

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
May 4, 2021
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: Hendrix (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Richardson; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Vice-Mayor Lance Hines delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 3)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 15,447: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Escamilla Excavating, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$587,034.42, for the Fillmore Street Drainage Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Escamilla Excavating, LLC, for the Fillmore Street Drainage Project, Project No. 03-16-DR-120, Bid No. 1199. (Located in Ward 3)

2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,448: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jackson Brown Palculict Architects, in an amount not to exceed \$74,420.00, to provide Architectural Design Services for the addition and renovations to Fire Station No. 12; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jackson Brown Palculict Architects for Architectural Services for the addition and renovation of Fire Station 12 located at 7003 Cantrell Road.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,449: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with JTS Financial Services, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$395,000.00, for Employee Benefit Consultation Services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an 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, Flexible Spending Account/Dependent Care Plan Administration and a Dedicated Customer Service Platform, for the period of May 4, 2021, to May 4, 2022. This represents year one (1) of a seven (7)-year term.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Consent Agenda.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Jackie Smith: Stop the Violence.

Brianna Messick: Community Centers in the Neighborhoods.

Ayana Hamilton: Needing More Resources.

Dashona Dean: Gun Laws.

Ernest Daniels: Building the Community.

Luke Skrable (via e-mail): My 1st Amendment Citizen Communication Comment.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 4 - 5)

4. ORDINANCE NO. 21,988: To grant a Franchise to 300 Main, LLC, and Cranford, Johnson, Robinson and Woods Advertising Agency, for the use of the right-of-way located at 300 Main Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, for an outdoor meeting and work area; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To grant a Franchise for the use of City right-of-way for the placement of a patio with railing, chairs and tables for an outdoor meeting and work area for 300 Main, LLC, for use by the Cranford, Johnson, Robinson and Woods Advertising Agency, located at 300 Main Street, and to require the creation of a passageway consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines and acceptable to the City as a part of this Franchise Agreement.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 21,989: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to execute a Sole-Source Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, for the AT&T hosted VESTA 911 Service Telephone Upgrade and AT&T Maintenance for these services; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, 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 Vice-Mayor Hines, 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 5 was approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 6 - 8)

6. ORDINANCE: To call a special election in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for July 13, 2021, on the question to levy a 1% Sales and Use Tax within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to provide that they levy shall commence on January 1, 2022; to prescribe other matters that pertain to the election; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval (1st Reading held on April 20, 2021)(2nd Reading held on April 27, 2021)*

7. ORDINANCE: To levy a 1% Sales and Use Tax within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; to provide that the levy will commence on January 1, 2022; to prescribe other matters that pertain to the election; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval (1st Reading held on April 20, 2021)(2nd Reading held on April 27, 2021)*

8. RESOLUTION: To state the uses of the 1% Rebuild the Rock Sales and Compensating Use Tax Funds upon approval of the Tax Levy by the voters at an

election to be held July 13, 2021; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval. (Deferred from April 27, 2021)*

Mayor Scott distributed copies of proposed changes that were made to the sales tax proposal as a result of meeting with members of the Board. Mayor Scott stated that his plan was for the Board to review the changes over the next week and that Items 6 – 8 would be voted on at a Special Called Board Meeting that would be held on May 11, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 9)

9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,450: To approve the sources and uses of the projected 2021 CDBG, HOME and HOPWA Funds for inclusion in the City's Annual Plan; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of the sources and uses of projected 2021 CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA Funds is required prior to completion of the City's Annual Plan, which must be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by July 1, 2021.

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing. Mayor Scott asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Scott closed the public hearing.

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

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, 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