

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
October 16, 2018
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; Richardson; Peck; Hines; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Stodola. Director Erma Hendrix delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Cam Patterson, UAMS

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 –10)

1. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,873; S-1809-A:** To set November 5, 2018, as the date of public hearing on the request to appeal the Planning Commission's action in denying a variance request for The Breeding Additional Preliminary/Final Plat, located at 7718 Henderson Road, Pulaski County, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,874:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ad-Wear & Specialty of Texas, in the amount of \$60,054.76, for the purchase of the 2019 Little Rock Marathon Participant and Volunteer Shirts; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase the 2019 Little Rock Marathon Participant & Volunteer Shirts From Ad-Wear & Specialty of Texas.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,875:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Advanced Exercise, in an amount not to exceed \$286,575.00, for the purchase of Fitness Equipment for the Southwest Community Center and Dunbar Community Center; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to purchase Fitness Equipment for Southwest Community Center and Dunbar Community Center from Advanced Exercise.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,876:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Oakley Fertilizer, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the purchase of rock salt for the Public Works Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Oakley Fertilizer Incorporated for the purchase of rock salt in bulk at \$102.00 per ton as needed.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,877: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to JCI Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$356,628.06, for the Arkansas River Trail Riverfront Drive Projects Improvements; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with JCI Construction, Inc., for the Arkansas River Trail Riverfront Drive Trail Project Improvements, ArDOT Job No. 061490, Bid No. 18019.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,878: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a third extension of the contract with VSP, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00, for Group Vision Insurance for a period beginning January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with VSP for Group Vision Insurance for the period of January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019. This would be the third (3) of seven (7) years.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,879: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, for Group Dental Insurance for a period beginning January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Group Dental Insurance for the period of January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 14,880: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a third renewal of the contract with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, in an amount not to exceed \$520,000.00, for Group Life and AD&D Insurance for a period beginning January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019; to include a clause which permits the City to renew the contract at its option for four (4) additional years; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for Group Life and AD&D Insurance for the period of January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019. This would be the third (3) of seven (7) years.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 14,881: To authorize the City Manager to extend the agreement with United Healthcare, in an amount not to exceed \$13,300,00.00, to provide Group Health Insurance for City employees for a period beginning January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the agreement with United Healthcare for Group Health Insurance for the period of January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019.

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

GROUPED ITEMS (Item 11 and Items 13 - 14)

Mayor Stodola stated that he had received cards from multiple individuals that wanted to address the Board regarding Item 12 and that it would be read separately.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 14,882: To change the name of that portion of West 5th Street, located west of South Rodney Parham Road, to West Capitol Avenue; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The Public Works Department has filed an application to change the name of that portion of West 5th Street, located west of South Rodney Parham Road, to West Capitol Avenue to eliminate confusion over the conflicting street names. (Located in Ward 6)

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

13. ORDINANCE NO. 21,638; Z-4745-C: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Shackelford Kanis Revised Short-Form PD-C, located at 10721 Kanis Road, Little Rock, Arkansas; amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: The applicant is requesting to amend the previously-approved PD-C, Planned Development - Commercial, to allow Starbucks to occupy the former Dunkin Donuts building. (Located in Ward 6)

14. ORDINANCE NO. 21,639: To transfer the administration of Retirement Coverage for eligible members of the Little Rock Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund to the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System and to authorize the City Manager to enter into an irrevocable agreement with the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes.
Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of the Little Rock Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund has elected to have its pension fund administered by the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI) as stated by Resolution dated September 20, 2018. In order for consolidation to occur, the City Board of Directors must authorize the City Manager to enter into an irrevocable agreement with LOPFI to administer the Little Rock Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund and pay off the unfunded liability within a closed twenty-five (25)-year amortization period. The consolidation is to include a \$250.00 per month benefit increase to all retiree and survivor accounts beginning January 1, 2019. In addition, the Board of Directors commits to review and consider a benefit increase on a reoccurring three (3)-year basis following consolidation until the conclusion of the closed twenty-five (25)-year amortization period.

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to read the ordinances a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 14 was approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 12, Item 15 and Items 16 – 17)

12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,637; Z-4653-J: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Powell Brothers Revised Short-Form PCD, located at 1308 South Bowman Road, Little Rock, Arkansas; amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: The applicant is requesting to amend the previously-approved PCD, Planned Commercial

**Development, to add pet grooming, boarding and daycare as an allowable use for the site.
(Located in Ward 6)**

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to read the ordinance a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a third time.

Director Hines stated that the PCD abutted a portion of South Bowman Road and asked if the application would finish the improvements along that portion of the road. Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins stated that when the application was previously submitted, there was an approval that the improvements would be made when they expanded the existing building or constructed the new structure that was proposed on the property, or when South Bowman Road was planned to be constructed as a public project. Mr. Collins stated that the application contained the option of making a payment in lieu of construction.

Larry Purtle, 3913 Lakeshore Drive, North Little Rock: Stated that he was supportive of the application and asked that the Board support the proposed PCD.

Betty Beck, 1706 Magnolia Street: Stated that she took her dogs to the location in the Riverdale area and was supportive of the application and asked that the Board support the proposed PCD.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

15. ORDINANCE NO. 21,640: To authorize the issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds; to pledge tax revenue sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds; to prescribe other matters relating to the Bonds; ***to declare an emergency;*** and for other purposes.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to read the ordinance a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a third time.

Director Adcock asked how the money would be utilized. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that it was additional monies from the Bonds that were previously approved and would be utilized for Capital Improvements. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that it was for the second issue for Street and Drainage. Director Adcock asked if it was normal for the rates to decrease as was stated in the ordinance. Bond Attorney Shep Russell stated that it was not normal for the rates to decrease; however, the Bonds were being prepaid out of the surplus tax collections. Director Adcock asked if there were a list of projects that the Bonds would be used for. Mr. Russell stated that he did not have a list and there was a portion of the money allowed for street projects with the remaining portion allotted for drainage projects. City Manager Moore stated that all of the projects had already been approved by the Board in the third round of funding.

LeAnn Burnett with Stephens, Inc., stated that the Bonds had the final stated maturity of April 1, 2023; however, there were different maturities within the Bond Issue. Ms. Burnett explained that there were Serial Maturities in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, a Term Bond in 2025 and a Term Bond in 2028. Ms. Burnett stated that it was structured that way so that the 2028 Bond would go away first. Ms. Burnett stated that for every dollar in Debt Service that was owed Service on the Bonds, Two Dollars (\$2.00) was expected in Property Tax Revenues and the extra dollar would be utilized to pay off the older maturities first.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**
By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 15 was approved.**

16. RESOLUTION NO. 14,883: To approve the extension of sewer services outside the City Limits to Rusty Tractor Vineyards; to authorize entry into a Pre-Annexation Agreement; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

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

17. ORDINANCE NO. 21,637; Z-4653-J: To establish standards and specifications for the restoration of excavations and cuts in streets or alley rights-of-way; to provide for a permit process; to establish fees, penalties and permanent restoration reimbursement costs; to provide for the administration and enforcement of the process; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval. (Deferred from September 4, 2018)(Deferred from September 18, 2018)(Deferred from October 1, 2018)*

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to read the ordinance a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a third time.

Director Wright asked if any penalties or warranties had been added for patch work that had been completed by any of the utility companies. Public Works Director Jon Honeywell stated that the existing ordinance contained a bonding condition that required the contractor to provide the City with a Bond that would ensure that work would be completed correctly. Mr. Honeywell stated that the requirement was for one (1)-year and staff had the ability to contact the bonding company to have them provide the funding or complete the work if the contractor or utility company did not repair it.

Director Kumpuris asked how many people on staff would be required to inspect and ensure that the cuts were repaired in a timely fashion. Mr. Honeywell stated that Public Works currently had three (3) full-time positions dedicated to the inspection of street cuts. Director Kumpuris asked if wording could be included in the proposed ordinance that stated in a year, a full evaluation of the program success would occur. City Attorney

Carpenter stated that wording could be added that would state a date specific when the program would be evaluated.

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to include language in the proposed ordinance that would include wording that the ordinance would be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the first meeting in November 2019. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the motion was approved.**

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved as amended.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 18)

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments to Boards and Commissions. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments to Boards and Commissions.**

18. RESOLUTION NO. 14,884: A resolution to make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: Americans with Disabilities Act Citizen's Grievance Committee (3 positions); Community Housing Advisory Board (5 positions); City Beautiful Commission (5 positions); Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeals (4 positions); Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission (3 positions).

Americans with Disabilities Act Citizen Grievance Committee: Appointment of Laura Stanley to serve her first four (4)-year Architect term, said term to expire on July 6, 2022. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Community Housing Advisory Board: Appointment of Robert Richardson to fill the unexpired Real Estate Business Community Representative term of Diana Thomas, said term to expire on June 2, 2020. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

City Beautiful Commission: Appointment of Michael Harvey to serve his first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on October 19, 2021. Reappointment of Steve Homeyer to serve his first four (4)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on August 1, 2022. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Housing Board OF Adjustments and Appeals: Appointment of Roderick Wells to serve his first four (4)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on August 1, 2022. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission: Appointment of Jerry Bailey to fill the unexpired At-Large term of Steve Straessle, said term to expire on March 31, 2020. Appointment of Michal Harris to fill the unexpired Ward 4 Representative term of Corey Jones, said

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term to expire on March 31, 2020. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Russ Racop, 301 Alamo Drive: Current Concerns with LRPD and City Leadership.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Mark Stodola, Mayor