OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
Extension of Sewer Service outside the City without annexation	Ordinance √ Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Planning & Development Department		Bruce T. Moore City Manager
SYNOPSIS	A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Pulaski County to provide Sewer Service to the Housing First Village Project outside the City Limits without requiring annexation.	

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the resolution.

BACKGROUND

Pulaski County has purchased approximately 150 acres south of the City of Little Rock; this land is currently undeveloped. Working with several non-profits, the County is developing a project to address the 'chronic homeless' population in Central Arkansas, which includes individuals that have been houseless for at least a year.

The County is basing the project on a successful project in Travis County, Texas. The scope of the project is to have a final dwelling place for their residents with a focus on their mental, physical, emotional and workforce development. Micro cottages, small environmentally friendly homes, will be created to house the residents. The project will also contain a health clinic, land for farming, community kitchen, entrepreneur hub and other necessities to ensure growth and stability.

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

The development will be on County owned land and run by a non-profit organization who will work with existing homeless and housing groups. Access to the development is planned from Green Road, between Chicot Road and Geyer Springs Road, in southern Pulaski County. Phase I of the development will include 100 tiny houses with an ultimate occupancy of 400. Each tiny house will be intended as a single-occupancy structure.

The site is outside of the City, but within the Little Rock Planning Area. The current City Limits do touch the project area in two (2) places along the north (former railroad right-ofway) and a portion of the eastern boundary. There is an existing Sewer Service Line along the former railroad right-ofway between Chicot Road and Geyer Springs Road. The County wishes to extend the service south along Chicot Road the east to a pump station to service the site.