

Council Proceedings of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana
January 10, 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. Tuesday, January 10, 2023, in the Government Chamber in Government Plaza (505 Travis Street).

Invocation was given by Councilman Jackson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Taylor.

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 Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve the minutes of the Administrative Conference/City Council combined meeting, Saturday, December 31, 2022. 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 following amendment was read:

Amendment No. 1 to Council Proceedings of December 31, 2022, Organizational Meeting, as published in The Times on January 6, 2023, Page 7B, Column 8, is amended as follows: Insert: *** There being no further business to come before the council, the city council meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m. *** The council reconvened at 12:15 p.m. to reconsider the Election of Chairman of the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:16 p.m. Explanation: The organizational minutes were published without the time of adjournment of the first meeting. This amendment corrects that error.

Motion by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the December 31, 2022, Organizational meeting. 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.

Motion by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to approve the minutes of the Organizational meeting, Saturday, December 31, 2022, as amended. 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)
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**

The Clerk read the following:

Resolution No. 3 of 2023: An emergency resolution to recommend hiring a contractor to install cameras throughout the City of Shreveport, as soon as possible, to aid in the reduction and prevention of crime in the city, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Taylor, F/Green)

Councilman Green asked those in attendance if there was anyone present to speak in favor of or in opposition to adding Resolution No. 3 of 2023 to the agenda. Rudolph Glass spoke in favor.

Motion by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Boucher, to add Resolution No. 3 of 2023 to the agenda. 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.

**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. 159 of 2022.

CONFIRMATION AND APPOINTMENTS: NONE

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. 166 of 2021: A resolution in support of and establishing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, a proposed public improvement district, wholly within the city limits of the City of Shreveport, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (F/Green)

Read by title and as read motion by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor, to postpone until March 28, 2023. 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 following amendment was read:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO RESOLUTION 155 OF 2023 by: Manushka Gracia-Desgage, Assistant City Attorney

AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS: Delete the original proposed Resolution No. 155 of 2022 and substitute the attached Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 155 of 2022.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENT: This amendment corrects an error in paragraph 3 of the legislation, in which Adrian Perkins is listed as the mayor authorized to execute the agreement. It should read as Tom Arceneaux.

Motion by Councilman Boucher, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 155 of 2022. 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. 155 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, La R.S. 38:2212.1(f) authorizes both the City of Shreveport and the City of New Orleans to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement pursuant to the Louisiana Procurement Code La R.S. 39:1701, et seq; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport and the City of New Orleans desire to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement under the terms of a contract the City of Shreveport entered into under the terms of IFB No. 22-020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Tom Arceneaux, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Shreveport and the City of New Orleans, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council on December 13, 2022, and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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 or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby declared repealed

Motion by Councilman Boucher, seconded by Councilman Jackson, seconded by to adopt Resolution No. 155 as amended. 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. 158 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND RED RIVER BEND, LLC RELATIVE TO THE USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport desires to cooperate with the landowner of the subject property in the implementation of the of an access agreement as hereinafter provided;

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has the authority to enter into this Agreement as evidenced by its governmental purpose of rights, powers, privileges and authority that it has or could claim under the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this state;

WHEREAS, the agreement provides for further development and use of this property by RED RIVER BEND, LLC which will create jobs in the oil and gas industry. In addition, it will aid in the safety of the citizens and visitors who drive this route on Highway 511.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has a reasonable expectation of receiving a benefit or value that is at least equivalent to or greater than the consideration described in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the use of public property is not a gratuitous donation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened, that in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree to the terms and condition in the attached cooperative endeavor agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that is 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 ordinance 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. 159 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROGRAM OF WORK AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH

RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Act 554 of 1978, which authorized the creation of the Downtown Development Authority, and La. R.S. 33:2740.38 requires that a formal Program of Work for the DDA be adopted annually by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the DDA has prepared and formally adopted its Program of Work for the year 2023 and recommended its approval by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in legal session convened, that it approves the 2023 Downtown Development Authority Program of Work, as provided to the Clerk of Council with the original copy of this resolution on December 16, 2022.

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 to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilwoman Taylor, 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. 1 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AUTHORIZATION AND PROVISION FOR THE WAIVER OF PERMIT, INSPECTION, AND OTHER RELATED FEES FOR ALL TRADES (BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION REPAIR OF PROPERTIES DAMAGED DURING RECENT SEVERE WEATHER, AND TORNADOES FOR ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE PECAN FARMS SUBDIVISION LOCATED WITHIN THE PARISH OF CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Atkins, President, Caddo Parish Commission issued a state of emergency within the Parish of Caddo on December 14, 2022, in response to the severe weather and tornadoes the parish experienced beginning Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport, Department of Public Works, has received requests to waive the permit, inspection, and other related fees for the construction repair of properties damaged during recent severe weather, and tornadoes.

WHEREAS, a permit is required whenever an owner, authorized agent, or contractor proposes to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, or move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a structure.

WHEREAS, the Division of Permits and Inspections monitors the construction and reconstruction of all buildings in the City of Shreveport and the Parish of Caddo, and applicable local ordinances, assuring compliance with ordinances and policies, and providing administrative support for related activities.

WHEREAS, plans and specifications prepared must bear the name and seal of either an architect, engineer, or contractor registered to do business in Louisiana

WHEREAS, the waiver of permit fees does not exempt the applicant from complying with the Shreveport City Code, including obtaining all permits, approvals, plan reviews, and inspections

required by applicable provisions of the Shreveport City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City of Shreveport is hereby authorized and empowered to waive all permit, inspection and other related fees associated with the construction repair of properties damaged during the December 13th, 2022 severe weather, flooding, and tornadic activity for all properties within the Pecan Farms Subdivision within the Parish of Caddo.

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 ordinances or 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. 3 OF 2023

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND HIRING A CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL CAMERAS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO AID IN THE REDUCTION AND PREVENTION OF CRIME IN THE CITY, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS TABATHA TAYLOR AND JAMES GREEN

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport is experiencing a high level of crime; and

WHEREAS, the installation of cameras throughout the City will help to reduce and prevent crime, the immediate installation of cameras is necessary for the safety of the citizens of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, the cameras will also play a vital role in helping the Shreveport Police Department to solve crime.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the City Council hereby recommends and encourages the Mayor to hire a contractor to install cameras throughout the City of Shreveport, as soon as possible, to aid in the reduction and prevention of crime in the City.

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 affect 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 Resolution or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (*NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO (January 24, 2023)* (Motion and second is sufficient to introduce resolutions)

The following resolution was read:

1. **Resolution No. 2 of 2023**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a right-of-way and easement agreement (pipeline right-of-way) for the construction of an oil and gas pipeline with Silver Hill Haynesville E&P, LLC, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Read by title and as read motion by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to introduce Resolution No. 2 of 2023 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (*NOT TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO (January 24, 2023)* (Motion and second is sufficient to introduce resolutions)

The following ordinances were read:

1. **Ordinance No. 1 of 2023**: An ordinance to revise Chapter 74 Solid Waste, Article III “Regulations” Sec. 74-54 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances, relative to the disposal fee per ton of normal waste, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.
2. **Ordinance No. 2 of 2023: Zoning Case No. 22-219-C**: An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Shreveport Unified Development Code, by rezoning property located on the northside of West Seventieth 70th Street, approximately two thousand-eight hundred and fifty feet west of Dinkins Drive, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, C-4 heavy commercial zoning district to I-2 heavy industrial zoning district, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman)

Read by title and as read motion by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jackson, to introduce Ordinance No(s). 1 and 2 of 2023 to lay over until the next regular meeting.

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

The following ordinances were read:

1. **Ordinance No. 135A of 2022**: An ordinance to repeal Ordinance 135 of 2022 and to readopt an ordinance changing the name of Red Fox Circle in the Mohr Girls’ Circle subdivision, in Section 25 (T17N-R15W), to God’s Country, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (G/Bowman) (not to be adopted prior to February 14, 2023)

No action: Previously postponed on December 31, 2022, until February 14, 2023.

2. **Ordinance No. 220 of 2022**: An ordinance amending Section 2-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport to provide for an increase in the salary of the Mayor,

and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Nickelson, G/Bowman) **(failed for lack of motion)**

3. **Ordinance No. 221 of 2022**: An ordinance amending Section 2-32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport to provide for an increase in the salaries of members of the City Council, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (C/Nickelson, G/Bowman) **(failed for lack of motion)**
4. **Ordinance No. 222 of 2022**: To amend Section 62-89 and to add a new Section 62-93 to Chapter 62, Article III, Division 2, of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances relative to cash buyers at events held in city facilities, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (A/Taylor)

Having passed first reading on December 22, 2022, was read by title, and on motion, ordered passed to third reading. Read the third time in full and as read motion by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jackson, 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.

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: Notice of Intent to call election: Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 19.1 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, that the City Council, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), of the City of Shreveport, State of Louisiana (the "City") at its special scheduled meeting on February 2, 2023, at its regular meeting place, Government Chambers of Government Plaza, 505 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, at 3:00 p.m., will discuss and consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election on April 29, 2023 to authorize the continuation of six (6) existing ad valorem taxes on all property subject to taxation within the City for the purposes of: (i) improving, repairing, and maintaining the streets of the City; (ii) operating and supplying recreational facilities and appurtenances and maintaining the same; (iii) continuing the salary and wage schedule of City employees; (iv) police and fire personnel and allowance for uniforms and equipment for said departments; (v) providing funds for the City's portion of pensions, employee life insurance and hospitalization plan; and (vi) providing funds for the City's continuation and maintenance of a "Police Three Platoon System", upon approval by the qualified voters therein, and if passed, for such taxes to be levied thereafter.

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 3:38p.m.

James Green, Chairman

Kendra Joseph, Clerk of Council