

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE  
*October 7, 2024***

The Administrative Conference of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, was called to order by Chairman Jackson, at 3:01 p.m., Monday, October 7, 2024, in the Government Chamber of Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. Invocation was given by Councilman Boucher and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Bowman. On roll call, the following members were present: Councilwoman Tabatha Taylor, Councilmen Gary Brooks, Jim Taliaferro, Grayson Boucher, Alan Jackson, James Green and Councilwoman Ursula Bowman. 7. Absent: 0. The Council met and set the following agenda for Tuesday, October 8, 2024, agenda:

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**ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE  
October 7, 2024  
AND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
October 8, 2024**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2024 OCTOBER 8, 2024**
- 5. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR RELATIVE TO CITY BUSINESS, AND REQUIRED REPORTS**
  - A. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN MINUTES**

Councilwoman Bowman: Thanks Attorney Busada, just for the record, once we leave this council meeting, every council member is going to get a call about these bonds. Can you explain to the public, when you say bonds, I explain it is the city is our big credit score, is that correct? Because when you say bonds, are trying to decrease the score, get a better score, you're saying to get a better credit score, right?

Mike Busada: Yes.

Councilwoman Bowman: I just wanted to put that on the record because we are going to get calls because they're going to want to know what you are talking about with the bonds. So, you are trying to increase the city's big credit score?

Mr. Busada: That's basically, absolutely, that's a great analogy, yes.

Councilwoman Bowman: Thank you.

Councilwoman Boucher: Here's kind of what my thought is. So, I would love to buy a seven hundred-thousand-dollar house and maybe I plan to, you know, maybe I got everything together and I'm going to go and buy this seven hundred-thousand-dollar house. But when I get there, I can only qualify for a six hundred-thousand-dollar house. I got kids that are going to be going to

college, whatever, I don't want to pull out of my savings. Unfortunately, we waited two years, if you got twenty-eight million dollars to build the station, you are going to have to build a twenty-eight-million-dollar station. That's what the taxpayers – this is going well we're going to do this; we're going to use this camera money; we're going to do this and we're going to do that, unfortunately, I'm sorry this is not this council's fault that we haven't started construction. We're going to have to spend what we got, if we got twenty-eight million dollars, that's what we have. Regardless of whoever's fault it was that gave us those numbers, I don't think that it was really anybody's fault, I think the economy's changed, building costs have gone up and we have some inflation issues that are going on. I don't want to blame anybody because I am just going to say this for the record. In 2021, the department heads that are here, the department heads in 2021 are still departments heads in 2023, that are related to this, so this narrative of it's the administration's fault, it really isn't administration fault, because we've got the same department heads to a certain extent. So, I just think, and this is just my thought and we're getting call after call after call, on this. My thought is you got twenty-nine million dollars Mr. Dark, that twenty-nine, is that what we got?

Mr. Dark: Well, you're about to get yourself into an interesting choice and we will help you walk your way through it when the time comes. If you build a twenty-eight-million-dollar police station, you are going to build one that is too small. You're almost better not building it at all, and we promised to build it.

Councilwoman Bowman: Mr. Dark, you are having a conversation with Mr. Busada, Mr. Busada can't vote on the money you need. You need to be communicating with the council so we can know what we're facing. Because right now, for two years nothing has been said, we didn't know we didn't have enough money. So, if you need us to vote on the money, we need the communication. That's the missing piece to the puzzle today, and every day.

**B. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS BY THE MAYOR, NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN MINUTES**

**C. COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR RELATIVE TO CITY BUSINESS OTHER THAN AWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**D. REPORTS:**

Property Standards Report (resolution 7 of 2003)

Revenue Collection Plan & Implementation Report (resolution 114 of 2009)

Master Plan Committee Report (resolution 132 of 2012)

Budget to Actual Financial Report (resolution 183 of 2017)

**6. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**

**7. ADDING ITEMS TO THE AGENDA, PUBLIC COMMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

**A. ADDING LEGISLATION TO THE AGENDA (REGULAR MEETING ONLY) AND PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MOTIONS TO ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE) (PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC CONCERN REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ITEM IS ON THE AGENDA)**

*Roy Rachell made general comments as it relates to Sportran.*

*Versa Clark made general comments as it relates to the Shreveport Police Department headquarter and the substation for Cedar Grove.*

**C. CONFIRMATION AND APPOINTMENTS:** William “Bill” Sabo – Director of Economic Development, Valerie Ann DeLatte and Senae D. Hall – Electronic Speeding Ticket Hearing Officer, Montrell Hall – Architectural and Engineering Select Committee, Langhuong Earb and Rachael Peters – Local Workforce Development Board

**8. CONSENT AGENDA LEGISLATION**

**A. TO INTRODUCE ROUTINE ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTIONS:** NONE

**ORDINANCES:** NONE

**B. TO ADOPT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTIONS:** NONE

**ORDINANCES:** NONE

**9. REGULAR AGENDA LEGISLATION**

**A. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OR WHICH WILL REQUIRE ONLY ONE READING**

128 Authorizing Patrick R. Young at 9516 Wallace Lake Road to make a connection to the City of Shreveport’s water and/or sewer system (D/Boucher).

139 Authorizing Jose Carmona at 9588 Wallace Lake Road to make a connection to the City of Shreveport’s water and/or sewer system and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Boucher)

140 Authorizing Springfield Baptist Church at 9702 Wallace Lake Road to make a connection to the City of Shreveport’s water and/or sewer system and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Boucher)

141 Authorizing Shaun Pendleton at 9820 Wallace Lake Road to make a connection to the City of Shreveport’s water and/or sewer system and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (D/Boucher)

142 Establishing the intent of the City Council by specifying the projects to be undertaken from the sale of 2024 General Obligation Bonds and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

146 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative purchasing agreement between the City of Shreveport and The Parish of Caddo, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

147 Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement and release with Paloma Natural Gas, LLC and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

148 Authorizing the acceptance of a payment from Paloma Natural Gas, LLC as it relates to a damaged portion of Pines Road, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

149 Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Shreveport to sign an approval of the assignment by Cypress Energy Partners, LLC of four oil and gas leases to Paloma Natural Gas, LLC, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

150 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Shreveport and the State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control Division of Administration for the Amtrak Platform and Facility, Planning and Construction and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

- 151 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Shreveport and the State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control Division of Administration for Bayou Pierre Drainage and Recreation, Planning and Construction and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 152 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Shreveport and the State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control Division of Administration for University Park Subdivision Improvements, Planning and Construction and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 153 Stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of 624 Downtown Lofts, LLC to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Brooks) **(not to be adopted prior to public hearing on October 22, 2024)**
- 154 Stating the City of Shreveport's endorsement of Las Palmas Group Lofts, LLC to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement program and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Brooks) **(not to be adopted prior to public hearing on October 22, 2024)**
- 155 Encouraging the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to place a moratorium on the issuance of any occupational licenses and certificates of occupancy for liquor stores/retails sales of alcohol – liquor, other than renewals, for a period of six (6) months, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Taylor, D/Boucher, G/Bowman)
- 156 Celebrating Courtland T. Milloy, Sr. 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Taylor)
- 157 Recognizing October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Taylor, F/Green, G/Bowman)
- 158 Recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Project Celebration for its work to prevent and assist the victims of Domestic Violence, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (A/Taylor, C/Taliaferro, D/Boucher)
- 159 Dedicating the 700 block of Turner Lane in honor of Pastor Lovelle Butler and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (E/Jackson)

**B. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 22, 2024)**

- 160 Acknowledging that the City Council has reviewed the 2023 Internal "Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report" concerning the North Regional and Lucas Wastewater Plants
- 161 Authorizing the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Purchasing Agent to reject all bids received for Airport Park Sports Field. Bid RFQ #24-520 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 162 Authorizing the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Purchasing Agent to reject all bids received for City Courts Restroom Renovation. Bid RFQ #24-518 and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

- 163 Authorizing the mayor to execute a right of way and servitude agreement with CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Louisiana Gas, for the construction and maintenance of a gas pipeline(s) on city property, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 164 Authorizing a request to be made to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board, to seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease involving the property located in Districts F and G described herein and to execute the lease for certain mineral interests owned by the City of Shreveport; and to authorize the mayor to execute any and all documents related to the intent of this Resolution; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 165 Authoring the mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the City of Bossier City and the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 166 Amending section 2-1(d) of the City of Shreveport purchasing regulations & procedures manual concerning authority to contract for consulting, insurance and other services, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Taylor, G/Bowman)

**C. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 22, 2024)**

- 116 Amending the 2024 Capital Improvements Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- 117 Amending the 2024 Budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- 118 Amending the 2024 Budget for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 119 To amend section 10-186 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Taylor, D/Boucher, G/Bowman)

**2025 BUDGET ORDINANCES (TO BE ADOPTED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2024)**

- 120 Adopting the 2025 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 121 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 122 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the General Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 123 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Retained Risk Internal Service Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 124 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the MPC Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

- 125 Adopting the 2025 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- 126 Adopting the 2025 Grants Special Revenue Fund appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 127 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Shreveport Redevelopment Agency Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 128 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Downtown Entertainment District Special Revenue Fund, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 129 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Golf Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 130 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Airports Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 131 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 132 Adopting the 2025 Budget for Contractual Services Provided to SporTran by Metro Management Associates, Inc., and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 133 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized herein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 134 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Convention Center Enterprise Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 135 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Convention Center Hotel Enterprise Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 136 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Debt Service Fund and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 137 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 138 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Streets Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 139 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Diversion Program Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 140 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Public Safety Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- 141 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Economic Development District “A” District Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

- 142 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Economic Development District “F” District Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 143 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Health Care and Technology Innovation District East Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 144 Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Health Care and Technology Innovation District West Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**D. ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE (NUMBERS ARE ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NUMBERS)**

- 40 An ordinance authorizing the lease of portions of Stageworks of Louisiana, a city-owned property, to G-Unit Film & Television Louisiana, LLC, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 70 To amend Chapter 38 of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to vacant structures, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- 103 To amend various articles and sections in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code, for the purpose of updating certain uses within the downtown zoning district, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 104 To amend various articles and sections in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code, for the purpose of clarifying and updating provisions for uses related to dwelling units within commercial spaces, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 111 An ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and the issuance and sale of not exceeding eighty-eight million dollars (\$88,000,000) of general obligation bonds, series 2024, of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
- 112 To amend the 2024 Capital Improvements Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 113 Establishing the name of an unnamed roadway and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 114 To amend various articles and sections in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, unified development code, for the purpose of adding new definitions related to sober living home, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 115 **Zoning Case No 24-91-C**: An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport unified development code, by rezoning property located at East side of Lotus Lane, approximately 230 feet north of Standard Oil Road, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-MHP residential manufactured home park zoning district to RMHP (spud)

residential manufactured home park small planned unit development zoning district, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Green)

## **10. TABLED LEGISLATION**

### **A. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **APPEALS**

**PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS: NONE**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE APPEALS: NONE**

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZBA APPEALS: NONE**

#### **OTHER APPEALS**

**SOB APPEALS: NONE**

**TAXI APPEALS: NONE**

### **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES**

**CLERK'S REPORT: NONE**

### **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Clerk read a request from the city attorney to go into Executive Session pursuant to LSA-R.S. 42:16 and R.S. 42:17(A) (2) to receive information relative to the following matters: City of Shreveport vs CDM Smith Inc., et al Suit No: 639,858; First Judicial District Court Caddo Parish, Louisiana

**Motion by Councilman Boucher, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to go into executive session. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilwoman Taylor, Councilmen Brooks, Taliaferro, Boucher, Jackson, Green and Councilwoman Bowman. 7. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.**

The Council went into executive session at 5:32 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 5:47 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the council, the city council meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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*//s// Alan Jackson, Chairman*

*//s// LaTonya Bogan, Clerk of Council*