

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY  
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2015

The City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, met in regular session in Council Chambers, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, February 3, 2015, at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Scott Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Timothy Larkin

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable Councilor Timothy Larkin, President, Honorable Councilors, David Montgomery, Jr., Scott Irwin, Jeff Free and Thomas Harvey

Absent: Honorable Councilor Jeffery Darby and Don Williams

Also Present: Mayor Lorenz Walker, City Attorney Jimmy Hall and City Clerk Phyllis McGraw

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015, Regular Council Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

**Ceremonial Matters:**

none

**Committee Reports:**

none

**Unfinished Business:**

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

**Ordinance No. 11 Of 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND ADOPTING THE ATTACHED 2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONJUNCTION HEREWITH**

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**WHEREAS**, after amendments were adopted to the 2015 general fund a budget shortfall existed in the general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire and Police Retirement Contribution Rate reductions were used to fund part of the shortfall, and interest from the Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund in the amount of \$225,000 as well as interest from the Public Safety

and Health Fund in the amounts of \$224,791 was used to fund the remainder of the shortfall; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT** ordained by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the attached general fund budget is hereby ratified and adopted as the final 2015 general fund budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER** ordained that the savings produced as a result of the reduction in the Fire and Police Retirement Contribution Rates and \$225,000 in interest from the Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund, as well as \$224,791 from the Public Safety and Health Fund are hereby appropriated, approved, ratified and adopted to balance the 2015 general fund budget.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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**Timothy Larkin, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$6,281,000 MILLION TO COME FROM THE RIVERBOAT GAMING CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO BE USED TO COMPLETE THE AIRLINE DRIVE TRAFFIC RELIEF PROJECT TO INCLUDE EXTENSIONS OF DOUGLAS DRIVE AND PLANTATION DRIVE.**

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**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 18 of 2014 appropriated \$7.0 million to be used to develop George Dement Dr. and a portion of Planation Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, \$1.5 million was borrowed from the \$7.0 million to be used on other projects leaving \$5.5 million to be used for the Airline Drive Traffic Relief Project; and

**WHEREAS**, an extension of Plantation Drive and Douglas Drive will provide for a much needed Airline Drive Traffic Relief Project; and

**WHEREAS**, \$6,281,000 million is available in the Riverboat Gaming Capital Projects to be added to the appropriated \$5.5 million with the total \$11,781,000 million to be used to complete George Dement Drive, Plantation Drive and Douglas Drive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the Bossier City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby appropriate \$6,281,000 million to come from the Riverboat Gaming Capital Projects Fund to be used to complete the Airline Drive Traffic Relief Project to include extensions of Douglas Drive and Plantation Drive.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

The above and foregoing Ordinance, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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Timothy Larkin, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

**The following Ordinance offered and adopted:**

**Ordinance No. 13 Of 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 JOHN WESLEY BOULEVARD FROM THE SHREVEPORT BOSSIER CONVENTION AND TOURIST BUREAU TO THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City owns the property located at 100 John Wesley Boulevard and the Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau owns the improvements located thereon; and

**WHEREAS**, the SBCTB no longer desires to operate the improvements and Bossier City has a need for the facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Mayor Lorenz Walker is hereby authorized to execute the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and any and all documents in conjunction therewith.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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**Timothy Larkin, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

**New Business:**

Witness opening of sealed bids for K-Mart Bridge:

1.	David Lawler Construction	\$228,850.00
2.	F.J. Burnell, Inc	\$241,880.00
3.	Blount Brothers Construction, LLC	\$241,690.00
4.	Best Yet Builders, LLC	\$272,806.00
5.	CW&W Contractors, Inc	\$271,682.00
6.	Fessler & Bowman, Inc	\$257,464.00
7.	H&H Contracting Company, Inc.	\$305,400.00

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by: Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 2015**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 126 OF 2003, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A 35.37 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST BOSSIER CITY, LA., FROM R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE) TO R-LD (RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY) FOR A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION. (Bellaire Baptist Church/ Dr. Randy Harper)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened,

that Ordinance No. 126 of 2003 of the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, is hereby

amended to provide that the zoning classification is hereby changed from R-A, Residential Agriculture,

to R-LD, Residential Low Density for the following:

A tract of land located in the Section 19, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. Said tract being more fully described as follows: From a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter iron rod at the common corner of Sections 13 and 24, Township 17 North, Range 13 West, and Sections 18 and 19, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. Run thence South  $88^{\circ}44'30''$  East a distance of 900.00 Feet to a found  $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter iron rod being the Northeast corner of Lot 151 of Golden Meadows Subdivision, Unit 5, as recorded in book 583, pages 146-151, of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being the Point of Beginning of said tract herein described.

From said point of beginning, run thence South  $88^{\circ}44'30''$  East a distance of 1363.16 feet to a set  $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter iron pipe

Thence run South 01° 16' 23" West a distance of 736.11 feet to a found 1/2" diameter iron pipe being on the high bank of Flat River

Thence run along the Westerly high bank of Flat River the next 14 calls:

South 66° 57' 21" West a distance of 53.14 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 45° 01' 54" West a distance of 152.77 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 31° 50' 39" West a distance of 172.35 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 16° 52' 47" West a distance of 136.99 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 07° 13' 45" West a distance of 98.97 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 08° 05' 12" East a distance of 91.09 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 21° 22' 34" East a distance of 268.30 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 21° 07' 05" East a distance of 173.47 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 05° 28' 57" East a distance of 93.86 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 17° 00' 32" East a distance of 127.14 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 33° 09' 24" East a distance of 109.01 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 07° 59' 40" West a distance of 170.28 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 24° 14' 26" West a distance of 128.55 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

South 10° 16' 36" West a distance of 128.87 feet to a set 1/2" diameter iron pipe,

Thence run North 26° 12' 02" West along the Easterly property line of Golden Meadows, Unit 5, Lots 45-48, 65-75, 84-86, 105-116 and 147-151 a distance of 2776.32 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract containing 35.37 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Irwin and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey

to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly

and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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**Timothy Larkin, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

C-74-14

**The following ordinance offered and adopted:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 2015**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AT A B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) LOCATION, 2648 BARKSDALE BOULEVARD, BOSSIER CITY, LA, FOR THE RETAIL SALES OF HIGH AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A SPORTS BAR. (Goodtimes Billiards/ Gary Abood)

WHEREAS, Gary Abood has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval at a B-3 location, 2648

Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, LA, for the retail sales of high and low content alcohol for on premise consumption at a sports bar, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held on January 12, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has submitted the results of said public hearing, to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bossier City.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for the retail sales of high and low content alcohol for on premise consumption at a sports bar located at 2648 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, LA 71112 is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr.

to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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Timothy Larkin, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

C-4-15

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 16 OF 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY DID EXIST IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY WHICH AFFECTED PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SAFETY DUE TO A SEWER FORCE MAIN BREAK ON ROSEDALE FORCE MAIN**

**WHEREAS**, a sewer force main break at this location required immediate repair, and

**WHEREAS**, the repair was hindered due to in situ conditions requiring the installation of a parallel section of forcemain via horizontal directional drilling.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, hereby declares that this situation affected property, health, and safety due to the sewer force main break.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that funds to repair the sewer force main will come from the water capital and contingency account, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 (Eighty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars), with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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Timothy Larkin, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 17 OF 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY DID EXIST IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY WHICH AFFECTED PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SAFETY DUE TO A 20" WATER MAIN BREAK AT SHADY GROVE AND BARKSDALE**

**WHEREAS**, a water main break at this location required isolation, forcing more water through smaller lines causing many line failures in addition to this break due to the large hydraulic variance created in this situation, and

**WHEREAS**, the many additional line failures necessitated the immediate repair of the larger line to prevent further damage to the system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, hereby declares that this situation affected property, health, and safety due to the water main break.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that funds to repair the water main will come from the water capital and contingency account, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars), with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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**Timothy Larkin, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the sale of the property located at 708/710 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, Louisiana to Utiliserve LLC for the appraised value pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 33:4712.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating one million dollars from the September 16, 2014, LCDA Bond Issue for property acquisition.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 10 Of 2015

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PRE-APPLICATION, APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF \$20 MILLION DOLLARS OF DEBT TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Bossier City, Louisiana is in need of funding for upgrades and improvements to its sewer collection and conveyance system; and

**WHEREAS**, loans and/or grants for this project may be available through the State Revolving Fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that

**Section 1.** The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a pre-application, application, and issue debt in the amount of \$20 million dollars to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the City of Bossier City for the purpose of placing this project on the Project Priority List for funding through the State Revolving Fund loan program; and

**Section 2.** The Mayor is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be requested in connection with the pre-application; and

**Section 3.** The Mayor is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the City of Bossier City for any project that may result from the submission of the pre-application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Pre-Application, Application and Issuance of \$20 Million Dollars of Debt be submitted to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for Participation in the State Revolving Loan Program.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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**Timothy Larkin, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2015**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FIVE POLICE OFFICERS AS PROVIDED IN THE 2015 POLICE OPERATING BUDGET APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 16, 2014**

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**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2 of 2010 implemented a hiring freeze requiring Bossier City Council approval for the hiring of any personnel;

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2014, the City Council approved the 2015 Police Operating Budget which provided for five additional Police Officers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the administration is authorized to hire five Police Officers as provided in the 2015 Police Operating Budget approved by the City Council on December 16, 2014.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Thomas Harvey, and second by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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**Timothy Larkin, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2015**

**A RESOLUTION TO HIRE ONE RECREATION SUPERVISOR  
TO REPLACE VACANT POSITION IN PARKS AND RECREATION.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Bossier City authorizes the hiring of one Recreation Supervisor to replace vacant position in Parks and Recreation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby authorize the hiring or promotion of one Recreation Supervisor to replace vacant position in Parks and Recreation.

The above and foregoing Resolution, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 3rd, day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

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**Timothy Larkin, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve Parade Fee Waivers for the following

1. Bellaire Elementary Mardi Gras Parade, February 13, 2015
2. Cross the Finish Line for Caroline 5K, March 7, 2015
3. Sun City Elementary School Mardi Gras Parade, February 17, 2015
4. Shamrock'in Run 5K, March 14, 2015

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Free

Motion to reappoint Luke Turner to the E-911 Board. Reappoint Luke Turner to the E-911 Board. Reappointment effective March 28, 2015 through March 28, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to reappoint Jim Vanderberry to the E-911 Board. Reappoint Luke Turner to the E-911 Board. Reappointment effective March 28, 2015 through March 28, 2019.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Free

Motion to reappoint Thomas McManis II to the Personnel Board. Reappointment effective February 21, 2015 through February 21, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

**There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned at 3:15**

**PM by Mr. Larkin**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Phyllis McGraw  
City Clerk**

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