

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
October 6, 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, October 6, 2015, at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Jeffery Darby

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Thomas Harvey

Roll Call as follows:

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

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

City Clerk Phyllis McGraw addressed Council and thanked them for their show of support for Human Resources Director James Plummer who has recently been diagnosed with ALS. Also gave update on ALS Walk that is to be held at the Boardwalk on October 10, 2015.

Councilman David Montgomery, Jr. and Mayor Walker presented Chamber of Commerce Director Lisa Johnson with a picture of her father in law, Jim Johnson who is a former Council member.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015, Regular Council Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to amend Agenda to add #17 under New Business - Adopt a Resolution authorizing the hiring of one Fire Department Line employee to replace one due to resignation.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to amend Agenda to add #18 under New Business - Adopt a Resolution to hire or promote one Operator at the Northeast Treatment Plant to replace vacant position in Public Utilities.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to amend Agenda to add #19 under New Business - Introduce an Ordinance authorizing and approving the engagement of Heard, McElroy and Vestal to provide Professional Services to audit the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund and the Policemen's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Bossier City.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve Agenda as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No Comment

Vote in favor or motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters/Recognition of Guests:

Jassery Darby, Bossier Commission for Women, introduced the Council to this year's mentees and mentors.

Lisa Johnson, Bossier Chamber of Commerce, introduced the Council to the Bossier Youth Leadership Students that were in attendance.

Old Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 101 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND SMG/SAVOR TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT AND FOOD SERVICE FOR THE CENTURY LINK ARENA.

WHEREAS, SMG/SAVOR has successfully managed the Century Link Arena; and

WHEREAS, the attached term sheet reflects the current proposal to extend the current contract; and

WHEREAS, the current contract expires December 31, 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the contract between the City of Bossier City and SMG/SAVOR is hereby extended for a five year term pursuant to the attached term sheet for the comprehensive management and food service for the Century Link Arena; and

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. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 102 OF 2015

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON A ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LYING BETWEEN SWAN LAKE ROAD SPUR AND EAST TEXAS STREET (U.S. 80).

WHEREAS, a road Right-of-Way lying in section 23, T18 N, R13W, Bossier Parish Louisiana which was originally filed into the records of Bossier Parish on March 6, 1975, Volume 275, Page 125, is no longer required to serve as a public road with said Right-of-Way serving no public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute a “Road Right-of-Way abandonment Plat” which is attached to and is a part of this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby authorize the Mayor to abandon a road Right-of-Way lying between Swan Lake Road Spur and East Texas Street (U.S. 80).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all instruments in connection 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. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. Timothy Larkin, and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 103 OF 2015

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE 2015 WATER & SEWER FUND

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City acknowledges certain amendments to the 2015 Water and Sewer Fund Budgets for additional overtime at the treatment plants, and

WHEREAS, funds to cover budget amendments are available in the water and sewer retained earnings fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that \$85,000.00 is appropriated from the water and sewer retained earnings and applied to the amended 2015 Water and Sewer Fund Budget for the treatment plants' overtime budgets.

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. Don Williams, and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 104 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM THE EMS CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND TO PURCHASE A SCENARIO BASED PRE-HOSPITAL MANNEQUIN.

WHEREAS, delivering effective critical care to patients suffering traumatic injury in the pre-hospital environment is very demanding and requires a high degree of skill; and

WHEREAS those rendering medical care must be able to rapidly assess both the "scene" and their patients, utilize a variety of critical interventions and be able to operate effectively in stressful and sometimes hazardous environments; and

WHEREAS training and skill levels can be maintained and improved by having the ability to present a wide variety of medical responses and scenarios to paramedics and emergency medical technicians; and

WHEREAS procedures can be refined and skill levels can be checked for all emergency medical personnel by using this equipment to train and improve skills;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that \$100,000 is hereby appropriated from

the EMS Capital and Contingency Fund to purchase a Scenario Based Pre-Hospital Mannequin; and

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. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 105 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THREE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 LCDA BOND ISSUE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN OF THE BOSSIER CITY DOWNTOWN RE-ENVISIONING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the attached contracts are for engineering, design and construction administration of the downtown re-envisioning projects to include the services of:

SKS Studios - \$274,000.00

Mike McSwain Architect, LLC - \$120,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that three hundred ninety four thousand dollars (\$394,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the September 16, 2014 LCDA Bond Issue to fund the attached professional service requirement for the Downtown Re-Envisioning project; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Mayor Lorenz Walker is hereby authorized to sign any and all contracts in conjunction therewith.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Thomas Harvey, and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to continue budget items number 6 - number 20 until the November 3, 2015 meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Will be making amendments in the upcoming weeks

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 106 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING \$620,906.25 FROM THE EMS FUND TO THE EMS CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND AND APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FROM THE EMS CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND TO PURCHASE TWO VAPORWAKE K-9'S, PROVIDE FOR EXPENSES AND EQUIPMENT IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Vaporwake K-9's will enhance the ability of the Bossier City Fire Department to protect the public from potential mass casualty situations; and

WHEREAS the K-9's may be used to protect the public in areas where large crowds gather, such as theaters, shopping areas, Centurylink Center, gymnasiums, football stadiums, schools, the Bossier Civic Center to prevent and protect the public from the potential of mass casualties and bomb threats; and

WHEREAS the Emergency Medical Services Division not only provides medical services in critical situations but desires to prevent mass casualties wherever possible; and

WHEREAS the availability of these K-9's will provide an increased level of protection to the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that \$620,906.25 is hereby transferred from the EMS Fund to the EMS Capital and Contingency Fund and that \$150,000 is hereby appropriated from the EMS Capital and Contingency Fund to purchase two Vaporwake K-9's and provide for expenses and equipment in conjunction therewith; and

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. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 107 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 93 OF 2015 AND DE-ANNEX 99.09 ACRES MORE OR LESS LOCATED IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST AND SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, Walmart has not produced elevations or site plans for the proposed development; and

WHEREAS the referenced annexation is premature as the new development codes have not been adopted; and

WHEREAS the referenced annexation is premature due to the lack of detail regarding the proposed development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Ordinance 93 of 2015 is hereby repealed.

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 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 108 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE RESTRUCTURING THE 2014 SEWER CONTRACT WITH MANCHAC CONSULTING GROUP, INC.

WHEREAS, the referenced contract provided for fees for referenced projects to not exceed a maximum of 12% per project; and

WHEREAS the new contract will reduce the maximum fee per project to 9% for design, bidding and general services during construction, with fees for surveying, geotechnical and other additional services being paid at cost with no mark up; and

WHEREAS fees for Resident Inspection will be paid at an hourly rate of \$65/hour and projects will be determined based on the results of ongoing sewer system hydraulic modeling;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the 2014 Sewer Contract with Manchac

Consulting Group, Inc. is hereby restructured to reduce the per project fee from a maximum of 12% to 9% per project for design, bidding and general services during construction, with fees for surveying geotechnical and any other additional services being paid at cost with no mark up; and

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby, and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 109 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED CONTRACT TO APPOINT MANCHAC CONSULTING GROUP, INC. TO PURSUE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION FUNDS CAUSED BY RED RIVER FLOODING.

WHEREAS, damage to City infrastructure has occurred due to recent flooding from the Red River and FEMA funds are available to assist in the repair of that infrastructure; and

WHEREAS obtaining FEMA funding is a complex process but these funds will offset cost to the City of Bossier City, saving city funds for other beneficial projects; and

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 contract to appoint Manchac Consulting Group, Inc. to pursue FEMA funding to mitigate cost of repairs caused by damage from the Red River Flood event;

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 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business:

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 110 OF 2015

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AT A B-3(GENERAL BUSINESS) LOCATION, 1009 GOULD DRIVE, BOSSIER CITY, LA, FOR THE RETAIL SALES AND ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF LOW AND HIGH CONTENT ALCOHOL AT A HOTEL. (Towneplace Suites by Marriott)

WHEREAS, Towneplace Suites by Marriott has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval at a B-3 (General Business) location, 1009 Gould Drive, Bossier City, LA, for the retail sales and on premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at a hotel, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held on September 14, 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 and on premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at a hotel located at 1009 Gould Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111 is hereby approved.

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 adopted this 6th day of October, 2015.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

C-60-15

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing and approving the engagement of McElroy, Quirk & Burch to provide professional services to audit the Financial Statements of the City of Bossier City and CenturyLink Arena Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Mr. Larkin spoke against

Vote as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

Nays: Mr. Larkin

Absent: none

Motion Carries

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce and Ordinance approving the acquisition of the property described as 310 Monroe Street authorizing the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to acquire property necessary for property acquisition in the Old Downtown Area of Bossier City for the Bossier Re-Envisioning Project.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing and approving the engagement of McElroy, Quirk & Burch to perform an audit of Water and Sewer Funds, Bond proceeds and utility activity from 2007-2015 and declaring a Council Investigation of the same pursuant to Section 3.09 of the Bossier City Charter.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Mr. Larkin spoke against, Mr. Darby and Mr. Montgomery spoke in favor

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$773,920.50 from the Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund to upgrade the In-Car-Camera Equipment and Storage Capacity to facilitate the implementation of Body Camera for the Bossier City Police Department.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 90 of 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A SALES TAX ACCOUNTS CLERK III.

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

WHEREAS, the current Sales Tax Accounts Clerk III is resigning/retiring in October of 2015 and interviews need to be conducted to find a qualified replacement;

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 a person to fill the position of Sales Tax Accounts Clerk III.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 91 OF 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF ONE POLICE CAPTAIN

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in the Police Department, and filling this position will allow operations to continue;

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 promote one Police Captain.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, and second by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A REPLACEMENT FOR ONE POLICE OFFICER WHO RESIGNED FROM THE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in the Police Department, and filling this position will allow operations to continue;

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 one police officer to replace a resignation from the Department.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 93 OF 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF REPLACEMENTS FOR TWO POLICE OFFICERS WHO RESIGNED FROM THE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, vacancies now exist in the Police Department, and filling these positions will allow operations to continue;

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 two police officers to replace resignations from the Department.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free, and second by David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on the 6th day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 94 OF 2015

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

WHEREAS, one vacancy now exists in the Permits and Property Standards Division due to the resignation of the present Clerk I position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, hereby authorizes the administration to hire a person to fill the position Clerk I in the Permits & Property Standards Division.

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 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Public Hearing for the City's 2016 CDBG Action Plan for application for Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Community Development Director, Bob Brown, went over City's Application

No comment from the audience

Mr. Williams closed the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 95 OF 2015

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING (ENTITLEMENT STATUS) UNDER AUTHORITY OF TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 (42 U.S.C. 3535) (d) and (42 U.S.C. 5301) (et.seq.)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana that the City of Bossier City Council hereby supports the City's Five-Year Consolidated Strategy Plan and 2016 Action Plan and application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding (Entitlement Status) under authority of the Consolidation for the following: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS): title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12702-12711; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5304-5320; Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG): title VI, subtitle B, of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11371-11378; HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME): title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Nation Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12741-12839; Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA): the AIDS; Housing Opportunity Act, 42 U.S.C. 12901-12912; Also serving as a basis for determining requirements in this rule are the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u).

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Community Development Entitlement Program is the development of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income, and whereas, consistent with this primary objective, the Federal Assistance realized from this application is for the support of community development activities which are directed toward the following specific objectives:

- (1) The elimination of slums and blight and the prevention of blighting influences and the deterioration of property and neighborhood and community facilities of importance to the welfare of the community, principally persons of low and moderate income;
- (2) The elimination of conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare, through code enforcement, demolition, interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities;
- (3) The conversion of the city's housing stock in order to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for all persons, but principally those of low and moderate income;
- (4) The improvement of the quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development;
- (5) The reduction of the isolation of income groups within communities and geographical areas and the promotion of an increase in the diversity and vitality of neighborhoods of housing opportunities for person of lower income and the revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods to attract persons of higher income; and
- (6) The restoration and preservation of properties of special value or historic, architecture or aesthetic reasons.

WHEREAS, THE City of Bossier City possesses legal authority to apply for this grant, and all other related Housing Urban Development Programs to execute all proposed projects and whereas, this City is now established as an "Entitlement City";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bossier City hereby supports Lorenz Walker, Mayor of Bossier City, Louisiana, the chief official of Bossier City, to apply for and sign all document as necessary and appropriate in the City's application of Housing and Urban Development Programs.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote and declared adopted on the 6th day of October, 2015 by the following vote is on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve Report of Change Order #1 for the Riverview Force Main and Lift Station Improvements Project an increase \$301,914.37. Total cost of contract with increase \$2,452,594.37.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Hearing of Appeal for Donald R. Smith for violation of Chapter 46, Section 123, 'Inoperable Vehicle' located at 2276 Pine St., Bossier City, Louisiana.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to have automobile towed.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$542,247.00 from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund to construct the Arthur Ray Teague Drainage Control Project.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the purchase of property at 2001 Shed Road located in the Right of Way of the Parkway Northern Extension and authorizing the transfer of 2.919 acres of property on Hazel Jones Road to facilitate an expansion of an existing business.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 96 OF 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE EMPLOYEE TO BE REPLACED DUE TO RESIGNATION OF ONE LINE EMPLOYEE;

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

WHEREAS, one vacancy now exist in the Fire Department due to the impending resignation of one Fire Line employee and filling this position will allow operations to continue;

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 replace one Firefighter position;

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and second by Mr. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey
NAYS: none
ABSENT: none
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 97 OF 2015

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE OR PROMOTE ONE OPERATOR AT THE NORTHEAST TREATMENT PLANT TO REPLACE VACANT POSITION IN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bossier City authorizes the hiring or promotion of one Operator at the Northeast Treatment Plant to replace vacant position in Public Utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby authorize the hiring or promotion of one Operator at the Northeast Treatment Plant to replace vacant position in Public Utilities.

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. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on the 6th, day of October, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey
NAYS: none
ABSENT: none
ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing and approving the engagement of Heard, McElroy and Vestal to provide Professional Services to audit the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund and the Policemen's Pension and Relief Fund of the City of Bossier City.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

Mr. Larkin spoke in opposition

Vote as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

Nays: Mr. Larkin

Absent: none

Motion Carries

There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned at 3:53 PM by Mr. Williams.

Respectfully submitted:

**Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk**

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