

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
June 7, 2016
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a regular meeting with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Webb; Cazort; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Mayor Stodola. Directors absent: Richardson; Fortson; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Rev. Dr. Kate Walters, Associate Rector Christ Episcopal Church delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Audubon Arkansas DrainSmart
Working Together in the Community/Arkansas Driving Laws Presentation

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 - 7)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,352; Z-2993-B: To set the date of public hearing for June 21, 2016, on an appeal of the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial for a requested Zoning District, titled SM Investments Midtown, LLC, Short-Form PCD, located at 4520 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 14,353: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Redstone Construction Group, Inc., in the amount of \$2,704,812.00, for Street Resurfacing, within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax)*

Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with the low bidder, Redstone Construction Group, Inc., for asphalt resurfacing in all seven (7) Wards within the City of Little Rock.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 14,354: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Gene Summers Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$552,481.20, for the Ellis & Stevens Street Drainage Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds)* *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Gene Summers Construction, Inc., for the Ellis & Stevens Drive Drainage Improvements, Project No. 13-B-4B, Bid No. 16015. (Located in Ward 4)

4. RESOLUTION NO. 14,355: To authorize the City Manager to increase the authorized contract amount for JCI Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$604,344.00, for the West 17th Street Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.* **Synopsis:** Authorizes the City Manager to increase the authorized contract amount with JCI Construction, Inc., for West 17th Street Improvements from Brown Street to Woodrow Street, Project No. 13-B-1C, Bid No. 15-004. (Located in Ward 1)

5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,356: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jane Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$169,050.00, for the dormitory addition at Little Rock Fire Department Station 13; and for other purpose. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Jane Construction, LLC, for dormitory addition at Fire Station 13, Bid No. 16113.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,357: To make appointment to the Little Rock Advertising & Promotion Commission; and for other purpose. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Appointment of Rajesh Mehta to fill the unexpired Industry Position term of Larry Carpenter, said term to expire on May 1, 2017.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,358: To set June 21, 2016, as the date for a public hearing to consider the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing betterments and improvements to the City's Sewer System; and for other purposes.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to approve the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Bettye Bennett: Community Programs

Frederick Lee, 1107 South Pine Street: Forty-Eight (48)-Hour Interstate 30 Crossing Solution.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 8 – 14)

8. ORDINANCE NO. 21,246: To amend Chapter 8 of the Little Rock Code of Ordinances (1988) to eliminate Plumbing, Natural Gas and Mechanical Inspections outside the City Limits of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: For over (30) years the Building Codes Division has performed Plumbing, Natural Gas and Mechanical Inspections outside the City Limits of Little Rock. Passage of this ordinance would eliminate the requirements for City Inspectors to make inspections outside the City Limits.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 21,247; Z-4283: To reclassify property located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 11 ayes; 0 nays; and 0 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.81-acre property located at 7825/7825-½ Stagecoach Road is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, to C-4, Open Display District.

10. ORDINANCE NO. 21,248; LU-16-1101: To amend the Land Use Plan, along the west side of Shackelford Road, between Colonel Glenn Road and 36th Street, from Residential High Density to Service Trades District; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 11 ayes; 0 nays; and 0 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Land Use Plan Amendment in the Interstate 430 Planning District, west of Shackleford Road between Colonel Glenn Road and 36th Street from Residential High Density to Service Trades District.

11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,249: To reclassify property located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 11 ayes; 0 nays; and 0 absent. Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: The owner of the ten (10)-acre property located on the west side of South Shackleford Road, approximately ¼-mile north of Colonel Glenn Road, is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from MF-18, Multifamily District, to O-2, Office and Institutional District. The original application was for 20.455 acres; however, the applicant amended the request to ten (10) acres prior to Planning Commission action.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,250: To dispense with the requirement of competitive bids, and to award a contract in the amount of \$60,550.25, to Environmental Video, LLC – Watchguard Servers, for the purchase of two (2) Video Systems for Patrol Cars for use at the Pankey Substation; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: The Little Rock Police Department is requesting approval to award a Sole-Source Purchase Order to Enforcement Video, LLC, D/B/A/ Watch Guard Video, for the purchase of two (2) Multi-Terabyte Servers to download and store in-car video from Police vehicles.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 21,251: An ordinance to amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code §5-68 (1988) to permit some Basic Life Support emergency ambulance runs in accordance with Arkansas State Health Department approval; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: To permit MEMS to conduct a pilot program as to whether certain emergency ambulance runs can be done by Basic Life Support Service (EMT) instead of Advanced Life Support Service (Paramedic).

14. ORDINANCE NO. 21,252: An ordinance to condemn certain structures in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as structural, fire and health hazards; to provide for summary abatement procedures; to direct City Staff to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structures; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Six (6) residential structures in a severely dilapidated, deteriorated and/or burned condition causing a negative environmental impact on the residential neighborhoods in which it is located. All Notices have been mailed in accordance with Arkansas State Law.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinances on second reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinances on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a third time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinances were approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 12 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 13 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 14 was approved.**

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION (Item 15)

15. MASTER PLAN FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES:

City Manager Bruce Moore stated that he was very excited about the progress to-date for the Master Plan for Children, Youth and Families. City Manager Moore thanked the members of the Community Programs Department Staff and the Master Plan Advisory Committee for their dedication and hard work in the drafting of the plan. City Manager Moore thanked the partners, Advocacy and Communications Solutions, Philander Smith College and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Jo Thompson, Chair of the Commission of Children, Youth and Families, presented the final recommendations of the Master Plan.

Goals of the Master Plan:

1. Deliver targeted, specific, positive outcomes.
2. Increase graduation rates
3. Enhance youth skills and abilities
4. Reduce youth crime suspensions and violence

Steps for the Development of the Master Plan:

1. Create an Advisory Committee
2. Research Best Practices related to youth
3. Conduct environmental scan of existing programs
4. Interview community leaders.

Significant Changes as a Result of the Master Plan:

1. Use data to identify and prioritize services that fulfill the unmet needs of Little Rock children & youth.
2. Increase program quality and accountability.
3. Enhance communication to and with the community regarding programs.
4. Develop employability skills so that youth are prepared to work, and Little Rock has a strong future workforce.
5. Place a priority on children and youth, and integrating youth voice in decision-making.

Community Programs Department Director Dana Dossett provided an overview regarding the implementation of the plan.

100-Day Strategy for the Community Programs Department:

- Guide the Youth Master Plan during the first 100 days of implementation, based on a framework established by the City of Little Rock.
- Prepare currently-funded programs and those wishing to apply for funding for changes in PIT, through a series of informational sessions and trainings.
- Maintain an on-going list of organizational partners and resources that may be leveraged to support and implement PIT.
- Assist programs in understanding how to measure progress toward outcomes.

100-Day Strategy for Funded Programs:

- Establish partnerships with families and communities in order to achieve desired goals
- Demonstrate youth involvement with adolescents in programs and services.
- Comply with the City of Little Rock's system for evaluating PIT outcomes, including measuring outcomes and planning for continuous improvement.

100-Day Strategy for Little Rock Community & Partners:

- Assist the Community Programs Department with understanding and identifying needs and how to serve prioritized areas.
- Utilize grassroots methods to spear awareness about programs and services.
- Play a vital and active role in the social development and education of children, you and families.

Director Fortson stated that he was impressed with the elements of accountability, planning, goal setting and periodic measures along the way as they were components to make the plan successful. Director Fortson asked if the City had sufficient staff prepared and in place to get everything together by January. City Manager Moore stated that he was committed to ensuring that the Community Programs Department had the staff and resources necessary to implement the plan.

Director Hendrix complimented staff on the development of the plan. Director Wright stated that she was impressed with the development of the plan and was excited to get the process started. Director Adcock stated that she would have like to have seen more community or neighborhood involvement. Ms. Dossett stated that Goal #3 was to enhance involvement of the community, which meant that staff would actually go out into the community and increase the number of community meetings. In addition, Ms. Dossett stated that Goal #5 was to involve the youth to obtain their input to determine how they would like to be engaged. Director Adcock asked how the Latino community would be reached. Ms. Dossett stated that they planned on targeting all communities within the City. Director Adcock asked how organizations that were not currently a part of PIT would get involved. Ms. Dossett stated that there was currently a staff person with the sole responsibility of identifying all potential providers who may have an interest in youth programming.

Vice-Mayor Hines thanked Ms. Dossett for her and her staff's work on the development of the plan. Vice-Mayor Hines stated that he thought that the multi-family complexes needed to be thought of as a community and the attempt to engage residents in those facilities should be made.

City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that if the Board passed a motion that evening to adopt the plan, it would allow staff to begin the 100-day strategy immediately. City Attorney Carpenter stated that he would have a resolution drafted by the next meeting that would more formally implement the plan.

Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to endorse the Master Plan for Children, Youth and Families. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board endorsed the Master Plan for Children, Youth and Families.**

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Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Hendrix, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was adjourned.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Lance Hines, Vice-Mayor