

**SUMMARY MINUTES
SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE
March 24, 2025**

The Administrative Conference of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana, was called to order by Chairwoman Taylor, at 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2025, in the Government Chamber of Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. Invocation was given by Chief Reese and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Boucher. On roll call, the following members were present: Councilwoman Tabatha Taylor, Councilmen Gary Brooks, Jim Taliaferro, Grayson Boucher, Alan Jackson and James Green. 6. Absent: Councilwoman Ursula Bowman. 1. The Council met and set the following agenda for Tuesday, March 25, 2025, agenda:

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**ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE
March 24, 2025
AND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
March 25, 2025**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE/CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 10, 2025 MARCH 10, 2025-SM MARCH 11, 2025**
- 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**
 - 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)**

Belinda Rose made general comments as it relates to cedar grove and invited council to the Cedar Grove community meeting on May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Craig Lee spoke in support of Ordinance No. 40 of 2024.

Jeremy Taylor made general comments as it relates to asylum and in support of Resolution No(s) 44, 45 and 46 of 2025.

C. 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, Director of Community Development – Verni Howard Airport Authority – Attorney Carranza Pryor, Director of Public Works – Jarvis Morgan, Superintendent of Streets and Drainage within the Department of Public Works - Ryan Roberson

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

- 42 Authorizing the execution of a retainer agreement with Butler Snow LLP, as special legal counsel and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 43 A resolution giving city council approval for the mayor to pay the premiums and execute documents in connection with the purchase of insurance for city buildings, facilities and activities for the period beginning April 1, 2025 and otherwise providing with respect thereto.
- 44 A resolution opposing cuts to national aid programs, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Taylor, E/Jackson, F/Green, G/Bowman)
- 45 A resolution opposing the mass firings of federal employees, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Taylor, E/Jackson, F/Green, G/Bowman)
- 46 A resolution opposing tariffs against trading partners, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A/Taylor, E/Jackson, F/Green, G/Bowman)
- 47 Dedicating Kings Hwy at Line Ave, Line Ave at Gladstone Blvd, Gladstone Blvd at Creswell Ave, and Creswell Ave at Kings Hwy in honor of C. E. Byrd 100th anniversary, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (B/Brooks)

B. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO APRIL 8, 2025)

- 48 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Shreveport and the Shreveport Regional Arts Council and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

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

C. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO APRIL 8, 2025)

- 20 Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. ((A/Taylor, C/Taliaferro, D/Boucher, E/Jackson, F/Green, G/Bowman)
- 21 Amending the 2025 Capital Projects fund and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Taylor, C/Taliaferro, D/Boucher, E/Jackson, F/Green, G/Bowman)
- 22 Closing and abandoning the public road dedications for Joel Street and Salley Street in the Solo Hood partition, in section 31 (T17N-R13W), and otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Jackson)
- 23 Closing and abandoning a portion of the Mount Zion Road dedication in the Solo Hood partition and the Carrie Hood Allen partition, in section 31 (T17N-R13W), and otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Jackson)
- 24 Closing and abandoning an alley dedication in the 700 block of Caddo Street and Fannin Street in block 2, Shreveport, in section 37 (T18N-R14W), and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Brooks)
- 25 To amend various articles and sections in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code, for the purpose of clarifying, updating and adding new provisions related to retail sales of liquor, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 26 **Zoning Case No. 24-209-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 Buncombe Road and West 70th Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from I-1 Light Industrial Zoning District and R-1-7 Single Family Residential Zoning District to R-1-5 Single Family Residential Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)

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. **(postponed on February 11, 2025 until March 25, 2025)**
- 8 To amend Chapter 38 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of Ordinances, relative to dumpsters on residential property. (G/Bowman)
- 15 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)

- 18 Amending Section 38-11 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to general requirements for buildings and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 19 To amend section 94-163 b of Chapter 94 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana code of ordinances relative to billing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

10. TABLED LEGISLATION

A. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 70 To amend Chapter 38 of the Shreveport Code of Ordinances relative to vacant structures, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
- 144 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:

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: Bessie D. Brewer vs City of Shreveport et al Suit No: 644,896; First Judicial District Court Caddo Parish, Louisiana & Fire Station 20 Assignment No: A23-00013

Motion by Councilman Boucher, seconded by Councilman Green, to go into executive session. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilwoman Taylor, Councilmen Brooks, Taliaferro, Boucher, Jackson and Green. 6. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilwoman Bowman. 1. Abstentions: 0.

The Council went into executive session at 4:39 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 5:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the council, the city council meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

//s// Tabatha Taylor, Chairwoman

//s// LaTonya Bogan, Clerk of Council