

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
January 2, 2018
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a regular meeting with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Richardson; Peck; Hines; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Stodola. Father Fred Ball, San Damiano Ecumenical Catholic Church delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS:

M-1 RESOLUTION: To recognize the opioid epidemic in the United States of America and in Arkansas; and to engage in litigation as a member of the Municipal Legal Defense Program against those entities and people responsible for this societal crisis; and for other purposes.

City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that the opioid epidemic had been widely publicized in the United States due to companies encouraging the over recommendation of addictive medications. City Attorney Carpenter stated that as a result, there had been several Class Actions Suits that had been filed around the country; one of which impacted the area. City Attorney Carpenter stated that the first multidistrict litigation hearing had been held in St. Louis, Missouri. City Attorney Carpenter reported that the Arkansas Municipal League was representing the municipalities within the State of Arkansas and because the City of Little Rock was a member of the Municipal Legal Defense Program, they would represent the City; however, they needed a formal document (resolution) passed by the Board.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to add Item M-1 to the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item M-1 was added to the Consent Agenda.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 1 and Item M-1)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,699: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mark McLarty Ford Lincoln, in an amount not to exceed \$105,792.00, for the purchase of six (6) new Ford Fusion Sedans for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mark McLarty Ford Lincoln for the purchase Six (6) new Ford Fusion Sedans for the Little Rock Police Department.

M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 17,702: To recognize the opioid epidemic in the United States of America and in Arkansas; and to engage in litigation as a member of the Municipal Legal Defense Program against those entities and people responsible for this societal crisis; and for other purposes.

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

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

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 2)

2. ORDINANCE NO. 21,524: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to issue a Sole-Source Purchase Order to Tactical Electronics, in an amount not to exceed \$44,904.00, for the purchase of one (1) Bomb/EOD Hand-Entry Instruction Course for use by the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad and other Arkansas Bomb Technicians; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The Little Rock City Manager's Office/Emergency Management Division is requesting approval to award a Sole-Source Purchase Order to Tactical Electronics for the purchase of one (1) Bomb/EOD Hand-Entry Instruction Course for use by the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad and other Arkansas State Bomb Technicians.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to read the ordinance a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, 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.

Emergency Management Specialist Nathan Spicer stated that the item was for a training course that would be taught for Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Technicians and other Bomb Technicians throughout the State. Mr. Spicer stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) certified the City's Bomb Squad J.T. Coleman, Special Agent Bomb Technician for the FBI Little Rock Field Office, stated that he worked with the local Bomb Squads and would be leading the training course.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Items 3 - 4)

Directors Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the election of the appointments to Boards and Commissions. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

3. RESOLUTION NO. 14,700: A resolution to make appointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission (1 position) and Little Rock Planning Commission (2 positions).

Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission: Appointment of Mark Camp to serve his first five (5)-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2022. Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Planning Commission: Appointment of Marlon Haynes to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2020. Appointment of Diana Thomas to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2018. Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

4. RESOLUTION NO. 14,701: A resolution to make reappointments to the Central Arkansas Library Systems Board of Trustees; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: Reappointment of Annette Harrington to serve her second three (3)-year term. Reappointment of Sheila Wright to serve her second three (3)-year term.

Central Arkansas Library Systems Board of Trustees: Reappointment of Annette Harrington to serve her second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2020. Reappointment of Sheila Wright to serve her second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2020. Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Mark Stodola, Mayor