

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

June 24, 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 Corbin for approval. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Rose McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, and Shyne. 6. S. Jenkins, Out of Chamber. 1. Nays: None.

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Communications of the Mayor

Mayor Glover: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to again thank all of the folks who came out early today for the comments offered in the support of our efforts to address the Harrelson Landfill situation. I want them to know that their concerns are being heard. I want to thank this council for their unanimous support of our efforts to communicate to the governor that we believe that there is an appropriate role for the State of Louisiana to play with regard to the proper oversight in regulation of this landfill. And that's one that we believe needs to be accepted and embraced and acted upon very quickly; some seven plus pages of violations, some twenty plus years of offense to the community. We believe that it's something that needs to be addressed and needs to be addressed quickly. I'm not sure if it were not for the fact that this thing has been a smoldering mess for the last several months and off and on in the media over the last couple of years, of whether or not we would be at this point, but I'm glad that we finally are and I want the folks to know that we are going to continue to carry this effort forward. They should look to hear possibly as early as next week for another occasion where we will invite the community to come together to be able to get updated in terms of where we are in this situation. This is one that we believe that the effort has got to be consistent and ongoing and may need to elevate in terms of some of this intensity before it's all said and done. With that, I also want to say that I believe this is going to be the last meeting that I expressed earlier before the 4th of July. And so for folks out there who are watching us today I want to encourage them to come out and join with the City of Shreveport in celebrating our country's independence. We thank again George Sirven and the folks at *KTBS Channel 3* and the Wray family for partnering with us creating a great example of a public private partnership. This is an effort that the City of Shreveport used to fund almost entirely, but we've now been able to infuse and increase and elevate the level of civic and corporate sponsorship and we believe that it's made it a bigger and better effort. Even better news, is that this year will be the last year that we won't have

the Red River Waterway funded improvements as a part of Riverview Park until the 2015 experience will be even better and greater than the 2014. With that Mr. Chairman, I turn it back over to you.

Councilman Shyne: Thank you.

Mayor Glover: Hold on, Mr. Chairman. I have but one from the CAO with regard to Solid Waste.

Mr. Sibley: Solid Waste, correct.

Mayor Glover: We also want to take this opportunity and in fact Mr. Chairman I'll take yours and Council Staff's direction. We may want to ask for the opportunity for you guys to give us this time right when we go back into regular order because I think this is appropriately something that should be on the record, not a part of the Committee as a Whole, but it has to do with Solid Waste discussion.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, you want Mr. Harris to start up this way?

Mayor Glover: Well, depending whether or not at whatever point you all (inaudible).

Councilman Shyne: Right. We're going to do it and let him come back. Not right now, because we're off the record, but it's just he was so far in the back, you know.

Mr. Sibley: Get him closer.

Councilman Shyne: Right. Get a little closer.

Mayor Glover: Mr. Shyne, those heavy guys could take offense at that.

Councilman Shyne: That why I say he's so far back. Alright, Rose.

Communications from Council Members

Councilwoman McCulloch: Well, I just want to again thank the many residents of District A for standing up in support of the issue with the landfill. The one thing I experienced and I mean I've kind of experienced this before. You know we tend to have that pointing finger type attitude. Well, it's your fault or you should have done this, but my prayer was on last night is that we shared with the citizens that everybody has a great idea and my prayer was to allow those ideas to gel together so that we could be unified as one. And again, I want to commend District A for their representation here today. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Alright, Councilman Webb.

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

Councilman Shyne: Alright, Councilman Everson.

Councilman Everson: I think I already made most of my comments. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Councilman Corbin.

Councilman Corbin: Thank you, Mr. Shyne. Stan, you don't need to get up for this, but I am continuing to get calls of concern from residents who travel East Kings Highway back behind LSUS. As we're in baseball season the unimproved parking lot and unimproved curb cuts on East Kings Highway right where it goes from four lanes to two lanes and we have the entrance to The Haven and we're in a curve. There's a lot going on there and I know there have been some minor accidents, but on nights where there are back to back baseball games it's beginning to be a big problem. And we need to see any influence that we can have there because you've got people coming almost to a stop to go over the curb and then immediately be on a gravel and dirt road which has some pretty big holes in it. So unless you're in a big SUV you're going about one mile an hour when you're turning off East Kings and everybody else is going about 45 or 50.

Councilman Shyne: And Mr. Harris, the mayor and I have a good friend who travels that way quite often, Mr. Archie Hall and we wouldn't want anything to happen to him because I think he might would try to sue the mayor personally and I wouldn't want to see that happen.

Mayor Glover: Even at the hospital you get served with that one, Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, Sam.

Councilman S. Jenkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Brother Muhammad, I'm asking you to step up here a minute. Marvin Muhammad, can you step up here a minute? You forget your name?

Mr. Muhammad: Somebody was telling me about something great back there.

Councilman S. Jenkins: I wanted to just re-visit the recent legislation we did about donations and solicitations at the intersections so there will not be any confusion and I'm gonna ask council staff and Mrs. Glass to hopefully send an e-mail to SPD as well as –

Councilman Shyne: Councilman, not cutting you off, but you want to wait so we can have that on the record because that might be pretty important. Will this be on the record?

Mr. Thompson: We're still in Committee of the Whole.

Councilman Shyne: Right.

Mr. Thompson: It's not a part of the official records, no.

Councilman Shyne: Well Sam, you want to just wait about two minutes and we'll make it a part of the official record because what you're talking about is very important?

Councilman S. Jenkins: Okay, that'll be good. We'll call you back up, Marvin.

Councilman Shyne: Because we want Marvin leaving here with an understanding.

Councilman Shyne: Oliver, you have anything else?

Councilman O. Jenkins: No, sir.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, at this point I'll accept the motion for us to move back into reconvene.

Councilman Everson: We don't have anybody here to speak?

Councilman Shyne: I'm sorry. Come on up, Sammy. You see, I got you right here Sammy. Ron told me don't forget you.

Mr. Mears: I just don't want to be left out.

Councilman Shyne: There you go.

Public Comments

Mr. Sammy Mears: (1901 Centenary Blvd. Shreveport, LA Apt. M110, 71101)

The reason I come back today is because of a situation that Jeff Everson was talking about that happened last night over at Oak Meadows. I woke up this morning about 5:00 a.m. to turn on to the news and I find out again that gunshots have taken place over at the Oak Meadows Apartments. That somebody was shot and killed. I don't know the name of the person, but I'm very sick of this. I'm sick of it, right now and I want something done about this. We are gonna have to have some policemen patrol over there on Centenary Boulevard and down into Oak Meadows and our driveway to see to it that this is stopped. These hooligans that are doing this are bothering me, even though I may not have been shot at, but their probably bothering other people. They're getting on our nerves and we're not gonna stand for this. We won't. And I've been meaning to say this because I've been kind of keeping this in my mind about what I wanted to say, too. We will not have Oak Meadows turned into a re-enactment of the Civil War. Now I mean that, too. I didn't say I wished it wouldn't or I don't want. I said I will not, we won't. I'm not asking for apologies or anything like that, but I am demanding that we have a little privacy instead of all these gun shots. Now I'm a little bit torn inside when we get these gun shots and these hooligans that come over and bother us for no reason. We don't deserve this. Now I think people usually try to be fair when they try to get

something done, but you can just push a person so far when they're trying to be fair that they wind up being nothing. Now I can take sides. I know that Oak Meadows is a good place to live at and I've been there for almost nineteen years. By July 15th it will be nineteen years that I've been living there and I'm not going to stand for anyone doing this and trying to run other people off out of their apartments. I'm going to stay where I'm at. This is recently what I was dealing with. They said that a lot of people have had to put freezes on other people wanting to just move around so much. Well, I'm staying. They're not going to run me out of my home and I'm not going to let these people do that. Now, I'm just not going to.

Councilman Shyne: Dale, did you hear that?

Mr. Mears: I've been there Cedric and Dale for almost nineteen years and I'm going to stay put. I'm not gonna let anyone tell me otherwise. If they wanted me to move they'll just have to convince me otherwise. That's not the way. I like my home and I'm sure other people like their homes. The people love their homes over there at Oak Meadows. We just want to be left alone and if I sound feisty or something like that maybe I learned it from Joyce Bowman, but the fact of the matter is that I know where I'm happy at and I'm not gonna let these hooligans run me off or anybody else. That's their own decision, but my decision is I've been where I'm at, I'm going to stay there and the message go out to you people who are doing this, leave us alone! Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: The Chair moves that we would reconvene in our Regular Council Meeting.

Miscellaneous Matters

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:37 p.m.

//s// Joe Shyne, Chairman

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