

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
August 15, 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. Deputy City Clerk Allison Segars called the roll with the following Directors present: Miller; Richardson; Peck; Hines; Lewis; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. Director Virgil Miller delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Heat Watch Campaign, Little Rock Sustainability Office

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 12)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 16,066: To authorize the City Manager to rename the neighborhood park located at West 4th Street and South Schiller Street to Rose Creek Park; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to recognize the naming of the neighborhood park located at West 4th Street and South Schiller Street to Rose Creek Park.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 16,067: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Musco Sports Lighting, in an amount not to exceed \$875,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for new Facility Sport Lights for six (6) Baseball/Softball Fields at the Junior Deputy Baseball Park; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC, for new Facility Sport Lights for Six (6) Baseball/Softball Fields at Junior Deputy Ballfield Complex.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 16,068: 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 contracts with Consulting Engineering Firms to provide Engineering Design and Survey Services for the 2023 - 2025 Public Works Capital Improvement Program.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 16,069: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arkansas Public Safety Solutions/Motorola Avigilon, in an amount not to \$142,414.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of a Video Security System for the Arkansas State Fairgrounds Complex; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Arkansas Public Safety Solutions/Motorola Avigilon for the purchase of a Video Security System for the Arkansas State Fairgrounds Complex.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 16,070: To authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the Little Rock Police Department Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Application and the Memorandum of Understanding with Pulaski County; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute any necessary documents and to take any actions necessary to implement all parts of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant awarded to the Little Rock Police Department, including, but not limited to, entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Pulaski County.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 16,071: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with WD&D Architects, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, to provide Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Little Rock Zoo Bond Project; 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 contract with WD&D Architects for Architectural and Engineering Design Services in association with the Little Rock Zoo's Bond Project.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 16,072: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Navona Construction, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$228,475.00, for the razing and removal of the former Little Rock Police Department Building and Annex located at 700 West Markham Street; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Navona Construction, LLC, for the razing and removal of the former Little Rock Police Department Building and Annex located at 700 West Markham Street.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 16,073: To authorize the City Manager to purchase the annual renewal of subscriptions for Licensed Adobe Project, for a total amount of \$66,468.34, to support City of Little Rock business processes; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to purchase the annual renewal of subscriptions for Licensed Adobe Products currently utilized Citywide to support City of Little Rock business processes.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 16,074: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Maintenance Renewal Contract with Optiv Security, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$239,085.89, plus applicable taxes and fees, to provide services and upgrades to the City's existing Checkpoint Firewalls; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew the Maintenance Contract with Optiv Security, Inc., to cover services on all the City's existing Checkpoint Firewalls.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 16,075: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Presidio Networked Solutions, in an amount not to exceed \$203,376.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, to provide Managed Detection and Response Monitoring Service for the Information Technology Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Presidio Networked Solutions, for Managed Detection and Response Monitoring Service to provide 24/7 monitoring of the City's Network for cyber activity.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 16,076: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 16,058 (July 18, 2023), to amend the existing contract with the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to provide Economic Development Consulting Service and to make other necessary amendments; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

12. RESOLUTION NO. 16,077: To appoint a successor Commissioner to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners of the Riverdale Harbour Municipal Property Owners Improvement District No. 1 of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Appointment of Haitham Alley, a property owner in the District, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Commissioner Mike Myers.

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

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 13 - 20)

13. ORDINANCE NO. 22,296; A-347/Z-9806: To accept the Blue Stem Annexation, to add certain lands to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to zone said land to I-3, Heavy Industrial District; and for other purposes. *(Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To accept the annexation of some 32.7 acres along Zeuber Road (in the 5800 to 7000 blocks of Zeuber Road) to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and zone the area to I-3, Heavy Industrial District. (Located within the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

14. ORDINANCE NO. 22,297; Z-8546: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Revised Planned Industrial Development titled 4200 Hoerner, LLC, PID, located at 4200 Hoerner 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; 2 absent; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 7.54-acre property, located at 4200 Hoerner Road, be rezoned from I-2, Light Industrial District, to PID, Planned Industrial District, to allow for a two (2) lot industrial development. (Located in Ward 2)

15. ORDINANCE NO. 22,298; Z-9782: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Revised Planned Commercial Development titled Dunnick Mixed Use PCD, located at 6024 Stagecoach 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; 1 absent; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 1.68-acre property, located at located at 6024 Stagecoach Road, be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, to PCD, Planned Commercial Development, to allow for a mixed use commercial development. (Located in Ward 7)

16. ORDINANCE NO. 22,299; Z-9790: 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; 1 recusal (Thomas); and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.30-acre property located at 3924 Potter Street is requesting that the property be reclassified from R-3, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District. (Located in Ward 6)

17. ORDINANCE NO. 22,300; Z-9802: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Revised Planned Development – Industrial titled Williams PD-I, located at 4700 Mabelvale Pike, 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; 2 absent; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.53-acre property, located at located at 4700 Mabelvale Pike, be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-I, Planned District – Industrial, to allow for a Commercial Fence Company. (Located in Ward 2)

18. ORDINANCE NO. 22,301: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a sole-source contract with FARO Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$81,883.17, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of a FARO System for the Little Rock Police Department Major Crimes Division; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sole-source contract with FARO Technologies, Inc., for the purchase of a FARO System for the Little Rock Police Department Major Crimes Division.

19. ORDINANCE NO. 22,302: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a sole-source contract with ICOR Technology, in an amount not to exceed \$177,659.56, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of two (2) ICOR Mini Tracked Robots for the Little Rock Police Department SWAT Team and the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with ICOR Technology for the purchase of two (2) ICOR Mini Tracked Robots for the Little Rock Police Department SWAT Team and the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad.

20. ORDINANCE NO. 22,303: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a sole-source contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,462,556.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for a five (5)-year term, for Cloud Hosting Services and Work Flow Management of PremierOne CSR Solution, PremierOne Citizen Mobile Application and the PremierOne CSR Mobile Applications, also known as the 311 System; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for Cloud Hosting Services and Work Flow Management of PremierOne CSR Solution, PremierOne Citizen Mobile Application and the PremierOne CSR Mobile Applications, also known as the 311 System.

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

Director Miller asked for an explanation regarding Item 20. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that the purchase would enhance the City's ability from a technology standpoint, in creating a better workflow between Departments and notifications. Director Wyrick stated that she had run into the issue of when multiple 311 Requests were entered for the same item, they would closeout all but one ticket on the item. Director Wyrick stated that it was confusing for individuals when they had entered a request and went back to check on the status only to find that it was marked closed. City Manager Moore stated that the issue had been discussed with 311 Staff on how to address multiple tickets for the same item and they were working to develop a solution.

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 18 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 19 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 20 was approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 21 – 24)

21. ORDINANCE NO. 22,304: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev., Code Chapter 36, § 36-256 (1988), providing for the modification of various procedures and land use regulations related to the R-4, Two-Family District, zoning classification; and for other purposes. *(Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 2 open positions) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To amend the R4, Two-Family District, Zoning classification to allow a Two-Family Use to be detached.

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 Wyrick stated that she would like to see a separate zoning classification developed instead of changing the R-4 zoning across the map. Director Miller stated that according to the map that had been provided, the majority of the vacant R-4 lots were located in Ward 1, and he felt that the change would help certain areas become more affordable for Developers.

Mike Orndorff: Stated that he lived in the Pettway Neighborhood, and that the proposed ordinance would give Developers more options on the type of multi-family that could be built. Mr. Orndorff stated that he was in support of the ordinance.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Richardson; Webb; Peck; Lewis; Kumpuris; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Wyrick and Adcock. By a vote of eight (8) ayes and two (2) nays, **the ordinance was approved.**

22. ORDINANCE NO. 22,305; Z-9792: 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: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.29-acre property located at 1619/1623 Johnson Street from R-3, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District. (Located in Ward 1)

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 Richardson, 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.**

23. ORDINANCE NO. 22,306; Z-9803: 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; 1 nay; 1 absent; and 1 open position*) *Staff recommends denial.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 2.27-acre property located at 12006 Chicot Road from R-2, Single-Family District, to C-3, General Commercial District. (Located in Ward 2)

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 Adcock stated that it had been mentioned that the property would be utilized for auto repair and she was concerned about the new homes that had been constructed in front of the area. Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins stated that the applicant had planned to build a 50' x 80' building for the purpose of storing two (2) diesel trucks. Mr. Collins stated that the applicant had stated that it would be utilized for personal uses only and there would be no other diesel truck traffic to the property; however, it was not a condition of the rezoning, it was a statement made from the podium at the Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Collins stated that staff did not recommend approval due to the fact that they felt it was more of a C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District, use for the property.

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

24. ORDINANCE NO. 22,307; Z-9787: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Revised Planned Development – Commercial titled Thomas Short-Term Rental, PD-C, located at 300 Springwood Drive, 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; 1 recusal (Thomas); and 1 open position*) *Staff recommends denial.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.29-acre property, located at located at 300 Springwood Drive, be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development - Commercial, to allow for a Short-Term Rental. (Located in Ward 4)

Diana Thomas: Stated that she was the applicant and that her proposed Short-Term Rental was located at the edge of the neighborhood boundary. Ms. Thomas stated that she was a licensed Real Estate Broker and that the property would be well cared for. Ms. Thomas stated that there was ample parking and that part of the lease agreement stated that there would be no parties or special events onsite.

Director Peck stated that she had received several call from the neighborhood; however, after the applicant had stated there would be not parties or special events, she was prepared to vote for the application.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 25)

Director Phillips made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Board & Commission Appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of Board & Commission Appointments.**

25. RESOLUTION NO. 16,078: To make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commission; and for other purposes.

Age-Friendly Little Rock Commission: Appointment of Blake Tierney to serve his first four (4)-year Ward 1 Representative term, said term to expire on May 21, 2027. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Parks and Recreation Commission: Appointment of Summer Campbell to fill the unexpired term of Ren Bressinck, said term to expire on January 31, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Port Authority: Reappointment of Clay McGeorge to serve his second five (5)-year term, said term to expire on July 6, 2028. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Water Reclamation Commission: Reappointment of Schawnee Hightower to serve his second five (5)-year term, said term to expire on August 1, 2028. Appointment of Prentice O'Guinn to serve his first five (5)-year term, said term to expire on August 1, 2028. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Zoo Board of Governors: Appointment of Christy Garrett to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 16, 2026. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

MacArthur Military History Museum Commission: Appointment of Patricia Jo Keegan to fill the unexpired term of Markham Howe, said term to expire on February 21, 2025. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park Board: Appointment of Steve Fike to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on June 1, 2026. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

DISCUSSION (Item 26)

26. DISCUSSION: 2023 Sales Tax Proposal.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were no cards received from individuals wanting to speak during Citizen Communication.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Allison Segars, Deputy City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor