

**SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
*March 11, 2014***

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chairman Joe Shyne.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

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**Communications of the Mayor**

Mayor Glover: Thank you, Mr. Shyne, members of the council. As you heard me express earlier we express great thanks and appreciation to all the folks who are part of the Shreveport UNSCENE. You have seen recently on one of our local TV stations some detailing about some information that was detailing that *Atlantic Magazine* that talks about locations around the country where they expect to see significant job growth in the areas that are normally associated with the creative class that mentions or classifies them for Shreveport-Bossier and Northwest Louisiana. It's certainly indicated as being one of those that it's anticipated to see the highest level of growth. I can only believe that a good bit of why that can be confidently stated is based upon the fact that this city, this region has committed itself to growing its knowledge based economy to expanding its creative class. And efforts like Shreveport UNSCENE and the Shreveport Common and the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, the Black Arts Council and all of the things that happen with ArtBreak which would be coming up again here in just a few short weeks. All a part of what's contributing to help to bring that about. In fact, that this council work with this administration to make Cohab a foundational piece of the Red River District and that that is succeeding in aces at this point that they have yet another manifestation of the 1 Million Cups that Dr. Wayne Hogue is going to be putting on tomorrow at 9:00 down at Cohab. It's all a part of what is happening. You add that to obviously folks like Bill Gibbs and the Hanson twins with Twin Engines and the fact that you have folks who are from here who have gone on to achieve great success like Amos Winbush in this sector. And places like New York saw yet again where *Eight Magazine* has him as one of the premiere presenters for one of their entrepreneurship start-up conferences that are coming up – or that will be coming up rather, in rather short order so again, my thanks to all of that group of folks out there who are a part of that network of things. And as I start calling things off you leave something off like the Louisiana Film Prize and what have you, but the fact that Shreveport right now is managing to be able to come that kind of a unique special place and something that we all should take great pride

in and committing ourselves to ensuring that from a good middle standpoint that we continue to go forward and support those things and help to support it, help to grow it and help to sustain it. So with that, also have to make sure that I reference that on this past Saturday Hanson Morello and all of the folks at Sci-Port had the great distinction. And Mr. Shyne while you were just a wee lad at the time it was of the Hazel Beard administration of which Dale Sibley was her director of Economic Development and was responsible for development of the River Front. That project started as an idea in the mind of Sylvia Goodman and several other ladies that were planted within the Beard administration. It grew up and took about 8 years to actually come to fruition, but it opened up in 1998 and it was an effort of the City of Shreveport and Parish of Caddo and the State of Louisiana and an untold number of folks who gave big and large sums. And this past Saturday a young lady who is a preschooler at Riverside Elementary School by the name of Evelyn Watts, along with her mother and father – her dad is a member of the U.S. Air Force, but she was the 3 millionth visitor to the Sci-Port Children's Science Discovery Center here in Shreveport. So we are delighted that they've gotten to 3 million and we look forward to 3 million more. We know there's a Capital Campaign that's under way for the Sci-Port that is moving towards developing what will be the next phase of that particular effort. I can only say that if we had any real sense here in the city as leaders we would find a way to continue to work with them and the volunteers over there to grow Sci-Port to as big as this market will bear because it has a footprint that reaches all over the state of Louisiana into east Texas, into southern Arkansas, and into southeast Oklahoma and it's helping to make Shreveport a special and unique place so thanks to them and again, thanks to all who have helped to make Sci-Port a great success. With that, Mr. Chairman, members, I turn it back over to you.

### **Communications from Council Members**

Councilman Shyne: That, I'll start with the vice-chair and see if he has anything he'd like to share.

Councilman Everson: I in fact do. Thank you so much, Chairman. I want to echo the mayor's comments about Sci-Port. What an exciting thing and a great resource to have. And in case people do want to get out and support them you have an opportunity soon because on the 15<sup>th</sup> they're going to be having their Mad Scientist Ball, which is a great way for them to benefit and raise some funds and have a good time and learn a little bit more about the new Capital Campaign and some of the things that are going on over at Sci-Port. It also is right around the corner from Southfield's Auctions & Alibis, another great big event. So if it's in your budget you can hit both and be in close quarters, but also I want to acknowledge a couple of events that are coming up. Recently at the Master Plan Committee we had a presentation from a group that's working on the local food industry that's about how we can address the problem of food desserts in Shreveport. They had a really great presentation and they've been working to independently without a lot of city pushing to address some of the issues that are identify them, the Master Plan. And one of them, the new events that they're doing this year to sort of raise awareness about growing healthful food and eating healthy food and preparing healthy food is an event called Greens on the Red and that's going to be held at

the Highland Community Gardens on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. They made a point that you can pretty much grow any kind of green that exists in Northwest Louisiana and so they want to show people on what they look like, how to plant, how to cook, how to you know, really kind of celebrate greens that we have as a great local food source. Also, on March 17<sup>th</sup> which is the Monday the Shreveport Regional Arts Council will be announcing the new theme for the Christmas in the Sky, which is always you know, for a party that big the announcement of the theme is “A Pretty Darn Good Party” so it is pretty exciting that that’ll be coming up and we’ll know what’s gonna there and then just one final event I wanted to mention before the next meeting. The Aseana Foundation – if you haven’t been to (inaudible) at the Aseana Gardens you really should do yourself a favor and check it out. This is a group of volunteers who represent a number of different Asian countries who their heritage is connected to different Asian countries here. Residents in Shreveport-Bossier who’ve really gotten together to bring the different cultures and celebrate the different cultures to a space in our downtown (inaudible). They’ve taken a part that, you know, really didn’t have a lot of life to it and added a whole lot of culture and interest and great things to do and their festivals that they have, the next of which is on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from noon to five. They celebrate a different country’s culture each time and it is just such a vibrant thing to do in Shreveport to feel a bunch of cultures coming in (inaudible). It’s a lot of fun and if you haven’t been there I highly, highly recommend it.

Councilman Shyne: Ron?

Councilman Webb: I’m good, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, Rose?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Actually, I was looking thru my mail and I have a couple of letters here. Mrs. Farnell, this has to do with the Property Standards of a Dr. Howard Jones. This letter was actually cc’d to myself, as well as the Mayor Cedric Glover in regards to some penalties in the amount of \$750.00 of which him being the property owner he has no control over – and of course he says if the city cannot control the dumping then how do you expect me to control it. So I’ll let you take this letter and contact Dr. Howard Jones regarding the property standards.

Mrs. Farnell: We received one and I will be cc’ing you on the response to it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay. Also, I have a letter here and I don’t know if the other city councilmen have a copy of this letter from Mrs. Patricia A. Boswell. She’s a concerned citizen that travels along Bert Kouns Industrial Loop from Mansfield Road to Hwy 80 and of course she say the road is a disgrace to our city. I don’t know whose district she might be in, Hwy 80? Bert Kouns Industrial Loop?

Councilman Webb: Goes all the way thru District E all the way up to –

Mayor Glover: It’s outside the city limits.

Councilman Webb: It's all the same highway, but I don't know if we maintain it or not, so.

Mayor Glover: By the time it gets to Bert Kouns it's either just at the city limits. We'll take a look at it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: It's not a phone number or contact – I mean there's not a contact number on here so I'll let you handle that Dale. And also, just before I left today I received a phone call from a Mrs. Gloria Nelson, resides at 453 Iroquois Trail. It's in Cherokee Park. She said a child was seriously injured today due to some buckling in the street so Stan I guess this would be your baby. I have the contact information.

Mr. Sibley: Let me – if it's a claim we need to get that to Risk Management. Let me have that one also.

Councilwoman McCulloch: That's Mrs. Gloria Nelson.

Mayor Glover: Just give it to us after the meeting.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay. And also, a Mrs. Agnes Cole who lives at 401 Seneca Trail – Dale we've been down this road before. The residents have some concerns about the –

Mr. Sibley: Bayou?

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yes, and of course they have their part cleaned up, but what about what's actually in the water? The bridge belong to the City so is it our duty to clean out the water? So I have Mrs. Cole's contact information and I told her we'd be coming by to visit with her so that's 1401 Seneca Trail. If we could get somebody to go out and actually check –

Mr. Sibley: Well, if I can get a copy of it we can respond to her. Right, we'll take care of it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Okay, check the ditch that's, you know, behind the residents, in their backyards.

Mr. Sibley: Yeah, as you say it's the same issue we had before. It belongs to them. We'll get with her.

Councilwoman McCulloch: I mean, she's thinking that this bridge belongs to the city so we need to explain to her that it doesn't belong to the city.

Mr. Sibley: We'll take care of it.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Alright then, thank you so kindly.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, Mike?

Councilman Corbin: I want to say a quick thank you to our SPAR and Public Works Crews who worked hard and far into the night after the 2 Mardi Gras Parades, the big parades. I was out on the course the Sunday after both parades and it was hard to tell anything had actually happened, so thank you to our men and women who were out there thru the night and back out there on early Sunday morning. The other thing is I have noticed the past couple of weeks we're seeing a couple of Public Service announcements about recycling. I hope that that is the result of efforts that the administration and the council has talked about over the past few months and now we're seeing it on TV so it's good to see a push for recycling again. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Oliver.

Councilman O. Jenkins: All good.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, Sam?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Just want to congratulate the organizers of the Highland Parade. This is my first year participating in it and I tell you it's a – I guess it started out as a Community Parade, but it's very well attended and despite the threat of rain and at some point at the parade there was some rain. There was a lot of people out at that parade and it's really family oriented type of crowd that was out so just want to congratulate them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Farnell, you don't have to get up, but did Bea give you that address on yesterday? Please call. Thank you, very much.

Councilman Everson: You mind if one more thing?

Councilman Shyne: No.

Councilman Everson: I apologize. I hate to just keep mentioning stuff, but it's a great thing when there's a lot of good things going on in Shreveport and I had the opportunity the other night to go to one of the Shreveport Maverick's games and it was a blast. We had so much fun and coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> is the Shreveport City of Shreveport Night so just remind everybody we had talked about that a couple of weeks ago, but there's a night where we're encouraging everybody from the City of Shreveport to go out there. That's March 15<sup>th</sup> and we just got to (inaudible) so –

Mr. Sibley: Two for one tickets?

Councilman Everson: Two for one tickets. Well worth it. You know, we brought our son and weren't sure how a toddler would fare there, but it worked out very well and

I don't know which team he was yelling to go for, but he was certainly yelling go, go, go as he saw some action taking place. So it was a lot of fun and certainly think we should support a team that is as successful as the Mavericks.

Councilman Corbin: I think somebody threw down a challenge for that game, too, if I remember right. I don't remember if it was a council member or the administration.

Councilman Everson: I believe they did.

Councilman Shyne: Oliver and the Mayor. Now before we close, Dale, you and Mr. Thompson are so important to the home going of this council. Do y'all have anything to say?

Mr. Sibley: Not at this time, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: My report is I have no reports.

Councilman Shyne: This meeting is adjourned.

Councilmen: No, wait. We got Public Comments.

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I believe – Mr. Horton, please come up. You sit here so quiet and so professionally. I'm sorry. Sammy, you too, Sammy I don't know how I could overlook you and you sitting right in the front. Mr. Horton, give us your name and your address and you can have the mike.

### **Public Comments**

*Mr. Johnny Horton, Jr.: (Horton Construction 2446 Midway, Shreveport, LA)* I'd like to thank the council and the mayor for giving me the opportunity to speak. My concern is we were awarded a contract on Carroll Street October 31, 2013 and we received a letter, award letter December 4<sup>th</sup> and we had a pre-construction conference on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month – I mean in February and we have yet to go to work on Carroll Street and my concern is what is the delay? Why we're not able to go to work? Carroll Street is real bad. It's right on the side of Youree Drive Middle School off Youree Drive. It's bad. It needs fixing and we always talking about repairing our streets. I want to know why is it that we're not able –

Councilman Shyne: Let me ask Councilman Oliver Jenkins why he's kind of slowing around.

Councilman O. Jenkins: To be honest, this is the first I've heard of it so I mean, I knew it had been let. The contract had been let and to be honest it's pretty far. It's

definitely – I don't want to put it on the administration, but it obviously is something internal that I'm not aware of and I just wouldn't want to be the one that speaks on something that I just don't know anything about at this point.

Mayor Glover: The contract that has been let, that has been signed at this point, part of what I have asked is for Engineering and my staff and we're out doing some evaluation and documentation of the body at work that we are about to undertake that's been recommended by council. Carroll Street is one of those and so I've gone out and spent some time there. We sent Rumbert and some of his folks to go out and part of what I'm doing is doing some comparison in terms of the status condition and circumstances of those streets in comparison to some of the others. So I anticipate that Mr. Horton and his folks are going to be able to get to work in not too distant future, both on not only Carroll Street, but also Grover Place as it goes between India and Pomeroy, but again I'm taking the opportunity to take a look at those actual projects in great detail and like I say, we're documenting some things for some additional processing in consideration. And we expect that you will be able to be at work before too much longer, but that is a situation that is entirely of not just the administration's making, but mine in particular as mayor of the city.

Mr. Horton: Okay.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Horton, does that give you an answer?

Mr. Horton: Not really. Not really. Is this a new process that we go thru?

Mayor Glover: We have been trying to improve and fix streets all over Shreveport since the very beginning of this administration. And in particular we have made concentrated efforts with this council under this administration. And we're taking the opportunity now that some of the processes that moves forward with regard to streets being selected and ready to go forward to actually look at what those streets are, what their condition actually happen to be and being in a position to make sure that we got that properly inspected and memorialized so we can use that as a part of the street repairs and improvement conversation as we go forth.

Mr. Horton: Okay. That being said, this just the first time I ever encountered this because after you, you know, normally when we receive a contract and – even before it go up to bid the City's already looked at the street and determined that it need repairing. And my concern was –

Mayor Glover: No, these are streets I think that were selected by council members.

Mr. Horton: Already selected.

Mayor Glover: Correct.

Mr. Horton: My concern was –

Mayor Glover: Recommendations and input from staff, but these –

Councilman O. Jenkins: Yeah, it was from the list that staff provided to us to go thru and we looked at what we thought were the worse streets.

Councilman Corbin: I think we need to be very clear that the recommendations that we looked at and made our choices from came from staff. We didn't dream up anything.

Mr. Horton: Right, so every time –

Councilman Corbin: That doesn't affect why you're not working. That's the mayor holding that up.

Mr. Horton: Oh, okay. That's just what you want to do?

Mayor Glover: Correct.

Mr. Horton: Okay. The thing of it is mayor, I understand that you have, you know, if you can do what you want as far as this is concerned, but once we win a job and get a pre-construction conference we normally go to work when those proceed, a day, two days after. It affects because in the way we scheduled our work. It has affected us enormously. I've lost men that had to – they have to eat. They have to go to work so they went to work for other people because we hadn't been able to go to work because we never had to go thru this process before. My concern was if the City Council gone approve a street, y'all gone put it out to bid and we win it and then after we get a pre-construction or whatever, then you have to go back over it again? It's just gone be something we have to do every time so I know how to schedule my work?

Mayor Glover: I have a great respect and appreciation for exactly what you just expressed, Mr. Horton. What I hope you have an understanding and appreciation for is that while you're focused on Carroll Street and you're focused on Grover Place Street I'm focused on the condition and status of streets all across the city of Shreveport and I'm trying to work as an administration, to work with this council and work with our citizens to hopefully be able to come up with a basis and a justification and a desire to be able to do more than the streets that have been identified at this point. And when I see a set of circumstances that makes me wonder why is it that we're fixing these streets and I know that there are so many more streets in so many different places, in so many neighborhoods, in so many circumstances I want to take the opportunity to make sure before you come in with your men, your crews and tear up those streets and lay them back down that we've had a chance to go out and properly document the conditions and circumstances and conditions of those streets before we allow you to go forward with your work. Your contract has been signed. We have an obligation to go forward with the work that you are contracted to do and that's going to take place. I'm also hopeful

that we will be able to get to a point to where we will be able to do more and to do it to streets that frankly are in way worse condition than both Carroll and Grover Place at this point and time, but I know that these are the parties that have been identified in terms of those geographic regions by staff and by evaluations. They've been the selections that have been made these council members. We gonna go forward and make sure that we do that, but we also hopefully will be in a position to try and convince this council, this city as a whole that there are more streets and places that need work, need attention and need some of our focus as well and some of our resources for that matter.

Mr. Horton: All right. Hopefully, hopefully, we'll get it resolved soon.

Councilman Webb: Before you leave, Mr. Chairman if I may?

Councilman Shyne: Yes.

Councilman Webb: Mr. Jenkins, if you don't mind if I ask a question.

Councilman O. Jenkins: Have at it.

Councilman Webb: Okay, we've already – the administration have given a list to each city district, council representatives. This is the streets that we recommend that need to be replaced or priority ones. There's a whole bunch more priority ones than what we're selecting. We agree with a selection. Maybe we altered one or two, but they all were still priority ones in the greatest need of being repaired. There's always gone be another street that's in worse condition than the one, but it could still be a priority one, but what you're not really telling him is how much more delay is he gonna have before he can actually do the job that he's bid on. Are we waiting to say, well let's don't do this little bit let's go after bond money and do another \$2,000,000 worth it. Are we gone go ahead and do some of these –

Mayor Glover: He has a contract that I've signed for both the streets that I just referenced.

Councilman Webb: When are they gone be able to start?

Mayor Glover: As soon I've gotten staff thru doing the documentation of the actual current status and condition of both of those streets.

Councilman Webb: Oh, I thought that was done when it went out for bid.

Mayor Glover: No, no, no. This is a separate administrative process where we're going out. We're taking some pictures. We're taking some video. We're actually doing a documentation of the actual condition of these current streets. Prior to Mr. Horton bringing in his backhoes and his shovels and what have you and breaking those streets up and then repairing them I want to be able to document in detail the current status and condition of those streets right now as they exist prior to that construction taking place.

Mr. Horton: I just finished W. Wilderness and to be honest with you W. Wilderness wasn't that bad. It sure wasn't bad as Carroll Street. Carroll Street is in terrible, terrible condition.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Horton, you already – I didn't get a chance to do what I'm doing right now in terms of documenting the condition of W. Wilderness before those repairs were made, but you are in fact making the point that a council (inaudible) is before you go and break up Carroll and break up Grover Place I want to make sure that I have an opportunity to have documented for the administration's sake the condition of the old street before your work is commenced because I can't go back right now and be able to use the prior condition of W. Wilderness before you did your construction to make the point that you just made.

Councilman Everson: If it will expedite anything I do want to just bring everybody's attention to – the Engineering Department did send an email out on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February with the link to the pavement condition and (inaudible) that we have recently had done and it does have, you know, all the city streets on it so if that could expedite this process some. And it does illustrate there, you know, I mean the condition of pavement is not – it's not like every district has the same number of bad streets. There are some districts that have worse streets than others, you know.

Mr. Horton: Exactly.

Councilman Everson: And so I mean, it is illustrated in that I'd like to remind everybody of these new tools we have because I think they're worthy of the best men and something we need to get accustomed –

Mayor Glover: But now Mr. Chairman and councilman your point is well made and that represents a good tool, but as we have said, going back to at least the bond issue process and certainly into the Fall of 2011 that the pavement management system is called for by the Master Plan is going to be a great tool. And it's going to be something very helpful going forward, but as we stressed then and we stress now that tool is of very little use and there's very little need for it when you talk about the first 100 to 150+ million dollars worth of street work that needs to be done. And the reality of it is, is that, that is work that is not being done right now and it exist in areas across this city and it exists in places where the actual levels of traffic and the actual conditions of the streets are extremely bad and so while we have had instances where before we've had a chance to be able to come and document the actual condition and status of the street we've gone in and done the repairs. I think it's ironic that we are as Mr. Horton just said and Mr. Horton I thank you for making that point, that there are places where we are right now, fixing and repairing streets that are in comparison to some streets that citizens all across this city drive right now are in – would probably be considered some of the best streets in those particular areas in neighborhoods. So before we lose those to your backhoes and bulldozers I want to be in the position to be able to not just have you reference that Wilderness was in not that bad a condition before I went in and fixed it. I want to be able to compare in contrast the condition of what it was before and then also do the same after

you've done your work and to see how that is representative of the priorities that unfortunately I think that we have misplaced in some instances. Now we have a right to disagree on that amongst ourselves. I'm one who believes in wanting to fix the streets all across the city of Shreveport, but if in the process of trying to do that, we've slowed you down a little bit that's unfortunate, but that's a greater cause to serve than the particular issues that we're talking about right now.

Mr. Horton: Can I suggest something, then? If we gone do it like this since this gone be the process from now on, if this gone be the process to maybe look at these streets before y'all put them out, before you put them up to bid? Then somebody bid on them, a contractor bid on them and it's awarded to them maybe y'all should go back and look – instead you have to go back and look at it after it's awarded. Can y'all look at it first, before you put it out because I'm going to have to find somebody to go to work for me? Y'all gone have to go to work for me or something if you don't hurry up.

Mayor Glover: It's my great hope Mr. Horton that you would have a whole lot more work to do. The fact that you're here talking about these 2 streets and not streets that need to be fixed in other places and other areas is indicative to me of the fact that we're not doing nearly enough street work right now.

Mr. Horton: Exactly.

Mayor Glover: But before we go and do that, which there has been an expressed will and desire to do on the part of this council and that we've signed off on administration and that we end up with you making too many more statements like, you know, Wilderness was not in all that bad a shape before I came in and fixed it, but I fixed it anyway. I want to be able to at least point to what I think may be some more (inaudible) examples of exactly what you're referring to.

Mr. Horton: Alright, thank y'all.

Mayor Glover: Alright.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Horton.

Mayor Glover: Just to speak to that general issue, you all know that it's no question that we have advocated quite adamantly throughout this administration for the need to do more towards fixing the streets of the city of Shreveport. We've not been able to get any consensus to do that. And I think that we have done a disservice to the citizens in not coming up with a means and a method to be able to do so. And the fact that we are still not addressing issues like Linwood and Jewella and Hollywood and Pierremont and David Raines and Kelsey and Jamison and others across this city that as we end up being reminded both by our drives across the city, by folks who call and complain to us. We've not come up with anything about those types of problems and challenges. We don't have at this point a solution or strategy in place for \$17,000,000 problems like Linwood and when we end up with people saying exactly what it is that Mr. Horton just sat there and

shared with you all, “I just fixed a street that I wasn’t even sure it needed to be fixed,” and yet you end up with pot holes big enough to lose small children in some other areas in the city. Before we go and end up having Mr. Horton think he would make that statement again is what we’ve done to stop with documenting, with detailing. We want to be able to have that memorialized so we can be able to have that be a part of the dialogue as we go forward.

Councilman Everson: Are there – just a point of curiosity. Are there other streets projects that are being held up in order to illustrate how important streets projects are right now?

Mayor Glover: They’re not being held up illustrating. It’s been held up to document in detail.

Councilman Everson: Are there other ones, besides – I mean that this just came to us and we hadn’t heard about it.

Mayor Glover: He mentioned Carroll Place. I referenced the other contract that we just came thru and I just signed, but that we’re doing the same exact thing to which is Grover Place as it runs between India and Pomeroy. And there may be some others, but they’ve not yet moved thru the contracting process to get to a point of whether they’re at my desk for signature.

Councilman Everson: Okay.

Councilman Corbin: I’m all for taking, having an effort to look at streets and I think we’ve had lots of discussions up here while this council has been in place about streets. And I just have to remind you Mayor Glover that you’ve had 2 years to look at these projects. When the first bond sale occurred each of us as council – the decision among the council was – even though there were opportunities out there, ways to go after and spend some money on major thoroughfares. The final decision of the council was to take that money and put in seven buckets, three million each and for 2 years legislation has been on the table naming each of the streets in each council district. So I think you’ve had ample time to go out and make examples of choices, but again, those choices were led by your staff to us as council saying, here’s the worst priority streets. That’s how we came up with these options so all we’re doing now is going thru a process, holding up doing what the citizens want, spending the money and you’ve not brought another alternative to the table. You’re just holding up work that the citizens and the council expect to be done.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, Councilman Corbin, with all due respect, there have been 3 times since the fall of 2011 that we have brought forth proposals to this council to vote for a nine figure sum of money to fix streets for the city of Shreveport. Three different occasions and we’re looking forward at this point and that’s part of our effort to move forward with at least one additional opportunity to be able to present to this council and to the citizens of the city for us to again have a chance to have a real

chance to do something about streets. Now, you talked about what the staff recommended, what the administration recommended was that we needed and we still need more resources in order to be able to do more streets. Now, the streets that you all have identified, we've been doing. We did the Stoner area, up and down Stoner Avenue as Councilman Everson – that work had been done. There's work been done on Jewella, work done on Councilman Webb's district. The work in Councilman McCulloch's district for Hersey Wilson, which is one of the worst condition streets in the city of Shreveport is under way. Now, as we begin to process some of these others, frankly what Mr. Horton just said is what many people said. Why is it Cedric? Why is it mayor? Why is it Glover, that you're out here fixing a street that barely has any problems and you come to my area and the streets are – you need a four-wheel drive to drive up and down? And frankly, to sit there and trying to explain to them, well, "The council decided they wanted their 3 million and this over here and it's not enough money." That's get to be a little Mr. Corbin and so I said, "Since I see these 2, let me stop and go out and take a look." Alright, now, let's go out and document and detail. Let's take some pictures. Let's take some video so that we're in a position that once Mr. Horton and his folks go out, we'll be able to say, here's a street that was thought to be one of the worst streets that needed to be fixed in the city of Shreveport because obviously it must be because if all of these other streets have not gotten fixed and that there's no plan in place. There's just no strategy in place. There's just no movement towards fixing. Then obviously this is got to be the worst one. Now, I would love for this council to – we've come out 3 times with 3 different plans to do a 100+ million dollars worth of streets three different times. Each time that effort has gotten no more than 2 votes and yet we sit here today about to fix streets that based upon both my eyeball test, both my seat of the pants test as I drive along them would be one of the best streets in 90% of the neighborhoods across the city of Shreveport. That's wrong Mr. Corbin.

Councilman Corbin: What's wrong is this is because you're mixing the conversations and the monies. The money – this project we're talking about and the streets we're talking about are 2011 bond issue money. The council made the decision. Here's how we're going to spend it in each district. If I follow your arguments then it might be that one district only has a ½ million dollars worth of work while another district will get 5 or 6 million dollars and that need is probably there. It does vary by district. I understand that completely, but the council chose to do when there were other options on the table, was to split that money up 3 million to be used per council district and those streets have been identified for over 2 years for each council district and it's just a little suspect that –

Mayor Glover: And these two are only now ready to go to construction and start. And these two are only now just ready to go to construction and be started, but before that construction takes place, yes I want to go out, take some pictures of them, take some video of them and be able to not have to depend on my memory of what the conditions of them were, just like Mr. Horton just made reference to because you are absolutely correct. It was the council's decision and no, I do not separate the conversations. When I look and see the kind of sad, deplorable streets that we have sentenced people to live on, to drive on and to do business on it in the city of Shreveport and we don't have any

greater sense of urgency to do something about it than what we have shown, that is a problem. And I don't have any problem mixing the conversations or mixing any of it up because the ultimate goal and objectives Mr. Corbin is to make the situation better. And yes, when I can sit here and know that folks have voted against making streets better for people in neighborhoods and in business quarters all across this city and then in their particular districts and their area town they are repairing streets that would be again, if they existed in any one of your other districts and even in some places within your own district they would be considered amongst the best streets within that particular area. That's wrong Mr. Corbin. It's wrong.

Councilman Corbin: It also seems like we're tossing the Pavement Management System to the curb already –

Mayor Glover: No, it's not.

Councilman Corbin: Because we're gonna use your seat of the pants test.

Mayor Glover: No, it's not Mr. Corbin because we've said from the very beginning and even the staff and anybody else who's involved in this situation will tell you that you don't need the Pavement Management System to tell you the first 100, 150, \$2,000,000 dollars worth of streets that need to be done. You don't need that. That is a clear consensus that this staff and the citizens of this city and even the members of this council have acknowledged for a very long time. Projects like Linwood that are now upwards of 13, \$14,000,000 that based upon the type of strategy that this council pursued, which was to take one pot of money and divide it equally amongst all seven districts despite the fact that the needs are in no way equal with regard to each of those districts. And that you have no scenario, mechanism or means in place to address those issues and problems that are of city wide concern and at an impact and affect multiple districts. And that we as an administration have put before in advance at least three different occasions. A strategy that would have allowed us to have made us significant progress towards addressing those problems and yet all of that is poo poed for whatever combination of reasons. And then we come here and we begin to break up and fix what in many respects in the minds of a lot of folks would be considered perfectly good streets and still leave legions of others unrepaired, unattended to, unfunded and nowhere with even a remote strategy of how we're going to go about making them better. Mr. Corbin, that is wrong.

Councilman Corbin: I hope these projects when you finish your research and these projects get on their way soon. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you. Discussion has been very heated, got me sweating. Sammy, you're next and I hope your discussion won't be as heated.

*Mr. Sammy Mears: (1901 Centenary Blvd., Shreveport 71101)* The only little complaint that I do have is that last week my cable television was temporarily out with a few pictures that were not showing so I had to call Comcast and let them know and the lady that I spoke to said, "Could you specify that?" And I thought to myself maybe she

didn't hear clear, but I did tell her a few pictures were just out on the television and she said that they had an outage and it would be restored as soon as possible so within an hour it was. I figured the next day that maybe I could do something good for myself so I turned some change over to cash at the Kings Highway Brookshire's and decided to treat myself to a movie. I went to see *Peabody and Sherman* at Tinsel Town, which I hope you will all (inaudible) get to. Instead, I did tell you about that movie earlier a little bit. The movie's worth checking out because I called this person and told him I was going to be there at Tinsel Town to see the movie. He said, "Well, who are you?" I said, "The first one you'll see when I get there." Make that very clear. I went and enjoyed the movie. I hope everybody will see *Peabody and Sherman* because in the movie Sherman tells the girl about the way back machine after Mr. Peabody said not to. And he's the talking dog and he adopts Sherman by the way so to make a long story short, when he told Peabody what he did I said, "You weren't supposed to tell her." And Peabody said, "Sherman, you were not supposed to tell her." So even though I wasn't in the movie I'm surprised that I was even heard. And by the way, I did attend the Highland Mardi Gras Parade. I was at the Noel Church and when that heavy rain came I went under the (inaudible) to stay dry.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you, Sammy.

Councilman Webb: Before you go, come here, I got a present for you.

Councilman Shyne: That is so nice. Let's give Ron a hand for that. Ron, that is so nice. Did I miss anyone? Have you signed a – you need to sign a slip. You're a college grad. I thought you could read. We got a sign out front and get you a slip. Sign the slip.

*Mr. Charles Philyaw: (3929 Eileen Lane, Shreveport) I grew up in Mooretown.*

Councilman Shyne: And you went to Bethune High School.

Mr. Philyaw: Yeah, I did, had my dreams and goals.

Councilman Shyne: That's right. I remember when you was in high school.

Mr. Philyaw: Right. I went to Texas Southern. I could have went to Grambling and Southern. Everybody wanted me to play, but –

Councilman Shyne: You should have went to Grambling.

Mr. Philyaw: I went back to Wiley.

Mayor Glover: We agree on that, Mr. Shyne.

Mr. Philyaw: I agree with you. I don't know about that here late, but I agree with the mayor about the streets so we get checker board square over there in Queensborough.

I'm in that other section. We get checker board square. It's about a hop to one little street. One little hop over there. That's what the kid tell me, but now another thing – I get excited, but another thing – I suppose to be in the Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Hall of Fame. My mother will be 89 years old. I had to wait until 2014. I've been here all my life. You got Bradshaw. You got other people. You got everybody in the Hall of Fame. The Louisiana Hall of Fame – when they first got down to where the science building was at – that's where they started at. I was here then. Nobody ain't try to find me so I want to mention that to the Channel 3, 6, 12, newspaper, everything. Shreveport, City of Shreveport had forgot about me because I played professional football, too. I got a world championship ring, too. I'm from Shreveport, Louisiana, too, you know. And so if I was white I would be in there right now. I guarantee you. I hate to say that. I hate to say that.

Councilman Shyne: Right. We don't want to make it racial. We don't want no racism down here.

Mr. Philyaw: This ain't no racism, but I hate to say that, but I would be in here. It's just simple. I know Robert Parish, seen him, he in there, too.

Councilman Shyne: I don't think quality now is based on color.

Mr. Philyaw: I'm just saying I would be in there. I'm here from Shreveport. That's why I came down here. He told me 2014. I'm not in there so I'm gonna tell Channel 3, 6, 12. I'm gone tell them what Shreveport did to me and they never got me. I'm gone come here once a year. I'm a have me a fish and golfing tournament for the kids, black kids, white kids, golf and I'm a have a fishing and golf tournament because I'm gone get my money. Let's put it like this. Y'all heard of ESPN, right? What's his name? Mrs. Boyd, I think she's the judge. Nine hundred and six hundred and seven hundred sixty five million wasn't enough so we gone get billions of dollars. (Inaudible) for the concussion that I have. So we (inaudible) best in my city. I'm gone do this myself because I want the Mooretown area – that's where I grew up at. I'm gone put something in that area and do something for that community. I got to put something in there cause I come from there so other kids can do the same thing. Philyaw's Dream Team Foundation. Every kid has a dream. They got a dream, too, but we do have stuff out there just not fixed, the streets, everything got to be fixed. Jewella is the best street in Mooretown in that area. Catherine, I guess they were staying there before I grew up. I didn't see that street, but it's the best street in Shreveport.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Philyaw, we love you.

Mr. Philyaw: Well, I know, but I'm just saying y'all don't consider – I'm not gone say that. Let me take that back.

Councilman Shyne: No, please don't.

Mr. Philyaw: But I agree with the mayor what he said about the streets.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, you said that.

Mr. Philyaw: Y'all got the dog park. I know the dog park gone get (inaudible) because y'all gone get y'all way. I wish I had me a Rottweiler, not a Rottweiler, a pit bull to go down there and eat them all up.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Philyaw, we love you and Shreveport is crazy about you. Meeting's adjourned.

**Miscellaneous Matters**

**THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:03 p.m.

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//s// *Joe Shyne, Chairman*

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