

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
July 18, 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; Hines; Lewis; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. Director Lance Hines delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Heat Watch Campaign, Little Rock Sustainability Office

ADDITIONS:

M-1 RESOLUTION: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,957 (April 11, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to modify the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., for an additional amount of \$161,212.00, for Monitoring Services of Debris Collection related to disaster recovery from the March 31, 2023, Tornado; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,957 (April 11, 2023), and authorize to the City Manager to modify the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., for Monitoring Services of debris collection related to disaster recover from the March 31, 2023, Tornado.

M-2 RESOLUTION: To oppose the Direct Capital Access Act of 2023 in order to protect Little Rock's nonstop airline service to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 13 and Items M-1 & M-2)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 16,046: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Michael Baker International, in an amount not to exceed \$515,248.00, for the design of the Bowman Road Improvement Project, Phase 2, Cherry Laurel Drive to Brodie Creek; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Michael Baker International, for the Bowman Road Improvement Project, Phase 2, Cherry Laurel Drive to Brodie Creek Trail. (Located in Wards 6 & 7)

2. RESOLUTION NO. 16,047: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Positive Results Lawn Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$146,640.00, for the Pleasant Tree Drive Drainage Improvement 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 enter into a contract with Positive Results Lawn Services, Inc., for the Pleasant Tree Drive Drainage Improvement Project. (Located in Ward 5)

3. RESOLUTION NO. 16,048: To amend Resolution No. 14,872 (October 1, 2018), to authorize the City Manager to modify the contract with Garver, LLC, for and additional amount not to exceed \$101,773.00, for Engineering and Design Services for the West 4th Street Drainage and Street Improvement Project, from Valentine Street to Martin Street; 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 amend Resolution No. 14,872 (October 1, 2018), and to authorize the City Manager to modify the contract with Garver, LLC, to Engineering Services for the West 4th Street Drainage and Street Improvement Project, from Valentine Street to Martin Street. (Located in Ward 3)

4. RESOLUTION NO. 16,049: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cisneros Family Construction Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$761,011.50, for the Senate Drive Drainage Improvement 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 enter into a contract with Cisneros Family Construction Corporation for the Senate Drive Drainage Improvement Project. (Located in Ward 2)

5. RESOLUTION NO. 16,050: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gene Summers Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$357,003.60, for the Rebsamen Park Road Drainage Improvement Project; 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 Gene Summers Construction, Inc., for the Rebsamen Park Road Drainage Improvement Project. (Located in Ward 3)

6. RESOLUTION NO. 16,051: To express the willingness of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to utilize Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Programs Funds from Metroplan for Broadway Street Improvements, from 17th Street to Roosevelt Road; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to apply for and if received, execute grant agreements with Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation for Broadway Street Improvements, from 17th Street to Roosevelt Road. (Located in Ward 1)

7. RESOLUTION NO. 16,052: To express the willingness of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to utilize Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Programs Funds from Metroplan for Markham Street Improvements, from South Cedar Street to Pearl Avenue; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to apply for and if received, execute grant agreements with Metroplan and the Arkansas Department of Transportation for Markham Street Improvements, from South Cedar Street to Pearl Avenue. (Located in Ward 3)

8. RESOLUTION NO. 16,053: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with MAC Mechanical Company, in an amount not to exceed \$119,989.20, for the Public Works Department Landfill Pump Station; 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 MAC Mechanical Company for the Landfill Sanitary Pump Station.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 16,054: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., in the total amount of \$57,515.51, plus applicable taxes

and fees, for the purchase of Portable and Mobile Radio Systems for the Little Rock Fire Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the purchase of Portable and Mobile Radios for the Little Rock Fire Department.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 16,055: To amend Resolution No. 15,892 (February 7, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to modify the contract with Insight Public Sector Sled Center, for an additional purchase amount of \$160,772.40, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of fifty (50) additional cameras for the Little Rock Police Department Real Time Crime Center; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,892 (February 7, 2023), and authorize to the City Manager to modify the contract with Insight Public Sector Sled Center for the purchase of fifty (50) additional cameras for the Little Rock Police Department Real Time Crime Center.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 16,056: To authorize the City Manager to reimburse the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau, in an amount not to exceed \$71,552.71, for the cost of Parking Garage Elevator Repair; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

12. RESOLUTION NO. 16,057: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Homemark Properties, LLC, d/b/a Doxa Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$767,201.57, to complete the Stormwater System Improvement Plan at the Little Rock Zoo; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Homemark Properties, LLC, d/b/a Doxa Construction for the completion of a Stormwater System Improvement Plan for the Little Rock Zoo.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 16,058: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to provide Economic Development Consulting Services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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M-2 RESOLUTION NO. 16,060: To oppose the Direct Capital Access Act of 2023 in order to protect Little Rock's nonstop airline service to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 14 - 22)

14. ORDINANCE NO. 22,283; A-344: To accept the National Property Holding Annexation, to add certain lands to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To accept the annexation of some 2.8 acres along the eastside of Kanis Road at 14508 Kanis Road to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

15. ORDINANCE NO. 22,284; A-345: To accept the Potlatch Deltic Wildwood Creek Annexation, to add certain lands to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To accept the annexation of some forty (40) acres between Denny Road and Kanis Road, south of 21201 Denny Road to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

16. ORDINANCE NO. 22,285; A-346: To accept the Potlatch Deltic Morgan Cemetery Annexation, to add certain lands to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To accept the annexation of some 7.2 acres, between Morgan Cemetery Road and Highway 10, west of Joe T Robinson Schools to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

17. ORDINANCE NO. 22,286; Z-6611-C: 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: 7 ayes; 1 nay; 1 absent; and 2 open positions*) *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.185-acre property located at 508 Bond Avenue is requesting that the property be reclassified from PCD, Planned Commercial Development, to UU, Urban Use District. (Located in Ward 1)

18. ORDINANCE NO. 22,287; Z-8959-B: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Revised Planned Development – Residential titled Valerie Place PD-R, located at 14309/14617 Kanis Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 2 open positions*) *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 20.66-acre property, located at 14309/14617 Kanis Road, be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-R, Planned District – Residential, to allow for a townhouse development. (Located within the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

19. ORDINANCE NO. 22,288; Z-9789: 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: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 2 open positions*) *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.24-acre property located at 1921/1923 South Maple Street is requesting that the property be reclassified from R-3, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District. (Located in Ward 1)

20. ORDINANCE NO. 22,289; Z-9791: 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: 7 ayes; 1 nay; 1 absent; and 2 open positions*) *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.23-acre property located at 2119 South Martin Street is requesting that the property be reclassified from R-3, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two (2)-Family District. (Located in Ward 1)

21. ORDINANCE NO. 22,290; Z-9796: 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: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 2 open positions*) *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.752-acre property located at the northeast corner of Production Drive and Distribution Drive is requesting that the property be reclassified from C-3, General Commercial District, to C-4, Open Display Commercial District. (Located in Ward 7)

22. ORDINANCE NO. 22,291: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Air Cleaning Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$63,700.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Hose Reel Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System for the Fleet Services Department Truck Maintenance Shop; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Air Cleaning Technologies, Inc., for the purchase & installation of one (1) Hose Reel Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System for the Fleet Services Department.

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, 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 Richardson, 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.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 23 – 24)

23. ORDINANCE NO. 22,292; Z-6748-F: 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: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 2 open positions*) *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.25-acre property located at 1208 Bowman Road is requesting that the property be reclassified from C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, to C-3, General Commercial District. (Located in Ward 6)

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, 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 Hines, 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 property was relatively small in nature and asked what the applicant's plans were for future development of the location.

(Unknown Individual): Stated that he represented the applicant and they were not sure what they wanted to do with the property; but wanted to have the zoning changed so that the property could be marketed accordingly.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Hines and Adcock voting in opposition, **the ordinance was approved.**

24. ORDINANCE: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-116 (2) (1988), to increase the salaries of members of the Board of Directors to \$28,000.00 per year; to make other corrections to the Code provision; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. **(Sponsored by Director Phillips)**

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Phillips, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Adcock voting in opposition, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a second time. Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Phillips, 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 he felt that it was not wise to vote to increase their own salaries and was in favor of placing the item on the ballot to let the voters determine if the Board salaries needed to be increased. In addition, Director Hines stated that he had an issue with providing benefits to the Board of Directors as the positions were technically classified a part-time.

Director Phillips stated that he had proposed the increase due to the fact that the Board's salaries had not been raised since 2013. Director Phillips stated that he had researched the part-time Governing Body salaries of the following municipalities: Richmond, VA (\$25,000.00); Boise, ID (\$27,000.00); and Salt Lake City, UT (\$40,000.00).

Director Miller stated that he took fiscal responsibilities into consideration and with this being the seventh month of the fiscal year, he would prefer to have the discussion regarding raises included during the 2024 Budget Review.

Vice-Mayor Webb stated that she agreed with Director Miller, and that when she served in the Arkansas State Legislature they utilized an Independent Council to review and recommend raises for the Legislators. Director Kumpuris stated that he had a hard time thinking about taking money away from the Budget to cover the cost of salary increases when there were so many other needs within the City that lacked funding. Director Lewis stated that she supported the increase and that if the salary were more enticing, it might convince more young people to run for office. Director Lewis stated that she felt that there needed to be change amongst the Board to move the City forward.

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to call the question on the vote. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Richardson and Peck. Nays: Miller; Hines; Lewis; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Webb. By a vote of two (2) ayes and eight (8) nays, **the question to call the vote failed.**

Director Phillips stated that he would be willing to put forth the amendment that stated if the ordinance were passed, it would not go into effect until January 1, 2024, and it could be incorporated into the 2024 Budget.

Director Phillips made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to remove the emergency clause and make the ordinance effective on January 1, 2024. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Richardson; Lewis and Phillips. Nays: Miller; Peck; Hines; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Webb. By a vote of three (3) ayes and seven (7) nays, **the motion failed.**

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to call the question on the vote. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the question to call the vote was approved.**

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Richardson; Lewis and Phillips. Nays: Miller; Peck; Hines; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Webb. By a vote of three (3) ayes and seven (7) nays, **the ordinance failed.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Luke Skrable: Deliberate Lawlessness by those we are forced to support with Public Funds.

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 Phillips 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

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor