon and 5K will take place at Festival Plaza on November 17, 2013; an

WHEREAS, more than 500 walkers, runners and race spectators are expected to participate in the event; and

WHEREAS, alcoholic beverages will be available for participants and patrons during the event; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-54 requires any person not licensed or otherwise permitted to engage in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages of high or low alcoholic content to apply to the Chief of Police for a special events alcohol permit no later than ten (10) days prior to the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that provisions of Section 10-54 of the Code of Ordinances relative to the time period in which the application for a special events alcohol permit for the Log Jammer Half Marathon and 5K is to be submitted to the Chief of Police is hereby suspended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions of Section 10-54 of the 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 Corbin, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

**Introduction of Resolutions (Not to be adopted prior to November 26, 2013)**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Resolution No. 201 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an engagement letter and agreement between the City of Shreveport and BKD, LLP for an external Audit of the City of Shreveport for fiscal year January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Resolution No. 202 of 2013**: A resolution approving the 2014 Downtown Development Authority Program of Work and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Resolution No. 203 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the use of certain equipment by Sportspectrum Race Management, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Resolution No. 204 of 2013**: A resolution ratifying the use of certain equipment and Festival Plaza by Sportspectrum Race Management, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
6. **Resolution No. 206 of 2013**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract agreement between the City of Shreveport and Denny Drive Water System (DBA Eagle Water, Inc.) for emergency connection of water supply service, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
7. **Resolution No. 208 of 2013**: A resolution stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of Home Federal Bank to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana restoration tax abatement program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (Public Hearing to be held November 26, 2013)(B/Everson and C/O. Jenkins)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman Shyne, seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins to introduce Resolution No(s). 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, and 208 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

**Introduction of Ordinances (*Not to be adopted prior to November 26, 2013*)**

*The Clerk read the following:*

1. **Ordinance No. 143 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 144 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No. 145 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 146 of 2013**: An ordinance revising, amending and enacting Section 78-386 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to Permit Required, Fee; Duration; Waiver of that Fee, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

5. **Ordinance No. 147 of 2013:** An ordinance amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Airport Taxiways*) (G/S. Jenkins)
6. **Ordinance No. 148 of 2013:** Repealing Ordinance No. 112 of 2013 which created a two-way stop intersection at Creswell Avenue and Southfield Road and to enact the intersection of Creswell Avenue and Southfield Road as a four-way stop intersection, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins)

**Read by title and as read, motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Shyne to introduce Ordinance No(s). 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, and 148 of 2013 to lay over until the next regular meeting. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

**Ordinances on Second Reading and Final Passage (*Numbers are assigned Ordinance Numbers*)**

*The Clerk read the following:*

2. **Ordinance No. 136 of 2013:** An ordinance closing and abandoning a portion of Fannin Street between Baker Street and Douglas Street, located in Section 37 (T18N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

**Having passed first reading on October 22, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

3. **Ordinance No. 137 of 2013:** An ordinance closing and abandoning a portion of the Benson court Alley between Baker Street and Douglas Street, located in Section 37 (T18N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Everson)

**Having passed first reading on October 22, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

4. **Ordinance No. 138 of 2013:** An ordinance closing and abandoning the 10-foot wide alley between Kemper Street and East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, west of Line Avenue in the East Cedar Grove Subdivision located in Section 25 (T17N-R14W), Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

**Having passed first reading on October 22, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman**

**Corbin, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

5. **Ordinance No. 139 of 2013**: An ordinance declaring a public servitude on certain adjudicated properties and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (G/S. Jenkins)

**Having passed first reading on October 22, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt.**

Councilwoman McCulloch: Is that Sam's district?

Mr. Thompson: Yeah.

Councilman Everson: Remind me about this one.

Councilman Webb: Is that where that park's going to be?

Councilwoman McCulloch: That's Sam? Yeah.

Councilman Corbin: This is an alleyway I believe.

Mr. Thompson: It's a utility servitude Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Right.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

6. **Ordinance No. 140 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized herein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (*Equipment purchase for Solid Waste*)

**Having passed first reading on October 22, 2013 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 McCulloch to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

7. **Ordinance No. 141 of 2013**: **ZONING C-73-13**: An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the SE corner of Youree Drive and Arthur Avenue, be and the same is hereby changed from SPI-3(B-1), Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business) District to SPI-3-E(B-1), Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business)/Extended Use District limited to "A veterinary clinic for household pets (small animals)" only, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/O. Jenkins)

**Having passed first reading on October 22, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman O. Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Webb to adopt.**

Councilman Webb: Good thing it's passing, they've already done a whole lot of work on that building.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

8. **Ordinance No. 142 of 2013: ZONING C-74-13:** An ordinance amending Chapter 106 of the Code of Ordinances, The City Of Shreveport Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning property located on the NW corner of East 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Line Avenue, be and the same is hereby changed from B-2, Neighborhood Business District to R-1H, Urban One Family Residence District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Corbin)

**Having passed first reading on October 22, 2013 was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Shyne to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

*The adopted ordinances and amendments follow:*

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 117 OF 2013:**

Amend the Ordinance as follows:

Delete the Ordinance as introduced and substitute the attached Ordinance

**ORDINANCE NO. 117 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

BY: Councilwoman Rose McCulloch

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides for the amendment of any previously adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2013 budget for the Capital Project Fund to adjust appropriations, reflect current revenue estimates and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, in an election on April 2, 2011 the voters approved \$44,330,000 in Proposition 3, and \$21,000,000 of said amount was approved for street improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agreed to use approximately \$3,000,000 (of the \$21,000,000) for street improvement in each Council District, however bonds were only sold for \$11,000,000 in the first bond sale; and

WHEREAS, the Hersey D. Wilson project will be ready to be bid in a few days, and at the time the project was established it was contemplated that most of the Construction funds would be available from a second bond sale which has not occurred; and

WHEREAS, unappropriated funds in Proposition 3 (generated from "interest and premium on bond sale") are available to construct this project; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council that \$1,000,000 (the amount appropriated herein) will be returned to the unappropriated bond fund, or appropriated for a use specifically approved by the Council after the approved bonds are sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance No. 133 of 2012, the 2013 budget for the Capital Project Fund, is hereby amended as follows:

In Program C (Streets Improvements)

Increase the appropriation for a project entitled Hersey D. Wilson Project by \$1,000,000.

Funding source is 2011 GOB Unappropriated Funds for Proposition #3 – Streets and Drainage as of June 30, 2013.

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 133 of 2012 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.

### **ORDINANCE NUMBER 136 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF FANNIN STREET BETWEEN BAKER STREET AND DOUGLAS STREET, LOCATED IN SECTION 37 (T18N-R14W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 27, 1855, Ten Acre Lot 2 Subdivision was filed and recorded in Book O, Page 538, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, lying east of Baker Street and west of Douglas Street of the aforementioned subdivision, a 30 foot wide street was dedicated to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport owns a majority of the adjacent property and is working to redevelop the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the closed and abandoned area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Planning Commission approved this closure and abandonment at their meeting on October 2, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed closure and abandonment meets the requirements and approval of the City Engineer's Office; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the 30 foot wide road dedication lying east of Baker Street and west of Douglas Street of the Ten Acre Lot 2 Subdivision,, as shown and indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is officially closed and abandoned.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the entire area of the closure and abandonment.

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

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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. 137 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE BENSON COURT ALLEY BETWEEN BAKER STREET AND DOUGLAS STREET, LOCATED IN SECTION 37 (T18N-R14W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 27, 1855, Ten Acre Lot 2 was filed and recorded in Book O, Page 538, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, lying east of Baker Street and west of Douglas Street of the aforementioned subdivision, a 10 foot wide alley was dedicated to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport owns a majority of the adjacent property and is working to redevelop the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the closed and abandoned area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Planning Commission approved this closure and abandonment at their meeting on October 2, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed closure and abandonment meets the requirements and approval of the City Engineer's Office; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the 10 foot alley lying east of Baker Street and west of Douglas Street of the Ten Acre Lot 2 Subdivision,, as shown and indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is officially closed and abandoned.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the entire area of the closure and abandonment.

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

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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. 138 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE 10 FOOT WIDE ALLEY BETWEEN KEMPER STREET AND EAST 72ND STREET, WEST OF LINE AVENUE IN THE EAST CEDAR GROVE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN SECTION 25 (T17N-R14W), CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 1913, East Cedar Grove Subdivision was filed and recorded in Book 50, Page 665, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, lying south of Kemper Street and north of East 72nd Street of the aforementioned subdivision, a 10 foot wide alley was dedicated to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport has received a request from a majority of the adjacent property owners to close and abandon this street to allow use of the area by the petitioner; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the closed and abandoned area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Planning Commission approved this closure and abandonment at their meeting on October 2, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed closure and abandonment meets the requirements and approval of the City Engineer's Office; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the 10 foot wide alley lying south of Kemper Street and north of East 72nd Street of the East Cedar Grove Subdivision,, as shown and indicated on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, is officially closed and abandoned.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the City of Shreveport shall retain a permanent utility servitude over the entire area of the closure and abandonment.

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

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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. 139 OF 2013**

#### **AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC SERVITUDE ON CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has a tax interest in certain properties adjudicated for more than three years for the nonpayment of property taxes, said properties being more fully described below along with the names of the last known owner of record of each property; and

WHEREAS, under La. R.S. 33:2878 property adjudicated to a city more than three (3) years for nonpayment of taxes may be declared by the city as a public servitude by destination of the owner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that it does hereby declare a permanent utility servitude on the following described adjudicated properties:

Parcel	Geo# Physical Address Legal Description	Book# Page#	Assessed Owner and Other Interested Parties of Record. All references are to records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana unless otherwise noted.
U-1	171402-062-0027 No municipal address assigned Lots 2 & 3, Blk. 2, West Shreveport Subd.	2601/632 2904/548	Assessed Owner: Leroy Scott

Parcel	Geo# Physical Address Legal Description	Book# Page#	Assessed Owner and Other Interested Parties of Record. All references are to records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana unless otherwise noted.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in accordance with La. R.S. 33:2878 this ordinance shall be recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Office of Property Management of the City of Shreveport shall give notice of this servitude declaration to the record owners of the property.

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 affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 140 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET, APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED HEREIN AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to amend the 2013 General Fund Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that Ordinance 135 of 2012, the 2013 General Fund Budget, is hereby amended as follows:

In Section 2 (Appropriations)

Public Works Department

Decrease Personnel Services by \$570,000

Decrease Materials & Supplies by \$458,000

Increase Contractual Services by \$800,000

Increase Improvements & Equipment by \$228,000

Adjust totals and subtotals accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remainder of Ordinance No. 135 of 2012 as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and affect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 141 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SE CORNER OF YOUREE DRIVE AND ARTHUR AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LA, FROM SPI-3(B-1), COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR OVERLAY (BUFFER BUSINESS) DISTRICT TO SPI-3-E(B-1), COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR OVERLAY (BUFFER BUSINESS)/EXTENDED USE DISTRICT LIMITED TO “A VETERINARY CLINIC FOR HOUSEHOLD PETS (SMALL ANIMALS)” ONLY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of Lot 75 Broadmoor Terrace Subdivision Unit 2, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, property located on the SE corner of Youree Drive and Arthur Avenue, be and the same is hereby changed **from SPI-3(B-1), Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business) District to SPI-3-E(B-1), Commercial Corridor Overlay (Buffer Business)/Extended Use District limited to “A veterinary clinic for household pets (small animals)” only.**

SECTION II: THAT the rezoning of the property described herein is subject to compliance with the following stipulations:

1. **Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with a revised site plan showing landscaping and a 6’ solid wood screening fence and alternative landscaping. This plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director or designee. Any significant changes or additions shall require further review and approval by the Planning Commission. No permits shall be issued until the revised site plan and/or replatting of lots has been approved by the MPC Director or the Planning Commission.**
2. **Approval is for a 1 year period only, after which time the applicant shall reapply.**
3. **Outside boarding of animals shall not be permitted.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 142 OF 2013**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT ZONING ORDINANCE, BY REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NW CORNER OF EAST 74<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND LINE AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LA, FROM B-2, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-1H, URBAN ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the zoning classification of Lot 1, East 74<sup>th</sup> Subdivision, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA, property located on the NW corner of East 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Line Avenue, be and the same is hereby changed **from B-2, Neighborhood Business District to R-1H, Urban One Family Residence District.**

SECTION II: THAT the rezoning of the property described herein is subject to compliance with the following stipulation:

1. **Development of the property shall be in substantial accord with the site plan submitted with any significant changes or additions requiring further review and approval by the Planning Commission.**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, those are all of the items on the regular agenda for adoption.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you Mr. Thompson. At this time, is there any tabled legislation that we should consider today?

Mr. Thompson: I've not heard any Council Member say that they wish to remove anything from the table.

#### **Tabled Legislation.**

1. **Ordinance No. 170 of 2012**: Amending and reenacting portions of Chapter 90 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Residential Parking Permit Zones, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (*Tabled December 11, 2012*)
2. **Ordinance No. 89 of 2011** Amending and reenacting Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Solid Waste Collections, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (G/S. Jenkins) (*Tabled August 13, 2013*)
3. **Ordinance No. 90 of 2013**: Amending and reenacting Section 102-47 of the Code of Ordinances relative to insurance required for Vehicles for Hire and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne) (*Tabled August 27, 2013*)
4. **Ordinance No. 96 of 2013**: An ordinance amending and reenact Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Article V relative to fowl and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Shyne) (*Tabled September 10, 2013*)
5. **Ordinance No. 113 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Streets Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
6. **Ordinance No. 114 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 General Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 115 of 2013**: An ordinance amending the 2013 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (*Minor Arterial Asphalt Program*)

8. **2014 Budget Ordinances:** (To be adopted no later than December 15, 2013)

**Ordinance No. 118 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Capital Projects Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 119 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Riverfront Development Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 120 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 General Fund Budget, appropriating the authorized funds therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 121 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Retained Risk Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 122 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Metropolitan Planning Commission Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 123 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 124 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Grants Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 125 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Shreveport Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 126 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Downtown Entertainment Economic Development Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 127 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Airport Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 128 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Water and Sewerage Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 129 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Budget funding Contractual Services provided to SPORTRAN by Metro Management Associates, Inc., and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 130 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 131 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Convention Center Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 132 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 133 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Debt Service Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 134 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Streets Special Revenue Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Ordinance No. 135 of 2013:** An ordinance adopting the 2014 Golf Enterprise Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

## **Appeals**

### **Property Standards Appeals**

PSD0900275 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA (C/Jenkins) Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Powell, 140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) (*Postponed September 23, 2013 until November 11, 2013*)

PSD1000086 2837 Logan Street, Shreveport, LA (G/S. Jenkins) Ms. Carolyn Ivory Wilson, 3646 Del Rio Street, Shreveport, LA 71109 (G/Jenkins) (*Postponed September 23, 2013 until December 23, 2013*)

PSD1000141 728 Austin Pl, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Deborah Bryant, 9640 Tammy, Shreveport, LA 71106 (Caddo Parish) (*Postponed September 9, 2013 until December 9, 2013*)

PSD1300047 1744 Ashton Street, Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Ms. Verna Campbell, 6513 Cypress Pointe, Monroe, LA 71203 (*Postponed October 7, 2013 until November 11, 2013*)

PSD1300088: 1447 Andrew Ave., Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Mr. Don W. Ellis Sr., 1460 Kenneth Ave., Shreveport 71103 (*Postponed October 21, 2013 until November 25, 2013*)

PSD1300151: 3015 Catherine St., Shreveport, LA (A/McCulloch) Mr. Larry Davenport, 2245 Soda Lake Circle, Shreveport, LA 71107 (*Postponed September 23, 2013 until November 25, 2013*)

PSD 1300082 5918 Attaway Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Jerome Fields, 5954 Attaway Street, Shreveport, LA 71108 (F/Shyne) *NEW (Postponed October 21, 2013 until December 23, 2013)*

CAB1300989, CAB1300990, CAB1300991, CAB1300992 1814 Creswell Ave, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) Ms. Dyretta J. Johnson, 1814 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, LA (B/Everson) *(NEW)*

PSD 1300135 795 W. 70<sup>TH</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA (F/Shyne) Mr. Liaqat Ali, 550 Atkins Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104 (B/Everson) *(NEW)*

PSD1300218 360 E. 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA (C/O. Jenkins) Mr. Daniel Southern, 368 E. 68<sup>th</sup> Street, Shreveport, LA 71106 (C/O. Jenkins) *(Not to be considered prior to November 25, 2013)*

### **Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Appeals**

Denial of application for renewal of Alcohol Beverage Permit for Raceway #6802, 3701 Hearne Ave, Shreveport, LA 71103 (B/Everson)

### **Metropolitan Planning Commission Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeals**

Councilman Corbin: We do have one remaining MPC appeal, and I appreciate everyone's patience for sticking with us. I have - - - actually I have some people who would like to speak about it. Mr. Thompson, would you read the actual zoning appeal.

*The Clerk read the following:*

ZONING Appeal BAC-135-13: Southeast corner of Line Avenue and Jordan, RICHARD ROSE/TWINE, 1513 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Special Exception Use, variance in front yard setback and hours of operation in a B-2, Neighborhood Business District to permit the expansion of existing and restaurant with outside dining, on-premise consumption of high alcoholic content beverages and package wine and beer operating from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. (B/Everson)

Councilman Corbin: I have four requests to speak, we may have lost one. Is Commissioner Lynn still with us? Council will recognize Mr. Tom Arceneaux.

*Mr. Tom Arceneaux: (536 Jordan Street)* I live around the corner from this establishment. I'm also here as President of the Highland Restoration Association which is in support of the appeal of my wife and I to the action of the ZBA on this matter. There are two main concerns. Most of this application we actually support. We support the increase, we support the variance on the outside dining. We don't have a problem with the on-premise consumption. It applies to all the contents beverages. Our issue are two. One is with the package sales. Our concern with the package sales is once you've approved package sales, particularly if you also approve being open till 2:00 a.m., that if this business should move or relocate, someone could come in and be open until 2:00 a.m. selling package alcohol. That's not something that I'm aware of any other place is

able to do in the City of Shreveport. And so we definitely oppose that. The issue that I raised in my letter, and because I did send you a letter, and I hope you've had a chance to read it. The issue that I have is, is it appeared to me at the hearing of the ZBA, that for some reason the burden was on us to show that it shouldn't be done as oppose to the burden of showing what justifies the special exception in the hours. I will point out to you that the midnight hours which we do support, the midnight hours are already a two-hour variation from the hours that could ordinarily be operated in this location. We believe that, that is sufficient. There are no other businesses open anywhere near us after midnight, and we believe this is a dangerous precedent to start for other businesses in the Highland community that would start this. It may well be that the gentleman that runs TWINE, runs a fine establishment. The problem is, it doesn't go with him, it goes with the property, and we cannot be assured that the next person that would own this property would operate in the same way that this fellow does. So we believe that this is a bad precedent. We don't think that there is any special characteristic that gives rise to a special exception or variance. I know many of you were at the UDC meeting last week as I was, and I spoke. And one of the things that was said is what we want to do is make sure that we're not just granting all these exceptions. Well, here's another one, and we would suggest to you that this would be a good time to say, you know maybe we've done that in the past, but it's not such a good idea and we're not going to do it in the future. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Councilman Webb: On a special exception use, if they were to move, that doesn't go away and someone would have to reapply?

Mr. Arceneaux: No sir. It does not. No sir. It goes with the property.

Councilman Webb: No right now, they're operating till 12:00 correct?

Mr. Arceneaux: Yes sir.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Chairman, like Mr. Arceneaux is right. I think he has a good point, and I would direct this to Jeff. Jeff, you think you could get with the people and see if - - -

Councilman Everson: I've had a good chance to talk with both Mr. Arceneaux and the individuals who are the applicants to the ZBA. And I've asked Julie to do a little bit of background research, and she's prepared a motion that I'm prepared to offer in a moment. I'd like to give a chance for everybody who signed up to speak, to speak first. But we have taken into consideration. I think Mr. Arceneaux has some very valid concerns, and I hope that what I've prepared will be able to address some of those.

Councilman Shyne: Have you had an opportunity to visit with Jeff on the motion that he's going to present?

Mr. Arceneaux: I haven't talked to him about the motion, but Mr. Everson and I have had a number of conversations about this issue. So I think he has sufficient input from me Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Everson: I do, and what we've - - - what Julie was so gracious to us to complete this today, so I've not had a chance to show it to everyone yet. But it is consistent with the conversation that we had.

Mr. Arceneaux: Thank you very much.

*Ms. Denise Odom: (721 Boulevard St)* I am the Executive Director of the Louisiana (inaudible) Eye Bank in Shreveport. I just wanted to say I have and I do patronize Mr. Rose's establishment. It's a very fine establishment. He has actually supported us through several charity events there. You know it's a place where I take my son, he's 14. He enjoys it. We actually have been in there till near midnight when we took the Haunted Shreveport Tour that he provided. It was a great historic tour. And it was about 11:30 when we finally got through with dinner and entertainment to get out of there. That was good for that evening. However, he did hold a charity event for us, that was a wine tasting and silent auction at one point. And we found ourselves

rushed by 11:30 to get the potential donors out the door. We had quite a few things that were donated for auction, and so having a little extra leeway on an event like that would be very nice. It was on a Saturday night. But as far as the package sales and stuff. He does serve some unusual wines that you don't find anywhere else in Shreveport. And I think that most of the patronage there is for the wines and the exceptional beers that are different and imported. It's not the typical place. It's not like a bar. It is a nice restaurant. It's got a very pleasant atmosphere, and I just wanted to say the businesses around there, they're shut down at night. There's not any houses anywhere close to where he's at. And it does bring some life to that area at night time. And there are a lot of folks that visit there and have dinner and try different wine and just enjoy the atmosphere. So I am in support of him being able to have the choice of being open later if he wants to or if he has a special event like our silent auction, to be able to be more comfortable not having to rush folks out the door. He raised several thousand dollars for us, but we had some auction items ending up not being sold because we didn't have enough time to get people in there and let 'em finish looking around. So that's all I wanted to say. He's really been great for the eye bank.

Councilman Shyne: Just before you go, did you kinda understand what Mr. Arceneaux was saying? Sometimes if you grant the exception, you know you could grant it to a Catholic priest or Methodist minister Dale, but it actually goes with the land, and not so much with the individual. It seems like this gentleman that you're talking about must be a fine and upright American citizen, but just in case, something would happen and somebody else would come in.

Ms. Odom: Yes sir, I do understand that. I think the uniqueness of this restaurant is because the location. And he's been there for two years, and I would hate to think that he's going to leave the area, because he does support the area, and it's a perfect place for this type of an establishment. It gives some life to that area, and it brings in business because it is one of the few restaurants in that area that is open at night time. And it's in a great location, it's not far from downtown. So let's say you go to the Strand for an event, it's a nice place to go. I understand what you're saying, but I don't foresee him walking away from that anytime soon, because it's the uniqueness of his location that has helped his business.

Councilman Shyne: I just want you to think about this on your way back to your seat. Dale and I never thought that General Motors would have walked away, or AT&T would have walked away. Am I making any sense to you?

Ms. Odom: Absolutely. Thank you Mr. Shyne.

*Mr. Richard Rose: (1846 Fairfield)* Good evening, I'll make it brief. I know everyone's hungry, there's a restaurant called TWINE that is open this evening.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Do they serve anything to drink there?

Mr. Rose: We do. Thank you for your time. I just wanted to say that a year ago, actually it was about 18 months ago, you had great discussions on this, and we had loaded the room with a lot of support people that lived in Highland and Fairfield District. I'm not going to take your time Mr. Everson, and I have had conversations, Mr. Arceneaux as well. I want to thank both my predecessors who spoke today for your support. It's just different versions of the support. But I was asked to come before you a year after being open and let you know the success we've had and if there were any issues. The ZBA heard the same story. We have no reports of alcohol violations, we have no noise violations. The business has grown. Mr. Webb was the one that voted to our favor for progress. So I want to address that Mr. Shyne, a little bit. I am standing here as a citizen of Shreveport, not just a business owner, I'm not asking you for exception solely for my business. I just want to go on record to say I believe this is a city of progress. I spoke last time about the burgeoning film industry, burgeoning medical industry. Even in the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift workers, there are

people that work in the restaurant industry that aren't able to eat or drink until afterwards. So my vision is much like Ms. Odom stated, it is for the betterment of the Highland area. Not just me as a business person asking for an exception. And I am very clear on how those rules read. Regarding those package sales, Mr. Everson will speak to my concerns there. I'll leave that to you Jeff, but I want to thank you guys for your time this evening.

Councilman Everson: So here's what I was prepared to offer. In talking about this, I too agree that the package sales does set a dangerous precedent for this area. However, the hours can to some degree be controlled through permitting and certificates of occupancy. So what I'd like to offer is a move to modify the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals by upholding the approval of the expansion of the existing restaurant with outside dining and on-premise consumption of high alcoholic content beverages operating from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., but denying the expansion of the package sales of wine and beer into the expanded area of the restaurant.

Councilman Webb: Is that a motion? I'll second.

**Motion by Councilman Everson, seconded by Councilman Webb to modify the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals by upholding the approval of the expansion of the existing restaurant with outside dining and on-premise consumption of high alcoholic content beverages operating from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., but denying the expansion of the package sales of wine and beer into the expanded area of the restaurant.**

Councilman O. Jenkins: Just a quick discussion. First of all, I have to say obviously I voted differently the last time, and I think y'all have done a great job in terms of setting the bar pretty high and you've met every expectation that certainly the last council meeting requested. So I'm very appreciative of that. I certainly think that I'm not sure it's taking anything away from the neighborhood, by staying open. I do have that one question about it having to stay with the actual building rather than the ownership. Now is there any other way to incorporate that, this exception to just the particular ownership that we could consider, and are there some ramifications that we may incur?

Councilman Everson: I asked that and I believe that the answer is that you are creating a precedence that goes with the property. That's why having the extended alcohol sales or the package sales would allow somebody else to essentially come in there and you know TWINE was gone and somebody else came in there, because of the standard, we might be able to deny them, but they could turn around and sue us and we'd have to allow 'em to do it pretty quickly. So, with that in mind is why it's crafted this way to prevent something like that from happening. Now if there's another way that we could limit it, I'm not aware.

Ms. Glass: There was a time when the Council and the ZBA did limit a lot of special exception uses to a particular owner. They stopped doing that on a legal basis because the zoning decision should be made on the best use of the land. Should not be tied to the person. And I forgot to check with Terrie, I don't remember whether there was a court case that told us we had to stop doing that. But in any case, based on legal grounds, we stopped doing it that way, and it's more of a rational basis based on the use of the land, but not who the owner is.

Councilman Corbin: Do we have an option of doing it on a year-to-year basis, where it comes back to us every 12 months and we reconsider it? Or does that - - -

Ms. Glass: We have done that and in some cases again, it should be based on the use of the land. The council has done that before.

Councilman Everson: And would that have been impacted by the same decision?

Ms. Glass: Well I don't think so because the rule is applying to that piece of land, you're just not making it permanent yet. Usually the way the Council has done it, is if they do it, given on a year basis, and eventually if it appears that there's not any problems, make it permanent.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Okay. I'm definitely not in favor of continually having this gentleman have to come down here every year to do this. But that's just me.

Councilman Everson: But the other reason and I think I stated briefly, you know the hours are included in the certificate of occupancy and so that is something that we can address through that as well. My primary concern in crafting the language that I did was to make sure that alcohol special exception that would run with the property and cannot be controlled in another fashion without - - - I know we could, but it could be quickly contested, and - - -

Ms. Glass: I'm not sure how - - - if you give them operating until 2:00 a.m., I'm not sure how the certificate of occupancy would limit that.

Councilman Everson: I'm saying that a subsequent person who applied may not necessarily apply for the extended hours and - - -

Ms. Glass: But they would have the special exception use for that if they wanted.

Councilman Everson: They would be able to. Okay. And I think maybe where I'm getting that from is I was curious on the certificate of occupancy where they currently, where we did a special exception use (inaudible), they do have a certificate of occupancy that allows them to be open late at night.

Mr. Jambor: Yeah, the part that's getting missed here is that the special exception use, if abandoned, expires and goes away. That's the only way this would effectively run with the land for another user, is if the owner of this building were able to get another tenant in there before the other one vacated, unless they made special provisions to say oh, well the new tenant is going to paint it and therefore we're going to be closed for a certain number of days and they do that with a letter to the Zoning Administrator. But the difference between regular zoning and special exception use is that it does in fact expire. It won't linger out there unused and pop up when you don't expect it. That's the expressed purpose for it.

Councilman Shyne: Tom, did you hear that?

Councilman O. Jenkins: I'm ready to vote.

**Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

## **Other Appeals**

### **Taxi Appeal**

#### **Reports from officers, boards, and committees**

Councilman Everson: I will, just to give a brief report on yesterday's meeting of the Riverfront B-4 Committee, it was discussed about the Civic Appropriations applications, and I think we discussed it at work session yesterday, but just for the benefit of the general public, we did determine to move forward with the application process that the council passed in May of 2012, and those applications have been updated, and will be distributed to the applicants who met the initial application deadline.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Which was August 31<sup>st</sup>, right?

Councilman Everson: August 31<sup>st</sup>. Correct.

Councilman Shyne: I would hope that the Chairman of that committee would make sure that, that information has gotten out to the public, and not take for granted that they will get that from a City Council meeting, or by reading the minutes, but just to make sure that the information has gotten out.

Councilman Everson: I appreciate you mentioning that Councilman Shyne and we certainly will, in fact those people who submitted an application will be contacted directly with that.

Councilman Shyne: Good.

Councilman Corbin: Because these applications are only going to those who had originally applied.

Councilman Shyne: Good.

Councilwoman McCulloch: That met the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, good. But I just wanted to make sure that it's gotten out, because you'll have somebody that will call you Rose, who didn't get that information.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Administration agreed to contact.

Councilman Everson: And I received a draft of the updated version today, so we're going to get it to them so it will be distributed to the same (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: But just make sure like you said, those that had applications in already, that they are contacted.

## **Clerk's Report**

Councilman Corbin: Mr. Thompson, I believe that brings us to the Clerk's Report.

Councilman Webb: He's got one today.

Councilman O. Jenkins: He sent us all an email on it. Trying to get all of 2013 done right now.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman as Council Members know the second council meeting in December is scheduled for December 24<sup>th</sup> and the Administrative Conference is scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Chairman is considering a recommendation that we would move the Administrative Conference and the Regular Meeting to Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, and he asked whether or not there were any issues involved in making that move. The meeting date can be changed. We looked at the Charter and also the Rules of the Council, so there are no legal requirements to prevent the council from changing the date of the second regular meeting in December and holding the Administrative Conference at the same time. But it should be done by motion and a vote of the Council. But if the Council Meeting is held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, the change will affect the date ordinances introduced on December 10<sup>th</sup> can be adopted. If it's held on that day, then the ordinances that are introduced on the 10<sup>th</sup> cannot be adopted before January 14, 2014, because you have to have at least two weeks between the time an ordinance is introduced and the ordinance is adopted.

Councilman O. Jenkins: I have sent a subsequent email inquiring, does that mean if we had the Council Meeting on the Monday, does the Monday count as two weeks?

Mr. Thompson: That would not help either. No. That would be 13 days.

Councilman Corbin: Christmas Eve is the only way it works.

Mr. Thompson: The only date that works in December for everything is December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Corbin: Generally our agenda is quite short.

Mr. Thompson: And department heads would have time to try to rush up anything that needed to be done, to get it on the next agenda.

Councilman Corbin: Well I'd like to make a motion Mr. Thompson.

**Motion by Councilman Corbin, seconded by Councilman Webb that the City Council Meeting scheduled for December 24, 2013 and the Administrative Conference scheduled for December 23, 2013 be held at 3:00 p.m. on December 20, 2013 and all hearings scheduled for December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> unless it's rescheduled for a different date. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilman S. Jenkins. 1. Abstentions: 0.**

**The Committee "rises and reports"** (reconvenes the regular council meeting)

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 p.m.

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*//S// Michael Corbin, Chairman*

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