

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION  
HELD ON THE 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022

The Caddo Parish Commission met in a Regular Session, on the above date, at 3:30 p.m., in the Government Chambers, with Mr. Atkins, presiding, and the following members in attendance constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins, Jones, and Young (3).

The invocation was given by Mrs. Gage-Watts, and Mr. Jackson led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *to expand the agenda and add Paulette Freeman, The Bridge Alzheimer's Dementia Resource Center under the Visitors.*

At this time, Mr. Atkins opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against adding this item to the agenda. There being no one to speak, Mr. Atkins closed the floor for public comments.

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (7). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, and Young (5). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

David Craig came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Thank you, sir. I'm the pastor at Gracepoint Church of the Nazarene. I'm also the chaplain for Pines Road Business Association, and I live in Bethany within the Parish. I wanted to speak towards the sexually oriented business that's taking place close to my church on Pines Road. I realized that's not within the Parish's responsibility, but within the City's. I am concerned with future businesses opening up in our areas of Parish, specifically the Bethany/Greenwood area and closer to our church. I wanted to speak against this and to be put on the record that we need to have some way of the citizens in the areas where these businesses will be put—informing them that this is coming, at least on an application; at least where the citizens will have an opportunity to speak out against these particular businesses.

RJ Johnson came before the Commission and gave the following comment:

Good Afternoon, Commissioners. I'm coming to you today on behalf of the Shreveport National Panhellenic Council, which is the umbrella group for our divine nine organizations—our nine historically black Greek letter organizations founded in 1930, in Washington D.C. We are hosting, next Friday from 3 PM to 7 PM, Power Stroll to the Polls in conjunction with the Power Coalition. This is a nonpartisan event, celebrating the opening of our new early voting location at the Hamilton Branch Library. The event is across the street at Remington. So, we invite all of you to come out and join us for the event. We are expecting 300-500 people to cycle through from all of our organizations. It is free and open to the public. Food, fun, and entertainment. Topsy the Band will be performing, as well as Three Kings. Also, we will have a visit from our 35<sup>th</sup> National President of the NPHC Donna Jones Anderson, who will be flying in from Philadelphia to join us for this event. So, we are excited to showcase Shreveport. We're excited to showcase Caddo parish, and we're hoping that you all will be there for the event on Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> at three o'clock to seven at Remington College on Bert Kouns. Thank you very much for having me.

**VISITORS**

- Paulette Freeman  
The Bridge Alzheimer's Dementia Resource Center

Ms. Freeman introduced the staff that was in attendance today: Tony Thompson, Laura Goshe, Christie Kennedy, and Shelly Miller

The Bridge Alzheimer's Dementia Resource Center is a nonprofit organization that was opened in January of 2021. Whenever a diagnosis is made of Alzheimer's or Dementia, there's nowhere to turn to, she said. The Bridge's mission is to provide resources, education, and support services for those affected by Alzheimer's or dementia, including family members and their care givers. They provide memory screenings, social services, counseling, and monthly workshops to help them navigate the financial, legal, and housing aspect of the disease. The goal for 2022 was to serve 5,000 people; they have served over 3,300 people by the end of September. She said that the need is great in this community.

Ms. Freeman also announced that they will be hosting a conference on November 4 at First United Methodist Church from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in honor of National Alzheimer's Awareness

Month. The conference is for caregivers, professionals, medical professionals, and the public. It is also free of charge. She thanked the Commission once again for allowing The Bridge Alzheimer's Dementia Resource Center to speak today.

#### **ADOPT REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to englobo and adopt the following minutes:*

- *Special Session Minutes—September 26, 2022*
- *Regular Session Minutes—October 6, 2022*
- *Special Session Minutes—October 13, 2022*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Gage-Watts, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mrs. Gage-Watts, *that Special Resolution recognizing Alzheimer's Awareness Month* be adopted.

Mr. Chavez thanked The Bridge and its staff for all they do for the citizens in the community who are suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia. Mrs. Gage-Watts agreed, and thanked The Bridge as well.

Mr. Burrell commended The Bridge for what they do for this community. He said that their services are much needed in this aging population.

No vote was taken at this time.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to englobo and adopt the following special resolutions:*

- *Special Resolution recognizing Alzheimer's Awareness Month*
- *Special Resolution recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month*

Mrs. Gage-Watts thanked Goodwill Industries for being inclusive and not disenfranchising the disabled community.

Ms. Vaughn, Goodwill Industries, said that it is Goodwill's mission is to empower people's lives and to improve their lives through the power of work. She also said that they are building the community to be stronger and more vibrant by ensuring that employment is accessible to all persons.

- *Special Resolution recognizing Spanish Heritage Month*
- *Special Resolution honoring Pancho Trejo*

At this time, Mr. Johnson's motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disease of the brain causing deterioration in memory, reasoning, motor skills, and the ability to take care of oneself. The impact of Alzheimer's on individuals, families, and our health care system makes the disease one of our nation's primary medical, social, and fiscal challenges; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's affects every level of society. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention: every sixty-six seconds, someone in the United States develops the disease; more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's; and Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death, and it kills more than breast and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, and the social, emotional, and financial impacts of dementia are felt by everyone—persons with dementia, their families, caregivers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, there is more than 18.1 billion hours of unpaid care per year by caregivers, resulting in Alzheimer's and other dementias causing a negative economic impact, costing the nation approximately \$236 billion; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are no treatments that can prevent, delay, or reverse Alzheimer's disease & stigma leads many people with dementia, and their families, to fear exclusion and differential treatment, preventing them from seeking help and disclosing their diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, early detection provides individuals and families to adjust to the diagnosis and plan for the future; and all Caddo Parish citizens need to be better informed about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and to work to create more supportive and inclusive communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim November 2022 as:

**'National Alzheimer 's Awareness Month'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month and urges citizens and organizations to educate themselves about Alzheimer's, Dementia and other Brain diseases.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION  
NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish employers, government agencies and nonprofit agencies, including Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana, join together in October to honor the contributions of workers with disabilities by celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM); and

WHEREAS, As our economy works to recover from the effects of the pandemic, companies have a critical need for skilled and reliable workers of all backgrounds. The Caddo Parish Commission asks, alongside Goodwill, for employers to consider hiring people with disabilities and adopt inclusive policies and practices in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that just over 21% of Americans with disabilities participate in the labor force, compared with more than 67% of people in the general population. We should work together to ensure that all Americans who want to work can work, and that they have access to services that enable them to do so. Further, people with disabilities are a dependable and valuable workforce who have higher rates of employee retention, which reduces hiring and training costs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to placing disabled workers into jobs, support organizations, like Goodwill, provide support services like rehabilitation programs for people with injuries or illnesses, occupational skills training, and job readiness and soft skills training, an example being the recent Disability Job & Resource Fair held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, from 10am to 2pm at 800 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street in Shreveport, LA hosted by Goodwill and sponsored by Healthy Blue Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor has designated October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month with an emphasis on the theme Disability: Part of the Equity Equation; and

WHEREAS, Parish of Caddo recognizes the benefits of a work force open to and comprised of all who are interested in working;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission, that it does hereby proclaim October 2022 as:

**'National Disability Employment Awareness Month'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION  
SPANISH HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the countless contributions of more than 60 million Hispanic Americans to our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans are the largest minority group in the United States today, and generations of Hispanic Americans have contributed to our nation's strength, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans, including over 7,000 in Caddo Parish and another 9,000

in bordering parishes, embody the best of our American values, including commitment to faith, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans contribute in so many ways from protecting this nation through service in our military to tremendous economic contributions made through commitment, ingenuity and skill to the enrichment experienced as Hispanic culture, food, music, history and traditions are shared and celebrated. The Hispanic-American community has left an indelible mark on our government, culture, and economy; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans lay claim to an undeniably important role in our country's great years to come, and that Caddo Parish Commission proudly stands to honor them and their innumerable contributions to Caddo Parish's prosperity, culture and way of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission meeting in legal and regular session convened during the month of October does hereby proclaim September 15th through October 15th, 2022 as

**'Hispanic Heritage Month'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Caddo Parish Commission to celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Month honoring the contributions of the Hispanic Community.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION  
PANCHO TREJO**

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

- Early Voting Location Ribbon Cutting

Mrs. Bryant reminded the Commissioners of the ribbon cutting for the additional early voting location at Shreve Memorial Library—Hamilton Branch. The event will take place on Friday, October 21 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

- Expungement Summit

She also thanked everyone who helped facilitate the Expungement Summit. She said that it was a successful event.

- Veterans Center

Mrs. Bryant thanked everyone who attended the grand re-opening of the Veterans Center. She said that was also a successful event.

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- Mr. Epperson thanked Administration for the support that was rendered on the behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs' grand re-opening. He said that it was well attended.

He also commended Mrs. Gage-Watts and staff for the Expungement Summit. He said that the demand outlasted the resources.

Mr. Epperson announced that a Redistricting Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27 at the Bill Cockrell Community Center, 4109 Pines Road, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Epperson then thanked Public Works and Solid Waste for providing dumpsters for his community cleanup. He said that the event was a successful event.

- Mr. Jackson asked for an update on the situation regarding Ms. McGraw. Mr. Kevin Lawrence, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, said that he is working with her to address the issues with the fence. Mr. Jackson wanted to know if the Parish installed the drainage ditch. Mr. Lawrence said that the drainage ditch that she is speaking about was installed 20-25 years ago. He also explained that the issues she is having with drainage is due to natural drainage and the slope of the street. Mr. Lawrence said that they are seeing what they can do to help the situation.

Mr. Jackson then talked about the dedication to former Commissioner Carl Pierson. He asked that Administration help with that event. Mrs. Bryant said that they are working with them in preparation to the November 20<sup>th</sup> event.

Mr. Jackson then asked for a status on Ford Street.

He then advised that the redistricting dates provided by the Commission Clerk will work for him or his citizens. Mr. Jackson said that he will provide Mr. Floyd some dates for his meetings.

- Mr. Burrell provided an update on Fairgrounds Field. He said that the demolition of the stadium has been postponed to December 1, 2022 due to the concerns of histoplasmosis. Mr. Burrell also said that the Mayor announced the possibility of redevelopment for that piece property.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES**

The President of the Commission opened the floor for anyone to speak in favor or against the following ordinances:

- Ordinance No. 6161 of 2022, an ordinance amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to carryover the 2021 appropriation for the African American Chamber of Commerce, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto
- Ordinance No. 6162 of 2022, an ordinance granting approval for an additional septic system at 153 Monique Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

There being no one else to speak in favor or against this ordinance, the President closed the public hearing.

**ORDINANCES (for final passage)**

It was **moved by Mr. Jackson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Ordinance No. 6161 of 2022, an ordinance amending the 2022 Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund to carryover the 2021 appropriation for the African American Chamber of Commerce, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be postponed to the November 17 Regular Session. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *that Ordinance No. 6162 of 2022, an ordinance granting approval for an additional septic system at 153 Monique Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto* be adopted.

Mr. Atkins said that the property owner has worked tirelessly for several months with Public Works, Department of Health, and certified engineers to put a second septic system on her property to care for her father.

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

**ORDINANCE NO. 6162 OF 2022**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING APPROVAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEPTIC SYSTEM AT 153 MONIQUE DRIVE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AMENDING SECTION 52-55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THAT APPROVAL, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Section 52-55 of the Code of Ordinances provides for use of individual septic systems;

WHEREAS, that section provides for a variance from the requirements of the section by requesting an exemption by ordinance,

WHEREAS, the owner of 153 Monique Drive has established grounds for the variance; and

WHEREAS, that variance must be memorialized by ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 52-55 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 52-55. Where community-type system not available.**

Where community-type systems are not available, an individual system may be used subject to the following requirements:

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- (7) Exceptions granted based on having met the requirements of Subsection (5)
- a. Lot 8, LaBonne Terre Unit No. 3 (153 Monique Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications 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 ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ZONING ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Zoning Case 22-20-P, in regards to Ordinance No. 6262 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located on the east side of Flournoy Lucas Road, approximately six hundred and fifty feet, south of Winderweedle Road, Caddo Parish Louisiana, from R-A, Rural Agricultural Zoning District to C-2, Corridor Commercial Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Zoning Case 22-21-P, Ordinance No. 6263 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Volume II of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Caddo, as amended, the Caddo Parish Unified Development Code, by amending the zoning of property located east of Cessna Drive, approximately one thousand three hundred and twenty feet south of East Flournoy Lucas Road, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, from R-1-7, Single Family Residential Zoning District to R-1-5, Single Family Residential Zoning District, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*

**ORDINANCES (for introduction by title)**

- *Ordinance No. 6264 of 2022, an ordinance amending and re-enacting Ordinance No. 5111 of 2011, reapportioning Caddo Parish into twelve Commission districts, enumerating the constituent precincts respectively comprising the Commission districts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6265 of 2022, an ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Article II, Division 3 relative to alcoholic beverage employee handling card, to provide for compatibility with the City of Shreveport requirements for such cards, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto*
- *Ordinance No. 6266 of 2022, an ordinance adopting the Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures for the Shreve Memorial Library for the year 2023*

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *that the Work Session Minutes from October 17, 2022 be ratified. Motion carried.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 44 of 2022, an resolution to urge and request the Caddo Parish Planning Board to review and make recommendations regarding the placement of mobile homes as a Use By Right in R-A Zoning Districts, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto be removed from the agenda. Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).*

It was **moved by Mrs. Gage-Watts**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *that Resolution No. 47 of 2022, a resolution urging and requesting the Louisiana State Legislature to authorize the use of ballot boxes and to extend the early voting period and otherwise providing with respect thereto be adopted.*

Mrs. Gage-Watts said that voters are actively voting more than ever before. She said that it is advantageous for all voices to be heard, and they are obligated to provide safe options through technology, equipment, and services for the citizens. Extending early voting hours and using ballot boxes are detrimental in providing equal access to voters. She further stated that several other states allow citizens to cast their votes all the way up until Election Day. She asked for the Commissioners support on this resolution.

**Substitute motion by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Taliaferro, *to strike out “the use of ballot boxes” from Resolution No. 47 of 2022.*

Mr. Chavez said that Mr. Young could not be in attendance today and requested that this substitute motion be made. He said that Mr. Young expressed concerns about the integrity of the voting process.

Mrs. Gage-Watts appreciates the support of expanding the days of early voting, but feels that both tools are needed to support voter participation. She said that ballot boxes are safe and will help to expand voter’s accessibility.

Mr. Epperson said that if this is put in place, then they will do all that they can do to ensure the integrity of the voting process.

Mr. Atkins said that he is not an expert on this matter; however, under the Presidential Committee of President Clinton and President Carter, they were not supportive of ballot boxes.

Mr. Burrell pointed out that voter fraud has not been done by one particular party. He also said that voting boxes are some of the safest ways of getting the ballots back to the Registrar of Voters. Mr. Burrell also said that voting is a state issue, with each state’s own rules and regulations. There has been no evidence that has shown that there is massive voter fraud, he said.

At this time, Mr. Chavez’s substitute motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (4). NAYS: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Johnson (5). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

At this time, Mrs. Gage-Watts’ original motion failed, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, and Johnson (5). NAYS: Commissioners Atkins, Chavez, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (4). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was **moved by Mr. Chavez**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *to approve Commissioner travel to attend the I-20 Corridor Passenger Rail Meeting.*

Mr. Jackson asked for a comparison on Commissioners’ travel over the past eight years.

At this time, Mr. Chavez’s motion carried, as show by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Chavez, Epperson, Gage-Watts, Jackson, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (9). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Hopkins, Jones, and Young (3). ABSTAIN: None (0).

The Commission then moved onto New Business item, *Discuss Caddo Parish’s Sexual Oriented Business Ordinance by Parish Attorney.*

Mr. Epperson opened up the conversation about the proposed business, Hollywood Hustler, opening up a location in Financial Plaza. He said that there has been several false accusations, politics, and speculations regarding this. He pointed out that this proposed business falls directly on the City of Shreveport. Mr. Epperson also mentioned that the Parish of Caddo has a Sexually Oriented Business (SOB) ordinance. He said that the Parish Legal Department is conducting research. Mr. Epperson said that he does not have

Mr. Burrell understands that the Parish does not have a “dog in this fight”.

Mr. Alan Clarke, MPC Executive Director, explained that the “cart has been put before the horse” about this particular location. He further stated that this has not been deemed a SOB, and that is the reason there was no notification requirements nor measurements done. He explained that the City of Shreveport SOB Ordinance speaks to no SOBs can be within 1,000 feet of a daycare, church, school, public park, or residential district. Until this is deemed a SOB, it is just considered a retail goods establishment. Mr. Clarke also explained that the Shreveport Police Department (SPD) would be the licensing authority to determine it to be a SOB. He said that the MPC’s role in this is that they process the certificate of occupancy to determine whether or not a building meets the codes of heating, air, plumbing, electrical, etc. The application was for a retail goods establishment.

In the City, there are two classifications of SOBs. One being a dual-purpose business, which means that if 20% or more of the retail sales or 20% or more of the actual floor area in a particular retail establishment is devoted to SOB items, then it is considered a SOB. With this case, it was deemed at 18% or less.

If the gross floor space or sales are 50% or more in a particular business, then it would be a full-fledged SOB. Mr. Clarke said that this is defined by the City of Shreveport's Code of Ordinances.

Mrs. Gage-Watts reiterated that this establishment is not like Déjà vu. She said that it will be a retail goods establishment. Mr. Clarke agreed, and said that most of the material sold here will be similar to Victoria's Secret.

Mrs. Gage-Watts then wanted to know if this business will open. Mr. Clarke said that if nothing changes, the business has applied for a certificate of occupancy. Once the inspections are done and cleared, there is no reason why this business should not open.

Mr. Jackson wanted to know if this business is similar to the Cindie's in his district. Mr. Clarke said that it is very similar to that establishment.

Mr. Jackson then wanted to know who monitors the percentage of activity taking place in an establishment. Mr. Clarke said that the City of Shreveport monitors it. He also said that they have informed him that there will be no inspections, measurements, or anything until there is reasonable probable cause to go and decide that this establishment is not in compliance with the ordinance.

Mrs. Gage-Watts wanted to know if there were any petitions with Cindie's or the Fun Shop Too. Mr. Clarke said that there was one complaint about the items being visible, so they reached out to SPD to resolve that complaint.

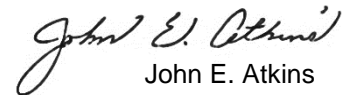
#### **COMMUNIQUES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mr. Epperson announced that the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Parade & Honor Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Epperson also said that he's received several accolades with the Parish's compactor sites. He suggested increasing their salaries.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

  
Michelle Nations  
Assistant Commission Clerk

  
John E. Atkins  
President