

Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
February 25, 2025

The City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairwoman Taylor at 3:00 p. m. Tuesday, February 25, 2025, in the Government Chamber in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Pastor Bryant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jackson.

The roll was called. Present: Councilwoman Tabatha Taylor, Councilmen Gary Brooks, Jim Taliaferro, Grayson Boucher, Alan Jackson, James Green and Councilwoman Ursula Bowman.
7. Absent: 0.

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference and Special meeting, Monday, February 10, 2025, and the Council meeting, Tuesday, February 11, 2025. 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.

**AWARDS AND 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
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**

REPORTS:

Property Standards Report (resolution 7 of 2003)

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

Mr. Clarke provided a Master Plan Committee Report (resolution 132 of 2012)

Budget to Actual Financial Report (resolution 183 of 2017)

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.11 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE) (ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC CONCERN REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ITEM IS ON THE AGENDA)
(REGULAR MEETING ON MATTERS WHICH ARE ON THE AGENDA)**

Sammy Mears spoke in support of Resolution No(s). 31 and 32 of 2025.

Fred Kent, Rob Rollins and Kathie Booth made general comments as it relates to appeal Case No. 24-213-C.

Jordan Strader was present to answer any questions on Ordinance No. 17 of 2025.

Adele Shafferman, Jon Glover, Robert Tyler, Lyndon Johnson, Craig Lee and Irma Rodgers made general comments as it relates to Resolution No. 38 of 2025.

CONFIRMATION AND APPOINTMENTS: Local Workforce Development Board - Shakeidra Evans, William Upchurch, Dennis Essom, Assistant Director SPAR – Charles Hymes, Division Manager, Administration SPAR – Esther Weiland, Assistant Attorney – Eli Bell, Part-time Assistant Attorney – Emmanuel Billy

Motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Brooks, to postpone, the above mentioned executive appointments. 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM QUERBES PARK FOUNDATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to enhance our community and provide improvements projects to the citizens of Shreveport by improving the Querbes Golf Course drainage and cart paths in location throughout the golf course; and WHEREAS, The Querbes Park Foundation desires to assist the City's efforts and provide a benefit to the citizens by improving our community by having drainage construction completed and pouring new cart paths at the Querbes Park Golf Course located at 3500 Beverly; and WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has established an Enrichment Fund as a trust fund for donations of funds and/or goods by any persons or groups. The Enrichment Fund ordinance is contained in Section 26-186 et seq., of the Code of Ordinances; and WHEREAS, the ordinance provides that donations over \$10,000.00 shall be accepted only with the approval of the City Council. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the acceptance of the improvements and upgrades to Querbes Park Golf Course, from the Querbes Park Foundation is hereby approved. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tom Arceneaux, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents reasonably requested by the Querbes Park Foundation, acknowledging acceptance and receipt of the donation. 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 Green, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to adopt. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT BY THE NORTH SHREVEPORT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in programs which directly benefit the citizens of the City and provide a public benefit; and WHEREAS, the North Shreveport Business Association, desires to host the 2025 Crawfish Boil Fundraiser and Membership Drive, and the 2025 Annual Heroes BBQ Cook-Off in Shreveport; both of which provide funds for Shreveport Fire and Police Department special projects and other community service projects; and WHEREAS, North Shreveport Business Association has requested the use of certain city owned staging, tables, and chairs during these events; and WHEREAS, the programs sponsored by the North Shreveport Business Association benefit the City of Shreveport by providing funds for Shreveport Fire and Police Department special projects, other community projects, and supports other economic development initiatives which serve a public benefit and public purpose. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, that the use of certain city-owned equipment on May 2, 2025, during the 2025 Crawfish Boil Fundraiser and Membership Drive and on October 17, 2025, during the 2025 Annual Heroes BBQ Cook-Off is hereby approved. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of the equipment by the North Shreveport Business Association is conditioned upon the execution of an indemnity and hold harmless agreement by the North Shreveport Business Association 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 Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to adopt. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH AILLET, FENNER, JOLLY, MCCLELLAND, INC. TO PROVIDE

ENGINEERING DESIGN RELATIVE TO WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Aillet, Fenner, Jolly, McClelland, Inc. submitted the lowest price on RFS #222-704 for engineering design services related to miscellaneous water improvement projects.

WHEREAS, the City and Aillet, Fenner, Jolly, McClelland, Inc. executed an Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services (Contract No. 2022-381) on October 11, 2022. WHEREAS, the contract requires a Task Order be issued for each Specific Project to be performed under the Agreement. WHEREAS, Supplemental Agreement No. 2 is the second Task Order issued pursuant to Contract No. 2022-381 for engineering design services in the amount of \$500,000.00 which requires Council approval. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular, and legal session convened, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute Contract No. 2022-381 Supplemental Agreement No. 2, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof filed for public inspection with the original of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on February 4, 2025. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provisions 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 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 Green, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to adopt. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO EXECUTE A LEASE AMENDMENT WHICH WILL EXTEND THE PRIMARY TERM OF STATE AGENCY LEASE NO. 22075 WITH CITIZEN ACQUISITIONS LLC AND CEP ACQUISITIONS LLC FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEARS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport (the "City"), is the Lessor in that certain oil, gas and mineral lease from the City to Citizen Acquisitions LLC and CEP Acquisitions LLC (collectively the "Lessees") in State Agency Lease No. 22075, dated May 11, 2022, and recorded under Instrument No. 2889888 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana; and WHEREAS, State Agency Lease No. 22075 has a primary term of three (3) years from May 11, 2022 and if acceptable lease operations or production in paying quantities is not occurring at the end of the original primary term, the lease would expire on May 11, 2025 unless otherwise extended by action of the City of Shreveport; and WHEREAS, Citizen Acquisitions LLC and CEP Acquisitions LLC have requested that the City of Shreveport approve the Lease Amendment for the purpose of extending the original primary term thereof for an additional two (2) years from May 11, 2025 in consideration of a rental payment of \$185,680.00 for each additional year of the extended term of the lease unless the lease is otherwise maintained prior to the expiration of each year of the extended term. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Lease Amendment for the purpose

of extending the original primary term thereof for an additional two (2) years from May 11, 2025. 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 applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions, ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23. THUS DONE AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Taliaferro, to adopt. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION 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 C AND D 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.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport ("City") may own certain mineral rights underlying the described property in Exhibit "A" ("the property"); and WHEREAS, every agency [including every municipality] is authorized to lease its land for the development and production of minerals; and WHEREAS, the City desires to lease its interest in the property for oil, gas and other minerals subject to conditions contained herein; and WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board, is available upon the request of the City of Shreveport to seek public bids for an oil, gas, and mineral lease and to execute the lease of the property described herein in Exhibit "A" for oil, gas and other minerals if requested to do so by the City of Shreveport; and WHEREAS, this Resolution is authorized pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 30; Subtitle I; Chapter 2; Subpart B. Leases by State Agencies [and Municipalities] (La. R.S. 30:151 – 30:159); and WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 30:153(A), any agency [Municipality] may, by Resolution, direct the State Mineral and Energy Board to lease the City's interest in the property for such purposes; and WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 30:153(A), after the execution of the original lease, all rights and authority in connection therewith shall be vested in the agency [Municipality] to the same extent as if the agency [Municipality] had itself leased the land; and WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 30:153(A) the bonus money, if any, received for the lease shall be transmitted by the State Mineral and Energy Board to the agency [Municipality]; and WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has received a written request from Nick Palmer, agent for Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, that the City seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering said described property in Exhibit "A"; and WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport does not, by way of the instant Resolution,

guarantee Nick Palmer, agent for Cypress Energy Partners, LLC, or any other bidding entity, the award of successful bid on the described property in Exhibit "A" ("the property"). NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that: 1. The City of Shreveport declares it may own certain mineral rights underlying the following described property, to-wit: See Exhibit "A" – Property Description 2. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, State Mineral and Energy Board, be and it is hereby requested and authorized to seek public bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering the property described herein above. 3. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, State Mineral and Energy Board, be and it is hereby requested and authorized to execute a lease covering the property described herein above. 4. The Mayor, Tom Arceneaux and/or his designee is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Shreveport, any, and all documents related to the execution and intent of this Resolution. 5. Any such lease shall contain a NO SURFACE OPERATIONS provision to read the same or substantially the same as the following: Lessee, its successors, or assigns, may produce oil, gas, and other minerals from the leased premises by drilling from a surface location on other lands, but notwithstanding any other provision of this lease, Lessee, its successors, or assigns, shall not use the surface of the Lessor's property for drilling or any other operations without prior written permission of Lessor, which permission may be withheld at Lessor's discretion. 6. Any such lease shall contain a HORIZONTAL PUGH clause to read the same or substantially the same as the following: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, at the end of the primary term or any extension thereof by operations, if the Commission of Conservation of the State of Louisiana establishes a drilling unit which includes a part of the land herein leased, the production of oil, gas and other minerals from such unit shall maintain this lease in full force and effect only as to such portions of the leased land embraced in said pooled unit; and this lease shall expire as to that part of the land herein leased not included in such unit; and Lessee, its successors and assigns agrees to relinquish by formal instrument any portion of the leased land not included in a unit created by the Commission of Conservation while this lease is in effect. 7. Any such lease shall contain a VERTICAL PUGH clause to read the same or substantially the same as the following: Upon the expiration of the primary term hereof or any extension thereof by operations, this lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect except as to all that part of the leased premises then included within the geographical boundaries of a producing unit duly established by governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction, from the surface of the earth to a depth of one hundred (100) feet below the deepest depth from which any well commenced during the primary term hereof on the leased premises or on lands pooled therewith is completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a unit-by-unit basis. In the absence of units so established, this lease shall terminate except as to forty (40) acres around each producing oil well and one hundred sixty (160) acres around each producing or shut-in gas well located on the leased premises, in as near the form of a square as is practicable, from the surface of the earth down to a depth of one hundred (100) feet below the deepest depth from which said well or wells are completed and from which there is production in paying quantities, such depth determination to be made on a well-by-well basis. 8. Any such lease shall contain a minimum CASH PAYMENT BONUS provision as follows: Cash Payment Bonus of not less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per acre. 9. Any such lease shall contain a minimum ROYALTY provision as follows: Royalty of not less than twenty-five percent (25%). 10. Any such lease shall contain a maximum TERM provision as follows: Primary term of lease shall not exceed three (3) years. 11. Any such lease

shall contain a provision expressly stating that any lease granted by the City of Shreveport and accepted by Lessee shall be WITHOUT WARRANTY OF TITLE and WITHOUT RECOURSE AGAINST THE CITY, whether expressed or implied, even for the return of any monies paid, and further, that City shall not be required to return any payments received or be otherwise responsible to Lessee, therefore. 12. Any such lease shall be subject to the prohibitions and remedies concerning excessive damage to roads enumerated in the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances, currently codified in Secs. 78-211-212. 13. Any error in any legal description contained in this Resolution and/or in Exhibit "A" which may be discovered by the State Mineral and Energy Board, or its staff, during its review of the City's application, which are subsequently corrected by the City of Shreveport, provided such irregularities do not materially change the property being herein authorized for lease, shall not affect any authorization granted or conveyed herein and the State Mineral and Energy Board is hereby authorized to advertise and subsequently lease the said property as correctly described. 14. A certified copy of the executed Lease Agreement authorized herein, and all Exhibits attached thereto, or an extract thereof, shall be filed and recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana. 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, ordinances, or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23. THUS, DONE AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Taliaferro, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to adopt. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 6 OF THE 2025 LOUISIANA REGULAR SESSION, SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEVEN JACKSON, REGARDING MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY APARTMENT COMPLEX OWNERS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS TAYLOR, GREEN, BOWMAN

WHEREAS, recently in Caddo Parish, there have been at least four or more instances of water cut-offs to apartment complexes because of excessively past due water bills; and WHEREAS, the tenants in these complexes were subject to leases where rent included payment for water; and WHEREAS, the landlords in these complexes accepted lease payments and failed to pay the water bill; and WHEREAS, as a result, the tenants, who had paid their rent in good faith to include water, are now forced to relocate and many of them do not have the funds to do so. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened, that the Shreveport City Council does hereby support the passage of HB 6 of 2025, which provides criminal penalties for landlords that misappropriate rental funds that should be used for utility payments. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to the Speaker of the Louisiana House, the President of the

Louisiana Senate, the Caddo Parish legislative delegation and Governor Jeff Landry. 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 Green, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to adopt. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DR. JEROME COX, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: COUNCILMAN JAMES GREEN

WHEREAS, Dr. Jerome Cox has built a distinguished career as the CEO of We Care Home Services and Milestones Counseling Services, co-owner of St. Joseph Hospice, and has held key roles in various other organizations, demonstrating unwavering dedication to improving the health and well-being of the Shreveport community; and WHEREAS, he has shown exceptional leadership in business and real estate, is a licensed general contractor, licensed journeyman electrician, and has served as a notary public since 1994; and WHEREAS, Dr. Cox served honorably as a decorated Captain in the U.S. Army, with distinguished service in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Restore Hope, earning multiple honors, including U.S. Army Bronze Star with Valor, Achievement Medal, Commendation Medal, and National Defense Service Medal, among others; and WHEREAS, he has constantly dedicated his time and talents to various local community organizations, including serving as Chairman of the Board for the City of Shreveport Property Standards, United Way of Northwest Louisiana, Shreveport Business Exchange, Inc., and Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission, as well as receiving the Outstanding Community Worker Award from Red River/Natchitoches Parish. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened that the Shreveport City Council recognizes Dr. Jerome Cox for his dedication to service, leadership, and education, and his impact on the community of Shreveport. 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 Green, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman, to adopt. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO SPECIFIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM FUNDS BUDGETED IN “OTHER CHARGES” IN THE 2025 RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY: Councilwomen Tabatha Taylor and Ursula Bowman

WHEREAS, special appropriations are made each year by the City of Shreveport and then allocated to certain not-for-profit organizations which serve an overriding public purpose; and WHEREAS, funds have been budgeted in “Other Charges” in the 2025 Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund for projects and programs of the not-for-profit organizations, and this resolution authorizes the payment of funds to specific organizations. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that in addition to previously allocated funds, funds budgeted in the Other Charges character level of the Riverfront Development Special Revenue Fund for the Civic Appropriation sub-object shall be allocated as follows: Organization Amount Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association \$15,000 Rho Omega and Friends \$10,000 Best 13 \$15,000 Total: \$40,000 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 Green, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman, to adopt.

Councilwoman Taylor: So, with that being said, civic appropriations are funded through the Red River Special Development Fund that money is derived from the casinos. When former Councilman Calvin Lester put this up, there is a special fund for the allocation of these funds. It has nothing to do with streets, it has nothing to do with the solid waste fund, it doesn't come with bond money. Bond money is specific to what is outlined in the bond in which the citizens of Shreveport, Louisiana has voted on. If you paid attention to any of the council meetings and if you've paid attention to anything that we've said in the last 90 days when it comes to the police stations, we wanted to ensure that what you all voted on that that money was used specifically for. If you looked at the top of this particular resolution it tells you directly where those funds are coming from, and those organizations do that by civic appropriations through a form that they complete. When it comes to nonprofits, nonprofits are by they law, by federal law regulated to open up their books to you, their tax returns are open to the public. So, at any time that you could do whatever request that you have. The city of Shreveport does a cooperative endeavor agreement, so nobody gets that money until that cooperative endeavor agreement is signed and they have to follow through with what is outlined in the cooperative endeavor agreement. If not and if they are found wrong and violating that, then they can be arrested. But to literally sometimes say, what we don't need with nonprofits is just outlandish to me because anytime there is a disaster, we're calling on a nonprofit. Anytime there is something else that is of a horrific situation, we're calling on a nonprofit. What I found sometimes is that that only applies to certain nonprofits, it's not to all it's to certain nonprofits. Ten thousand dollars is a lot to some nonprofits if that's what they're basing this on and only relying on that from the city. But, I

would probably want to say that if you open up the books of the nonprofits of the 20 plus nonprofits that we have listed on here the city of Shreveport is a small amount when you talk about 10, 15 whatever that thousand is, when our largest recipient receives 325 thousand dollars, the next receipt receives 200 thousand dollars by state allocation that has to come through the city of Shreveport through the Red River Development Fund and the Senate voted on that. So again, please do not mischaracterize the works that these individuals do for our communities. These are collaborative partnerships; we have partnered with these entities to do some of the things that we are unable to do, just like we ask with any business that we form. Nobody is swindling money and going in your pocket that is just an absurd observation and a defamatory comment to make. The festival that are here in Shreveport, one of the three largest festivals that are here bring tourism dollars to our city. So, I just had to say this for the record because of the somewhat nasty emails and threats that we have received. And for the record, do not threaten me because I will turn you over to SPD, don't do that because it's unnecessary. We are a collective and a melting pot, white, black, jew, greek whatever it is that you want to call yourself, we are here to work together to build Shreveport, Louisiana. You may not like what some people say but for the most part lets take a look at what they do because people can tell you anything but just watch their actions.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilwoman Taylor, Councilmen Brooks, Jackson, Green and Councilwoman Bowman. 5. Nays: Councilmen Taliaferro and Boucher. 2. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: 0. Abstentions: 0.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (*NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO (March 11, 2025) (Motion and second is sufficient to introduce resolutions)*)

- 1. Resolution No. 33 of 2025:** A resolution authorizing the mayor to terminate a sewer servitude, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 2. Resolution No. 34 of 2025:** A resolution approving an annual payment in lieu of tax in accordance with a term sheet issued by the Northwest Louisiana Finance Authority to Louisiana Historic Redevelopment I LLC; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 3. Resolution No. 35 of 2025:** A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an amendment to the agreement with Blue Line Solutions, LLC to add additional automated speed enforcement cameras in non-school zones and extend the agreement term, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- 4. Resolution No. 36 of 2025:** A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a supplemental agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. to provide water and sewer program management, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 5. Resolution No. 37 of 2025:** A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc to provide streets and drainage improvement program management, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Boucher, seconded by Councilman Brooks, to introduce Resolution No(s) 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 of 2025 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO (March 11, 2025)
(Motion and second is sufficient to introduce resolutions)**

1. **Ordinance No. 9 of 2025**: An ordinance amending the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, 2025 Capital Projects Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized herein and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 10 of 2025**: An ordinance amending the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, 2025 Capital Projects Fund Budget, appropriating the funds authorized herein and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
3. **Ordinance No.11 of 2025**: An ordinance amending the 2025 Water and Sewerage Enterprise Fund Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
4. **Ordinance No. 12 of 2025**: An ordinance amending the 2025 Community Development Special Revenue Fund Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
5. **Ordinance No. 13 of 2025**: An ordinance approving and directing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana and Economic Development District A; and providing for other matters with respect thereto.
6. **Ordinance No. 14 of 2025**: An ordinance approving and directing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana and Economic Development District F; and providing for other matters with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 15 of 2025**: An ordinance amending Sections 94-161 and 94-167 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to discontinuance of services; adjustments for non-residential water or sewerage service accounts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (F/Green)
8. **Ordinance No. 16 of 2025: Zoning Case No. 24-208-C**: An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the northwest corner of Line Avenue and East 68th, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7 Single Family Residential Zoning District and C-2 Corridor Commercial Zoning District to C-1 CZD Neighborhood Commercial Conditional Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Brooks)
9. **Ordinance No. 17 of 2025: Zoning Case No. 24-210-C**: An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the north side of Fortson Street, approximately 300 feet east of Highway 1, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-2 Heavy Industrial Zoning District to I-MU Industrial Mixed-Use Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Taylor)

Read by title and as read motion by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to introduce Ordinance No. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of 2025 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

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

1. **Ordinance No. 40 of 2024**: 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. (**Postponed on February 11, 2025 until March 25, 2025**)
2. **Ordinance No. 8 of 2025**: An ordinance to amend Chapter 38 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of Ordinances, relative to dumpsters on residential property and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)

Having passed first reading on February 11, 2024, read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to adopt.

Substitute motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to postpone. 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.

Ordinances that were adopted, except ordinances that will be published in the Shreveport Code Ordinances, including the Shreveport Unified Development Code, are as follows:

TABLED LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 70 of 2024: To amend Chapter 38 of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to vacant structures, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Resolution No. 144 of 2024: Approving the Mayor's decision to extend declarations of public health and safety emergency number 24-0001 and 24-0002 due to property conditions, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

APPEALS

PROPERTY STANDARDS APPEALS: NONE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE APPEALS: NONE

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZBA APPEALS:

Case No. 24-213-C: Appeal by Ronald J. Miciotto, on behalf of Forbing Bluff Timber Company & Ruth Norton, for 9500 blk Ellerbe Road, Special Use Permit & Site Plan, for Gabby Linton (Altar Group/Take 5), vehicle repair – minor & drive-through facility (D/Boucher)

Motion by Councilman Boucher, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to remand to MPC. 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.

OTHER APPEALS

SOB APPEALS: NONE

TAXI APPEALS: NONE

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

CLERK’S REPORT: The following letter of appointment was received from the Mayor’s office on February 20, 2025 and is subject for confirmation on March 11, 2025. Director of Community Development – Verni Howard

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS:

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the council, the city council meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

//s// Tabatha Taylor, Chairwoman

//s// LaTonya Bogan, Clerk of Council