

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
August 1, 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; Peck; Hines; Wyrick (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Phillips (enrolled at 6:20 PM via WebEx Teleconferencing); Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. Directors absent: Richardson; Lewis and Kumpuris. Director Joan Adcock delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 6)

1. MOTION: To approve the May 16, 2023, June 6, 2023, June 20, 2023, and July 11, 2023, minutes of the Little Rock City Board of Directors Meeting; and the June 13, 2023, minutes of the Little Rock City Board of Directors Special Called Meeting.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 16,061: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Crafton Tull & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$80,670.00, for Professional Engineering Consultant Services, for the design of the Rose Creek Trail Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the Manager to enter into a contract with Crafton Tull & Associates, Inc., for Professional Engineering Consultant Services for the Rose Creek Trail Improvement Project.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 16,062: To authorize the City Manager to award Professional Engineering Services Contracts for Design and Survey Services for the 2023-2025 Capital Improvement Projects funded from the proceeds of the 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds for Street and Drainage; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds) Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contracts with Consulting Engineering Firms to provide Engineering Design and Survey Services for the 2023 to 2025 Public Works Capital Improvement Program.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 16,063: To authorize the Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to execute any documents necessary to convey approximately 685 square-feet of land as Tract 10, in addition to a Temporary Easement as Tract 10E-1, for the purpose of highway construction as shown on the Arkansas Department of Transportation Right-of-Way Plans for Job No. 061454; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute documents necessary to convey approximately 685 square-feet of land as Tract 10 in addition to a Temporary Easement as Tract 10E-1 for the purpose of highway construction as shown on the right-of-way plans for Job No. 061454.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 16,064: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arkansas Valley Communications, in an amount not to exceed \$78,977.50, for the purchase of new Handheld Radios for 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 Arkansas Valley Communications for the purchase of Motorola Radios, and corresponding hardware, including antennas.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 16,065: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with FTN Associates, Ltd., in an amount not to exceed \$97,650.00, to [provide Engineering Consulting Services at the Little Rock Landfill; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with FTN & Associates Ltd., to provide Engineering Consulting Services at the Little Rock Landfill.

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.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Margaret Baltz: Stated that she had signed a Real Estate Contract to sell the property and would be closing within the next several weeks and asked the Board to repeal the demolition of 2620 State Street.

City Manager Bruce Moore stated that the Board had condemned the property earlier in the year and a Contractor had been hired for demolition. City Manager Moore stated that if the Board wanted to stop the demolition, action would need to be taken that evening.

Director Miller made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to stop the demolition on 2620 State Street.

City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that the property had been included on a previous Demolition Ordinance and that in order to remove, the ordinance would have to be repealed. City Manager Moore stated that he could stop the demolition; however, because the City had already entered into a contract with Contractor, there would still be a cost incurred.

Ethan Graves: Housing.

Sergio Macial: Traffic Safety on 29th Street & Boyd Street.

Stan Evans: Sewer Line.

Luke Skrable: Why Deliberately Ignore the Public That Elects & Hire You?

Michael Keck: Development.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 7 -9)

City Manager Moore stated that due to the fact that there were not eight (8) Board Members present to suspend the rules, the ordinances would be held on first reading.

7. ORDINANCE: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with United Private Network, in an amount not to exceed \$135,635.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of equipment and service to connect to a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network for the

East Little Rock Community Center; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with United Private Network for the purchase of equipment and service to connect to a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network for the East Little Rock Community Center.

8. ORDINANCE: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1)-year sole-source agreement with City Year, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, to establish an education program relative to the City's Educational Initiative for use by the Little Rock School District; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to authorize City Manager to enter into a contract with City Year, Inc., to establish an educational program whereby City Year AmeriCorps Members provide single-point solutions to address a school or student's needs and designed to meet students' academic and social-emotional needs by providing support at the individual student, classroom, and whole-school levels and to create school-wide learning environments.

9. ORDINANCE: To declare it unfeasible and impractical to bid; to authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Aptus Financial to assist eligible City Employees to seek student loan forgiveness; to establish an initial fee and an annual renewal fee; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinances were read the first time.

City Manager Bruce Moore stated that due to timing, the Board needed to take action on the items as quickly as possible. City Manager Moore asked that a Special Called Meeting be held on August 8, 2023, at 4:00 PM prior to the Agenda Meeting, so that the Board could take action.

DISCUSSION (Item 10)

10. DISCUSSION: 2023 Sales Tax Proposal.

Mayor Scott stated that the following Public Meetings had been scheduled for each Ward at 6:00 PM:

Ward 4: August 14, 2023, at Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 1818 Reservoir Road.

Ward 1: August 16, 2023, at Second Baptist Church Downtown, located at 222 East 8th Street.

Ward 7: August 21, 2023, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, located at 5300 Stagecoach Road.

Ward 2: August 23, 2023, Southwest Community Center, located at 6401 Baseline Road.

Ward 6: August 24, 2023, The Centre at University Park, located at 6401 West 12th Street.

Ward 5: August 28, 2023, Fellowship Bible Church (West Entrance), located at 1401 Kirk Road.

Ward 6: August 30, 2023, Christ Little Rock Church, 315 South Hughes Street.

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Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor