

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
May 2, 2023
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a regular meeting with Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Miller; Richardson; Peck; Lewis; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. Directors absent: Hines. Director Ken Richardson delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS:

M-1 RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.A. Riggs, in an amount not to exceed \$525,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) 2020 Caterpillar 826K Compactor for the Public Works Department Landfill Division; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with J. A. Riggs for the purchase of one (1) used 2020 Caterpillar 826K Compactor for Public Works Department Landfill Division.

M-2 RESOLUTION: To authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Francisco Espinoza for the purchase of approximately three (3) acres of land and two (2) manufactured homes, for use by the Little Rock Port Authority for economic prospect recruitment; and for other purposes.

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Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Presidio Networked Solutions, for incident response remediation, scanning, analytics and training for Cyber incidents.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to add Items M-1, M-2 and M-3 to the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1, M-2 and M-3 were added to the Consent Agenda.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 14 and Items M-1, M-2 & M-3)

1. MOTION: To approve the April 18, 2023, minutes of the Little Rock City Board of Directors Meeting.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,964: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,891 (February 7, 2023), that approved the inclusions of the CDBG, HOME and HOPWA sources and uses of the 2023 Funds from the United States Government in the City's Annual Plan; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to approve the amendment of sources and uses of 2023 CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA Funds included in the City's Annual Plan based on HUD final allocation.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,965: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rush Truck Centers of Arkansas, in an amount not to exceed \$430,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of two (2) 2024 International Model HV513 6x4 Chassis Trucks with Dump Beds and Snow Controls, for the Public Works Department Street Operations Division; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,966: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bale Chevrolet, in an amount not to exceed \$56,838.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Chevrolet 2500HD Truck with Service Body for the Fleet Services Tire Shop Division; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bale Chevrolet., for the purchase of one (1) Chevrolet 2500HD Truck with Service Body for the Fleet Services Tire Shop Division.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,967: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Garnat Engineering, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, for the design of Cobb Street, from 29th Street to 30th Street, and Zion Street, from 29th Street to 31st Street; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Garnat Engineering, LLC, for the design of Cobb Street (29th Street to 30th Street) and Zion Street (29th Street to 31st Street Project). (Located in Ward 6)

6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,968: To identify expenditures in various Wards for capital projects funded from the proceeds of the 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds for Street and Drainage; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to identify projects in each Ward and City-wide to be funded from the 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds for Street and Drainage Improvements for years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,969: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1)-year extension of the contract with JTS Financial Services, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, for Employment Benefit Consultation Services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to extend the agreement with JTS Financial Services for Benefit Consultation, Data Analytics, Reconciliation Services, Web-Based Benefit Administration & Enrollment Services and ACA Reporting; with the option to add COBRA Administration, FSA/DCP Administration and a Dedicated Customer Service Platform, for the period of May 4, 2023, to May 4, 2024.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 15,970: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District for the sustainable implementation of the Community School Model; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District for Fiscal Year 2023 for the sustainable implementation of the Community School Model.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,971: To appoint Chris Moses and John Chandler to positions on the Board of Commissioners for the Metrocentre Improvement District No. 1 of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 15,972: To restate and confirm the appointment and reappointment of members to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, Residential Housing and Public Facilities Board; and for other purposes.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 15,973: To set June 6, 2023, as the date for a public hearing to form and lay off Little Rock Municipal Property Owners Improvement District No. 2023-003 (Carter Lane Municipal Project); and for other purposes.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 15,974: To authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Mackenzie Eason & Associates, LLC, to increase the contract amount to \$250,000.00, for the recruitment of qualified applicants for current and future vacancies; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Makenzie Eason & Associates, LLC, an outside search firm, for the recruitment of qualified applicants for multiple current and future vacancies.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 15,975: A resolution of intent regarding the Fire Apparatus improvements to be financed by Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

14. RESOLUTION NO. 15,976; Z-7500-I: To set May 16, 2023, as the date of public hearing on the appeal of the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial for a Planned Zoning Development titled Hamilton Station POD, located north of 14800 Cantrell Road, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Sergio McNeil, Jr:

Johnny Hassan:

Norma Huffman: Big Country Chateau.

Geri Bridges: Westbridge Apartments.

Sharon Whitfield: Auxor Arms Apartments.

Libby Porter: Westbridge Apartments.

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 15 – 17)

15. ORDINANCE NO. 22,253: To amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, Article VI, Division 5, Financial Reporting Standards, to update the Financial Reporting Ordinances so that they conform to current Governmental Reporting Standards, practices, terminology, and definitions; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *(Deferred from March 20, 2023)(Deferred from April 11, 2023) Staff recommends approval*

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

16. ORDINANCE NO. 22,254: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ti Training, LE, LLC, for a total amount of \$79,900.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, to provide an upgrade for the Little Rock Police Department Training Division's Simulation System; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ti Training, LE, LLC, to provide an upgrade of the Little Rock Police Department Training Division's Simulation System.

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

17. ORDINANCE NO. 22,255; Z-4343-NN: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office Development, titled Little Rock West High School POD, located at 5619 Ranch Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Planning Commission: 7 ayes; 3 nays; and 1 absent) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 66.70-acre property, located at 5619 Ranch Road, be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, O-2, Office and Institutional District, and POD, Planned Office Development, to POD, Planned Office Development, to allow for the construction of a new high school facility. (Located in Ward 5)

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

Mayor Scott stated that Little Rock School District Leadership had met with Randy Frazier, the Legal Counsel for the opposition, and it was his understanding that there had been an agreement made regarding the support of the application. Mayor Scott stated that there were several amendments that needed to be read into the record. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that for the record, the agreement that had been made was more restrictive than what the Planning Commission approved; however, the Board could not vote the changes into effect without a request made from the applicant.

John McMorran, Lewis Architects Engineers: Stated that over the course of the last several weeks, there had been multiple meetings with Mr. Frazier and his clients and that earlier that day, a document had been submitted to the City Attorney representing the agreement between the Little Rock School District and the adjoining property owners. Mr. McMorran stated that the agreement included the following amendments:

- (a) The pond situated on the property is located in wetlands and is subject to the terms and conditions of all applicable Federal and State Laws, rules and regulations governing the property. Any non-natural change to the pond shall require amendment of this POD with public notice as required by applicable ordinances and procedures of the City of Little Rock.
- (b) At a minimum, athletic field lighting shall have light poles and fixtures not to exceed seventy (70) feet in height, less if feasible. Light fixtures shall be LED or substantially similar lighting technology and shall be directional and shielded to minimize visibility with minimal bleed over to adjacent properties.
- (c) Events on the athletic fields shall be reasonably scheduled to end before 9:00 PM and lights shall be turned off as soon as possible after any competition, taking into consideration the safety of participants, students, visitors and school staff. Exceptions to the 9:00 PM lights out requirement shall be limited to occasional athletic contests that extend into overtime in accordance with applicable Arkansas Activities Association (or successor) rules.
- (d) All public address system speakers shall be installed near and directed toward the spectator bleachers and sitting areas and shall not project directly toward neighboring properties to the east, north and south.
- (e) Black chain link fencing with a top bar for support shall be installed and permanently maintained in good condition around the entire property. With the exception of fencing installed parallel to Ranch Drive, or in areas where Little Rock ordinances mandate otherwise, all fencing surrounding the entire property shall be eight (8) feet in height.

- (f) Fencing around the portion of the campus encompassing athletic fields, adjoining parking lots and the pond shall be installed within, but not on the property line of the property in order to create a natural undisturbed buffer for both the school and adjoining property owners. Fence construction within the undisturbed buffer shall be undertaken with the goal of minimizing the impact on the undisturbed buffer. The location of the fence within the Applicant's property shall be determined by the Applicant applying reasonable industry standards of fence construction on properties of similar type, terrain and slope and in compliance with applicable City Ordinances.

City Attorney Carpenter stated that for verification, the question needed to be asked if the Little Rock School District was requesting the changes. Mr. McMorrان confirmed that the Little Rock School District had made the request for the changes.

Director Peck made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to approve the amendments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the amendments were approved.**

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

City Manager Bruce Moore stated that in the past two (2) weeks, he had forwarded the Board several memos regarding Professional Service Contracts under 50,000.00. City Manager Moore stated that if there were no objections, he would like to be able to move those contract forward. There being no objections, City Manager Moore will move forward with the execution of the contracts.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor