

**Little Rock Board of Directors  
March 7, 2023  
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in 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 (enrolled at 6:07 PM) Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. Director Virgil Miller gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Engage AR AmeriCorps Week Proclamation  
"What Black History Month Means to Me" Student Video Presentation

**ADDITIONS:**

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with HYDCO, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$322,622.00, to renovate the Board of Directors Chambers at Little Rock City Hall; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Construction Services Contract with HYDCO, Inc., for the renovation of the Board of Directors Chambers at Little Rock City Hall.

**M-2 RESOLUTION:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dana Safety Supply, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,505,531.75, plus applicable taxes and fees, for up-fitting of 107 Vehicles for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dana Safety Supply for the up-fitting of 107 vehicles for the Little Rock Police Department.

**M-3 RESOLUTION:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Utility Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$220,108.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of 107 Rocket Modems and accessories for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Utility Associates, Inc., for the purchase of 107 Rocket Modems and Accessories for the Little Rock Police Department.

**DEFERRALS:**

**18. ORDINANCE; LU2023-12-01:** To amend the Land Use Plan in the 65<sup>th</sup> Street West Planning District, at 7404 Mabelvale Pike from Residential Low Density (RL) to Residential Medium Density (RM); and for other purposes. *(Deferred from February 21, 2023)(Deferred until March 21, 2023, at the applicant's request)(Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval*

**Synopsis:** To approve a Land Use Plan Map amendment in 65<sup>th</sup> Street West Planning District at 7404 Mabelvale Pike from Residential Low Density (RL) to Residential Medium Density (RM). (Located in Ward 7)

**19. ORDINANCE; Z-9702-A:** 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. *(Deferred from February 21, 2023) (Deferred until March 21, 2023, at the applicant's request)(Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval*

**Synopsis:** The owner of the 1.35-acre property, located at 7204 Mabelvale Pike, is requesting that the property be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District. (Located in Ward 7)

**22. ORDINANCE:** To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 17, Article IV, § 96(A) (1988) and various Zoning Articles and Sections of Chapter 36; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from September 6, 2022)(Deferred from September 20, 2022)(Deferred from October 18, 2022)(Deferred from November 15, 2022)(Deferred from January 17, 2023)(Deferred from February 21, 2023)(Deferred until April 4, 2023, at staff's request)(Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To approve an ordinance regulating Short-Term Rentals within the zoning area of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Director Hines stated that as the sponsor of Item 17, he would like to defer the item until April 4, 2023.

**17. RESOLUTION:** To express the disagreement of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to the ten (10)-year rate increase and issuance of indebtedness by Central Arkansas Water to deal with certain infrastructure issues; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from February 21, 2023)(Deferred until April 4, 2023, at the sponsor's request) (Sponsored by Director Hines)*

Director Richardson made them motion, seconded by Director Hines, to add Items M-1, M-2 & M-3 to the Consent Agenda, to defer Items 18 & 19 until March 21, 2023, and to defer Items 17 & 22 until April 4, 2023. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1, M-2 & M-3 was added to the Consent Agenda, Items 18 & 19 were deferred until March 21, 2023, and Items 17 & 22 were deferred until April 4, 2023**

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 11 and Items M-1, M-2 & M-3)**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 15,921:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents to purchase the former Shepard's Building, located at 603 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, in the amount of \$950,000.00; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the purchase of the Shepard's Building, located at 603 West Markham Street, to be renovated for a future City facility.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,922:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with SHI, Inc., in an amount not to exceed of \$88,708.34, plus applicable taxes and fees, based upon the current number of Departmental licenses for VMWare VSphere Licenses and three (3) years support for the City's new Data Center Servers; and for other purposes. *(A portion of the funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with SHI, Inc., for the purchase of VMWare Licenses and three (3) years support for new Data Center Servers.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,923:** To transfer the title of the properties located at 3517 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 1812 Pinewood Drive, from the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to Habitat for Humanity of Central Arkansas, Inc., to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** In an effort by the Land Bank to maximize the City's revitalization efforts, staff would like to transfer the 6,850 square-foot lot located at 3517 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street and the 12,194 square-foot lot located at 1812 Pinewood Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Habitat for Humanity. (Located in Ward 1)

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,924:** To accept title to the property located at 2815 South Pulaski Street, to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** In an effort to increase the number of properties held by the Land Bank and maximize the City's revitalization efforts, staff would like to accept the donation of the 8,712 square-foot property located at 2815 South Pulaski Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. (Located in Ward 1)

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,925:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an Employee Assistance Program Services Agreement with Southwest Employee Assistance Programs, Inc., in an annual amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the provision of an Employee Assistance Program and WorkLife Services to the City of Little Rock; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Southwest Employee Assistance Programs, Inc., for an Employee Assistance Program for City Employees and their dependents for the period January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2024.

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,926:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,194,647.50, plus applicable taxes and fees; for the purchase of 169 Mobile Radio Systems for the Little Rock Police Department, utilizing the Arkansas State Contract Purchasing Agreement; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of a 169 Mobile Radio Systems for the Little Rock Police Department.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,927:** To amend Resolution No. 14,908 (December 18, 2018), to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with FORVIS, LLP, formerly BKD, LLP, to provide Certified Public Accounting Services to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the period ended 2018 - 2022; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to amend Resolution No. 14,908 (December 18, 2018), to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with FORVIS, LLP, formerly BKD, LLP, to provide Certified Public Accounting Services to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas for the period ended 2018 – 2022.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 15,928:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Fourth Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park Board as Lessors, and the Little Rock School District as Lessee, to extend the Lease for one (1) additional term of one (1)-year effective January 1, 2023, and to approve basic annual rent for the Year 2023 in the amount of \$13,800.00; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to allow the Board of Directors to authorize a Fourth Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the City and the Oakland Cemetery Board, as Lessors, and the Little Rock School District ("LRSD"), as Lessee, for a one (1)-year the extension of the Lease between the City/Oakland Cemetery Board and the LRSD regarding the Booker School property.

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,929:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$770,856.96, plus applicable

taxes and fees for the purchase of 107 In-Car Radios for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of 107 Motorola Radios for the Little Rock Police Department.

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 15,930:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$700,170.00, plus applicable taxes and fees for the purchase of 107 WatchGuard Cameras and Accessories for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of 107 WatchGuard Cameras and Accessories for the Little Rock Police Department.

**11. RESOLUTION NO. 15,931:** To approve the issuance of the Exterior Permit for solar panels at 2218 South Schiller Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, during the temporary moratorium on the issuance of Demolition Permits and Exterior Building Permits in the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to approve solar panel installation on the structure located at 2218 South Street Schiller during the temporary moratorium on the issuance of Demolition and Exterior Building Permits in the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District of Little Rock. (Located in Ward 1)

**M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 15,932:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with HYDCO, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$322,622.00, to renovate the Board of Directors Chambers at Little Rock City Hall; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Construction Services Contract with HYDCO, Inc., for the renovation of the Board of Directors Chambers at Little Rock City Hall.

**M-2 RESOLUTION NO. 15,933:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dana Safety Supply, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,505,531.75, plus applicable taxes and fees, for up-fitting of 107 Vehicles for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dana Safety Supply for the up-fitting of 107 vehicles for the Little Rock Police Department.

**M-3 RESOLUTION NO. 15,934:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Utility Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$220,108.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of 107 Rocket Modems and accessories for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Utility Associates, Inc., for the purchase of 107 Rocket Modems and Accessories for the Little Rock Police Department.

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**

Johnny Hasan: Public Health Emergency.

Kendall Foreman: Parks & Recreation.

Jerome Jerry Jackson, Jr.: Westbridge.

Norma Huffman: Big Country Chateau.  
Nicholas C. Black: Big Country.  
Amy Black: Big Country Chateau.  
Phillip Harris: Big Country Chateau.

## **GROUPED ITEMS (Items 12 - 16)**

**12. ORDINANCE NO. 22,230:** To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to issue a Sole-Source Purchase Order to River City Hydraulics, in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for an annual contract for Heil Parts and Service for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Approval of a Sole-Source Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with River City Hydraulics for Heil Parts and Service, for the Fleet Services Department.

**13. ORDINANCE NO. 22,231:** To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to issue a Sole-Source Purchase Order to Banner Fire Equipment, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for an annual contract for E-One Parts and Service for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Approval of a Sole-Source Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Banner Fire Equipment

**14. ORDINANCE NO. 22,232:** To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to issue a Sole-Source Purchase Order to G & W Diesel, in an amount not to exceed \$285,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for an annual contract for Pierce Fire Truck Parts and Service for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Approval of a Sole-Source Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with G & W Diesel for Pierce Parts and Service, for the Fleet Services Department.

**15. ORDINANCE NO. 22,233:** To amend Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,122 (April 19, 2022); to authorize the City Manager to amend the Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., and to increase the contract amount to \$218,362.62, for the City's Radio Infrastructure Equipment for use by the Emergency Communications Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** An ordinance to approve the City Manager to extend the contact with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the City's Radio Infrastructure Equipment use by the Emergency Communications Department.

**16. ORDINANCE NO. 22,234:** To amend Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 22,079 (December 21, 2021), to adjust the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Ordinance to reflect revenue and expenditure adjustments for the General Fund, Street Fund, Waste Disposal Fund and Parking Garage Fee; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Fourteen (14) adjustments need to be made to the 2022 Budget to adjust for changes in actual and anticipated revenues and expenditures.

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 Miller, 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.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 16 was approved.**

#### **SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 20 & Item 21)**

**20. ORDINANCE:** To establish a Local Ordinance District for the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from February 7, 2023) Staff recommends denial and to refer the item back to the Historic District Commission.*

**Synopsis:** An ordinance to establish a Local Ordinance District for the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District of Little Rock, which roughly encompass the area east of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Drive, south of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Jones Street and the South Park Street below Wright Avenue and north of West Roosevelt Road.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Miller, 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 Miller stated that he supported staff's recommendation for denial, and that the two (2) adjacent neighborhoods – Central High and Wright Avenue – were opposed to the ordinance. Director Miller stated that staff had met with the neighborhoods and had listened to their concerns.

Sheila Miles: Stated that she was the President of the Wright Avenue Neighborhood Association and that they were in opposition of the Local Ordinance District and asked the Board vote to not approve the ordinance.

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

**21. ORDINANCE:** To amend Chapter 23, Article IV, § 23-97(A) of the Little Rock Revised Code of Ordinances (1988); to increase the number of Historic District Commissioners from seven (7) to nine (9); **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *(Deferred from February 7, 2023) Staff recommends denial and to refer the item back to the Historic District Commission.*

**Synopsis:** An ordinance to increase the members of the Historic District Commission from seven (7) to nine (9) to increase representation on the Commission for owner-occupants of the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District should a Local Ordinance District be established.

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 failed.**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS (items 23 - 26)**

**23. ORDINANCE NO. 22,235:** To form and lay off Little Rock Municipal Property Owners Improvement District No. 2023-001 (Edgewood Subdivision Project); and for other purposes. *(Deferred from February 21, 2023) Staff recommends approval*

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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.

Mayor Scott asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Scott closed the public hearing. By voice unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

**24. ORDINANCE NO. 22,236:** To form and lay off Little Rock Municipal Property Owners Improvement District No. 2023-002 (Edgewood Subdivision Recreation District); and for other purposes. *(Deferred from February 21, 2023) Staff recommends approval*

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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.

Mayor Scott asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Scott closed the public hearing. By voice unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

**25. ORDINANCE NO. 22,237; G-23-486:** To abandon the ten (10)-foot wide alley right-of-way, located within Block 16, Gibraltar Heights Addition in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, block bounded by Atkins Road to the east and three (3) undeveloped rights-of-way to the north, south and west; and for other purposes.

**Synopsis:** The adjacent property owners request to abandon the ten (10)-foot wide alley right-of-way located within Block 16, Gibraltar Heights Addition, block bounded by Atkins Road to the east (700 Block) and three (3) undeveloped rights-of-way to the north, south and west. (Located in Ward 5)

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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.

Mayor Scott asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Scott closed the public hearing. By voice unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

**26. ORDINANCE NO. 22,238; G-23-487:** To abandon the twenty (20)-foot wide alley right-of-way, located within Block 176, Original City of Little Rock, Arkansas, block bounded by West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, South State Street and South Gaines Street; and for other purposes.

**Synopsis:** The adjacent property owners request to abandon the north 160 feet of the twenty (20)-foot wide alley right-of-way located within Block 176, Original City of Little Rock, Arkansas, block bounded by West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, South State Street and South Gaines Street. (Located in Ward 1)

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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.

Mayor Scott asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Scott closed the public hearing. By voice unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

## **REPORTS (Item 24)**

**27. REPORT:** Legislative Update – Emily Cox, Assistant City Manager

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 28)**

**28. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Annual Evaluations of the City Manager and City Attorney.

Director Kumpuris stated that due to the absence of the City Manager, he would like to defer the Annual Evaluation of the City Attorney until both he and the City Manager were present.



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Mayor Scott asked for a vote to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was adjourned.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Allison Segars, Deputy City Clerk**

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**Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**