

**Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana**  
*December 21, 2023*

The City Council meeting of the City Council of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman Green at 3:00 p. m. Thursday, December 21, 2023, in the Government Chamber in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Pastor Gant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Taylor.

The roll was called. Present: Councilwoman Tabatha Taylor, Councilmen Gary Brooks, Jim Taliaferro (arrived at 4:03 p.m.), Alan Jackson, James Green and Councilwoman Ursula Bowman. 6. Absent: Councilman Grayson Boucher. 1.

**Motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference and Special meeting, Monday, December 11, 2023, and the Council meeting, Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilwoman Taylor, Councilmen Brooks, Jackson, Green and Councilwoman Bowman. 5. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilmen Taliaferro and Boucher. 2. 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 the council with 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)**

**CONFIRMATION AND APPOINTMENTS:** Assistant City Engineer – Thomas Jenkins

**Motion by Councilman Brooks, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman, to confirm, the executive appointment of Thomas Jenkins as Assistant City Engineer. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilwoman Taylor, Councilmen Brooks, Jackson, Green and Councilwoman Bowman. 5. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilmen Taliaferro and Boucher. 2. 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. 158 OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO SPECIFIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM FUNDS BUDGETED IN “OTHER CHARGES” IN THE 2024 RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

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 2024 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: Organizations Amount Art Heals \$15,000 Caddo Council on Aging \$15,000 CoHabitat Foundation, Inc \$10,000 Compassion For Lives \$10,000 Fit For Life Ministries \$20,000 Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana \$10,000 MLK Community Development Corp. \$15,000 MLK Health Center & Pharmacy \$10,000 Northwest LA Youth Golf & Education Foundation Inc. \$15,000 Oasis of Hope \$15,000 Volunteers for Youth Justice \$15,000 Total: \$ 150,000 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 Councilwoman Bowman, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilwoman Taylor,**

**Councilmen Brooks, Jackson, Green and Councilwoman Bowman. 5. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilmen Taliaferro and Boucher. 2. Abstentions: 0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 159 OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, ANDREA "MONA" BOWMAN, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

BY: COUNCILWOMAN TAYLOR AND COUNCILMAN GREEN

WHEREAS, Andrea "Mona" Bowman a Shreveport, Louisiana native attended Wiley College of Marshall, Texas and obtained her Cosmetology license in 1994 at Pat Goins Beauty School; and WHEREAS, she is a 29-year hairstylist, 16-year film and tv hairstylist, 6-year hair designer and a 2-year producer in the entertainment industry. She joined the Makeup and Hairstylist Local 798, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Union of New York in 2008; and WHEREAS, Mona has worked on many films and tv shows, a few fan favorites include, the television show Young Rock (Season 3), movies Get on Up, Women of the Movement, Respect, Lovecraft Country, Watchmen, Night School, Just Mercy and Pitch Perfect 1, 2 and 3 just to name a few; and WHEREAS, for her work in the film industry, Mona was nominated for a Guild Award in 2018 for Pitch Perfect 3, an Emmy in 2019 for season 3 of True Detectives, she made the 2023 Oscar Shortlist and the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTAS) longlist for the film Emancipation and the 2024 Critics' Choice Awards, Best Hair and Makeup for the Color Purple, and WHEREAS, she is an Executive Producer on a reality based tv show that's in development and she's writing and developing 3 reality based tv shows of her own that she will produce in the future; and WHEREAS, Mona has her own business, Mona B. Productions LLC., a business that teaches and instructs hair and makeup artists skills for working for productions. It's also a consulting company that hires mobile services of hairstylist, makeup artists, and wardrobe stylists to local people for events and parties. Her company also develops and creates content for film and television; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Shreveport City Council recognize Andrea "Mona" Bowman for her many accomplishments and wish her continued success. 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 Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to adopt. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilwoman Taylor, Councilmen Brooks, Jackson, Green and Councilwoman Bowman. 5. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilmen Taliaferro and Boucher. 2. Abstentions: 0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 160 OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND THANK ROY GRIGGS FOR OVER 25 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO**

BY: COUNCILMEN BOUCHER and GREEN

WHEREAS, Roy Griggs, a native of Meridian, Mississippi has been a solid neighbor in Shreveport, Louisiana for the past twenty-five years; and WHEREAS, after fifty-one years of an

esteemed career, Roy Griggs, CEO and Owner Operator of Griggs Enterprise, Incorporated (McDonald's) retired on December 14, 2023; and WHEREAS, Roy Griggs began working at McDonald's as a crew member, at the age of eighteen; and WHEREAS, at the age of 20, he was the restaurant's first black manager; and WHEREAS, in March of 1989, Roy Griggs opened his first McDonald's in Thomasville, Alabama, which ignited his entrepreneurial spirit; and WHEREAS, Roy Griggs next adventure landed him in Shreveport, Louisiana in the fall of 1997, acquiring four restaurants and later expanding to sixteen McDonald's in the Shreveport, Bossier, and East Texas areas; and WHEREAS, Roy Griggs career has afforded him the ability to embark on many other opportunities such as leading the efforts to open a Ronald McDonald House, to be located in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 2025; and WHEREAS, Roy Griggs' philanthropic contributions in his community included serving as title sponsors of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, Krewe of Harambee, and Chef Orlando Chapman Memorial Golf Tournament, as well as supporting contributions to the Junior League, Committee of 100, and Sheriff's Safety Town, among others; and WHEREAS, Roy Griggs is married to Nelva Griggs and they are active members of the Stonewall Baptist Church in Bossier City. They have four children and several grandchildren. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Shreveport City Council honors and thanks Roy Griggs for over twenty-five years of leadership and service in the City of Shreveport. The Council wishes Roy Griggs good health, good luck, and great success in retirement. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be executed in duplicate originals with one original presented to Roy Griggs and the other resolution filed in perpetuity in the office of the Clerk of Council for the City of Shreveport

**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, Jackson, Green and Councilwoman Bowman. 5. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilmen Taliaferro and Boucher. 2. Abstentions: 0.**

#### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (*NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO (January 9, 2024)*)**

1. **Resolution No. 161 of 2023**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement between the City of Shreveport and Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC for the purpose of an external audit of the City for fiscal year January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**Read by title and as read motion by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Bowman, to introduce Resolution No. 161 of 2023 to lay over until the next regular meeting.**

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (*NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO (January 9, 2024)*)**

1. **Ordinance No. 175 of 2023**: An ordinance amending the 2024 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto (ARP Streets)

2. **Ordinance No. 176 of 2023**: An ordinance amending the 2024 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Ford Street)
3. **Ordinance No. 177 of 2023**: An ordinance amending the 2024 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Knight Street)
4. **Ordinance No. 178 of 2023**: An ordinance amending the 2024 Capital Improvements Budget and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Street Project)
5. **Ordinance No. 179 of 2023**: An ordinance to amend section 10-190 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances, relative to prohibitions on open container alcohol consumption, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (B/Brooks, E/Jackson, G/Bowman)
6. **Ordinance No. 180 of 2023**: An ordinance to amend Section 74-52.1 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances, relative to the disposal of solid waste out of state, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
7. **Ordinance No. 181 of 2023**: An ordinance to revise Chapter 90 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances, relative to parking citation appeals, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
8. **Ordinance No. 182 of 2023**: An ordinance to amend Article 4 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code, establishing a waiver of the setback requirements within the Urban Corridor Zoning District, with all provisions included therein, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
9. **Ordinance No. 183 of 2023: Zoning Case No. 23-73-C**: An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport unified development code, by rezoning property located intersection of Russell Road and Bonnie Street, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-5 single family residential zoning district to R-1-5 (SPUD) single family residential small, planned unit development district, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Taylor)
10. **Ordinance No. 184 of 2023: Zoning Case No. 23-184-C**: An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport unified development code, by rezoning property located west side of Buncombe Road, approximately 1,600 feet south of Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana., from R-A rural agricultural zoning district to C-4 heavy commercial zoning district, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)
11. **Ordinance No. 185 of 2023: Zoning Case No. 23-191-C**: An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport unified development code, by rezoning property located South-west corner of east 80th and Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana., from R-1-5 single family residential zoning district to R-2 multi-family residential zoning district, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Jackson)

**Read by title and as read motion by Councilwoman Bowman, seconded by Councilman Brooks, to introduce Ordinance No(s). 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184 and 185 of 2023 to lay over until the next regular meeting.**

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

- 1. Ordinance No. 161 of 2023: Zoning Case No. 23-178-C:** An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport unified development code, by rezoning property located West side of Linwood Avenue, approximately 445' North of Mount Zion, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7 single-family residential zoning district to C-1 general commercial zoning district, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (E/Jackson)

**Having passed first reading on November 14, 2023, 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 Bowman, to postpone. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilwoman Taylor, Councilmen Brooks, Jackson, Green and Councilwoman Bowman. 5. Nays: 0. Out of the Chamber: 0. Absent: Councilmen Taliaferro and Boucher. 2. Abstentions: 0.**

**ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS  
TABLED LEGISLATION**

**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: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the council, the city council meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

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*//s// James Green, Chairman*

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