### Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting October 20, 2015 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; Webb; Cazort; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines and Mayor Stodola. Director Ken Richardson delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PRESENTATIONS

Little Rock Fire Department Citizen's Fire Academy City Beautiful Commission Landscape Awards

### ADDITIONS:

**M-1** <u>**ORDINANCE**</u>: To dispense with competitive bids and to authorize the purchase of \$25,000.00 in various communicable diseases vaccines pursuant to arrangements made by the United States Government; *to declare an emergency;* and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.* 

Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to use the Federal Center for Disease Control Program and contract with various manufacturers to purchase vaccines needed to protect City employees from communicable diseases.

### DEFERRALS:

**23.** <u>**RESOLUTION;**</u> S-867-CCCCCCC:</u> To rescind the Little Rock Planning Commission's action in denying variances and a request to allow a median cut on Chenal Parkway associated with a preliminary plat for Chenal Valley Tract 4A 4B and 8 revised preliminary plat, located on the northwest corner of Chenal Parkway and Rahling Road, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission:* 1 aye; 10 nays and 0 absent on the denial of the plat variances; 0ayes. *Planning Commission:* 0 ayes; 11 nays; and 0 absent to allow a median cut on Chenal Parkway. Staff recommends denial. (Deferred until November 17, 2015, at the applicant's request).

Synopsis: The applicant, Deltic Timber Corporation, is appealing the Planning Commission's denial of variances associated with a preliminary plat request located on the northwest corner of Chenal Parkway and Rahling Road. The request also includes approval for a median cut on Chenal Parkway.

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to add Item M-1 to the Grouped Items and to defer Item 23 until November 17, 2015. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item M-1 was added to the Grouped Items and Item 23 was deferred until November 17, 2015.** 

Director Adcock stated that Item 24 needed further study and asked that it be removed from the agenda. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that because Director Adcock had

asked that the item be placed on the agenda for Board action, there did not need to be a motion and second in order to remove the item.

# CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 14)

1. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,214**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Township Builders, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$134,626.80, for Pleasant Valley Drainage Improvements; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax)* Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Township Builders, Inc., for Pleasant Valley Drive at Platte Valley Drive Drainage Improvements, Project Number 13-4-07E, Bid Number 15022. (Located in Ward 4)

2. <u>RESOLUTION NO. 14,215</u>: To authorize an increase to the authorized contract amount for O.R. Colan and Associates for Appraisal and Acquisition Services in amount not to exceed \$300,000.00; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds)* Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: Authorizes an increase in the authorized contract amount with O.R. Colan and Associates for the acquisition of easements for the 2013 through 2015 Infrastructure Improvement Program.

**3.** <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,216**</u>: To a authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for Engineering Services with Jewell Engineers, Inc., d/b/a Landmark Engineering & Surveying, in an amount not to exceed \$76,020.00, for a Sidewalk Improvement Program; and for other purposes. (*Funding from the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds*) Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Jewell Engineers, Inc., d/b/a Landmark Engineering & Surveying selected through a Statement of Qualifications process, Bid No. 14201, to provide Engineering Design and Survey Services for Meadowcliff Sidewalks Phase 2 (Located in Ward 7), Wright Avenue Sidewalks (Located in Ward 1), Markham Multi-Use Trail (Located in Ward 3) and Sandpiper Sidewalk. (Located in Ward 3)

**4.** <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,217</u>**: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Township Builders, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$174,830.40, for Echo Valley Drainage Improvements; and for other purposes. (*Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax*) Staff recommends approval.</u>

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Township Builders, Inc., for Echo Valley Drainage Improvements, Project No. 13-4-104, Bid No. 15-023. (Located in Ward 4)

5. <u>RESOLUTION NO. 14,218</u>: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cruse Car, Inc., in the total amount of \$59,775.00, for the purchase of five (5) Electric Maintenance Utility Vehicles for the Little Rock Zoo; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 5/8-Cent Operational Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.* Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cruise Car, Inc., for the purchase of five (5) Electric Maintenance Utility Vehicles for the Little Rock Zoo at a total cost of \$59,775.00.

6. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,219**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to extend the existing policy with Affiliated FM to provide Property Insurance coverage for City-owned facilities, together with contents, equipment and other property, for a twelve (12)-month period, effective November 1, 2015; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from October 5, 2015)* Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: Affiliated FM, the incumbent provider of Property Insurance coverage, has offered a renewal effective October 8, 2015, with no increase in premium rates. This renewal represents the fourth year of a maximum seven (7)-year policy periods noted in the most recent Request for Proposal.

7. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,220**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dayco Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$342,000.00, for the installation of safety barriers at the Big Cat and Great Ape Exhibits at the Little Rock Zoo; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.* 

Synopsis: The resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Dayco Construction, Inc., for the installation of safety barriers at the Big Cats and Great Ape Exhibits at the Little Rock Zoo. Construction will include labor and materials for the installation of black oxide steel safety mesh.

8. <u>RESOLUTION NO. 14,221</u>: To authorize the use of eminent domain on Ward 1 Improvement Projects for 26<sup>th</sup> Street and South Tyler Street; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax)* Staff recommends approval. Synopsis: Authorizes the City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-of-

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-ofway, permanent and temporary construction easements and land for 26<sup>th</sup> Street (Project No. 1-82) and South Tyler Street (Project No. 1-13k) Improvement Projects. (Located in Ward 1)

**9.** <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,222</u>**: To authorize the use of eminent domain on Ward 6 Improvement Projects for 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Potter Street and Malloy Street; and for other purposes. (*Funding from the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds & the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax*) Staff recommends approval.</u>

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-ofway, permanent and temporary construction easements and land for 44<sup>th</sup> Street (Project No. B-6d), Potter Street (Project No. 6-7a) and Malloy Street (Project No. 6-2) Improvement Projects. (Located in Ward 6)

**10.** <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,223**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Landscape Structures, Inc., in the total amount of \$84,291.42, for a new playground at Brodie Creek Park, pursuant to the Arkansas State Purchasing Contract; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax)* Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: To authorize City Manager to enter into a contract with Landscape Structures, Inc. for a total amount of \$84,291.42 for a new playground at Brodie Creek Park. (Located in Ward 7)

**11.** <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,224**</u>: To consent to the assignment of a certain Lease Agreement, as amended, for the benefit of the Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park; to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.* 

Synopsis: The resolution allows the Board to consent to an assignment of a Lease Agreement dated June 11, 1959, as amended, for the benefit of Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park. The resolution also authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Third Amendment to the Lease Agreement to memorialize this consent to assignment of the Original Lease Agreement, as amended.

**12.** <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,225**</u>: To appoint Assessors for the Riverdale Levee Improvement District No. 134 of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

**13.** <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,226**</u>: To approve an Annual Contract for the purchase of Ready Mix Concrete for the Public Works Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.* 

Synopsis: Request for approval to enter into an annual contract with Levy Concrete to provide the Public Works Department with ready mix concrete materials for use in street and sidewalk repairs. The contract will be for one (1)-year from date of award, with possible extensions yearly for two (2) additional years, if agreed by all parties.

**14.** <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,227</u>**: To authorize the purchase of additional vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, for the Little Rock Police Department from the Arkansas State Contract; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*</u>

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

# GROUPED ITEMS (Items 15 – 18 and Item M-1)

**15.** <u>ORDINANCE NO. 21,112; Z-9070</u>: 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.* 

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.155-acre lot located at 2006 Junior Deputy Road is requesting that the zoning be reclassified R-2, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District. (Located in Ward 6)

**16.** <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 21,113; Z-9071:**</u> 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.* 

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.16-acre lot located at 1806 Wilson Road is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District. (Located in Ward 6)

**17.** <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 21,114</u>**: To dispense with competitive bids due to an exceptional situation; to award an agreement with Optiv Security, Inc., for Security Awareness Training for City employees, in the amount of \$32,500.00; *to declare an emergency;* and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*</u>

Synopsis: To authorize City Manager to dispense with bids and purchase Security Awareness Training for City employees from the City's current firewall vendor Optiv Security, Inc.

**18.** <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 21,115**</u>: To provide for the issuance and sale of a series of Library Construction and Refunding Bonds for the purpose of funding acquisition, construction and equipping of Library Capital Improvement Projects; refunding one (1) or more outstanding series of Library Construction and Improvement Bonds; pledging Library Tax Revenues and Special Tax collections sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds; authorizing the accomplishment of the projects; approving an official statement; prescribing other matters relating thereto; *to declare an emergency;* and for other purposes.

**M-1** <u>ORDINANCE NO. 21,116</u>: To dispense with competitive bids and to authorize the purchase of \$25,000.00 in various communicable diseases vaccines pursuant to

arrangements made by the United States Government; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.* 

Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to use the Federal Center for Disease Control Program and contract with various manufacturers to purchase vaccines needed to protect City employees from communicable diseases.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, 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. 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 ordinances were approved. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the emergency clause for Item 17 was 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 18 was 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 18 was approved.

# SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 19 – 20)

**19.** <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,229; G-25-218</u>:** To change the name of Confederate Boulevard to Springer Boulevard; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 absent. Staff recommends approval.*</u>

Synopsis: The applicants are requesting that the name of Confederate Boulevard be changed to Springer Boulevard. The current Confederate Boulevard street name begins on the north at the East 21<sup>st</sup> Street/Barber Street/Confederate Boulevard intersection and extends south about ten (10) blocks to the Railroad/Springer Street crossing.

<u>Gloria Springer, 6 Harris Circle</u>: Stated that she would like for the street to be renamed so that they could stake their name for their community.

<u>Randall Freeman, 1010 Scott Street</u>: Stated that he did not want his tax dollars to be used to change the name of the street and that he was not in favor of the changing of the name.

<u>Anika Whitfield</u>: Stated that the street name was offensive for individuals that lived in the neighborhood and they had the right to have a name that represented their community.

<u>Kay Tatum, 315 Rock Street</u>: Stated that she was opposed to changing the name and thought it was disrespectful for the approximately 65,000 African-American men that fought for the Confederacy.

<u>Betsey Mowery, 3715 Doral Drive</u>: Stated that she was in support of renaming the street.

Daniel Hopwood, 4317 Maryland Avenue: Stated that he was in opposition of renaming of the street.

<u>James Szenher, 1114 Garland Street</u>: Stated that he was speaking on behalf of Little Rock Collective Liberation, a growing group of residents working to build multi-racial movements in the community to unite the City, and that they were in favor of the name change.

Jay Clark, 10 Berayn Drive: Stated that he was against the renaming of the street.

<u>Horace Springer, 2208 Rice Street</u>: Stated that he represented the family and that they respectfully requested that the street name be changed.

Sharon Welch Blair, 2120 Louisiana Street: Stated that she was against the renaming of the street.

<u>Joy Springer, 2200 Rice Street</u>: Stated that she would like to thank the members of the community that started the process to change the name of the street and the members of Planning Commission for recognizing that the process had been followed. Ms. Springer asked that the Board support changing the name of the street.

<u>Alexander Wilson, 521 West Cross Street, Mountain Home, AR</u>: Stated that he had retired from the military and that he was bothered by giving credibility to something that was wrong, such as removing the names of events in history.

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Hendrix, to approve the resolution. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Hendrix; Richardson; Webb; Cazort; Wright; Kumpuris; Fortson; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Wyrick and Adcock. By a vote of eight (8) ayes and two (2) nays, **the resolution was approved**.

**20.** <u>**ORDINANCE**</u>: To condemn a certain structure in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as a structural, fire and health hazard; providing for summary abatement procedures; directing the City Manager to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structure; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. (*Deferred from March 3, 2015*) (*Deferred from September 15, 2015*) *Staff recommends approval.* 

Synopsis: The commercial structure located at 1924 Commerce Street has become run-down, dilapidated, unsightly, dangerous and detrimental to the public welfare of the citizens of the City of Little Rock.

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

<u>Stuart Yancey</u>: Stated that he had secured the roof and boarded the windows and made the necessary improvements to ensure that the building was sound.

Mayor Stodola asked what the plans were for the building. Mr. Yancey stated that when he initially purchased the structure, his intention was to make it his residence; however, his present goal was to either locate the funds to rehabilitate the structure or to sell the property.

Director Hendrix asked for staff's recommendation. Planning & Development Department Director Tony Bozynski stated that staff had initially recommended that the building be demolished; however, with the work that had been completed to secure the building; staff now felt that it should be preserved. Director Hendrix stated that the building had been in poor shape for many years and it wasn't until the City began to take action that the owner had decided to make any improvements and she would like to see the building demolished. Director Cazort stated that many times the Board would grant additional time to owners to make improvements only to have them fail to make any

changes; however, this was a rare exception in that the owner had actually made improvements to the structure. Director Cazort stated that the structure was not in perfect condition; however, it was in far better condition than when it was initially brought to the Board for action. Director Adcock asked the applicant what type of extension he was seeking. Mr. Yancey stated that he would like for the property to be removed from the condemnation ordinance to provide him time to locate funds to rehabilitate the structure or to sell the property.

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to call the question on the vote. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the question to vote was called.** 

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Hendrix and Richardson. Nays: Webb; Cazort; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. By a vote of two (2) ayes and eight (8) nays, **the ordinance failed.** 

# PUBLIC HEARINGS (Items 22 & 24)

22. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 14,228</u>**: To prohibit the withdrawal and use of groundwater on certain lands in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, conditioned upon adequate safe water supplies being made available to these properties; *to declare an emergency;* and for other purposes.</u>

Mayor Stodola opened the public hearing.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to approve the resolution.

Mayor Stodola asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Stodola closed the public hearing.

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

**24.** <u>**HEARING**</u>: Appeal on the denial of a Certificate of Public Convenience and the necessity for a Taxi Cab Operator Permit.

Mayor Stodola opened the public hearing and asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item.

Fleet Services Department Director Wendell Jones stated that the application had been denied due to the fact that the applicant was unable to show that is was a necessity or convenience for additional taxi cabs. Mayor Stodola asked how the determination was made that the additional taxi cabs were not necessary. Mr. Jones stated that if there were issues with the present cab company and the convenience and necessity was not being met, then there would be a need for additional cabs. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that if individuals were not able to get a cab, or if there were complaints regarding the cab company, that would indicate that there was a necessity for additional cabs

permits. Mayor Stodola asked how many Taxi Cab Permits were available. Mr. Jones stated that the Board had authorized 120 permits, which at that time were all held by Greater Little Rock Transportation. Mr. Jones stated that to-date, the City had issued 117 permits.

Director Richardson asked if the applicant had been operating illegally within the City of Little Rock. Mr. Jones stated that staff had cited them on one (1) occasion.

Director Cazort asked how many permits the applicant was requesting. Mr. Jones stated that the applicant was requesting three (3) permits. Director Cazort stated that he didn't think that the addition of three (3) taxi cabs from another company was going to provide a big competition to the current taxi cab company. Director Wyrick asked what the penalty would be if the City allowed the three (3) permits. City Attorney Carpenter stated that if the three (3) permits were allowed, it would open the door for another company to come in and ask for additional permits. In addition, City Attorney Carpenter stated that the Board had issued all the permits for 2015 in December 2014, so the issue should really be addressed in December of that year when the permits for 2016 would be discussed.

City Attorney Carpenter stated that the applicant was not forbidden to operate within the City of Little Rock. City Attorney Carpenter stated that the company was located in North Little Rock and could pick-up and bring riders to Little Rock and leave and be called back to pick-up those individuals and take them back to North Little Rock; however, the could not remain in Little Rock and wait for additional fares. City Attorney Carpenter stated that the citation they received was due to the fact that they parked and waited for other individuals that might need a cab within Little Rock. City Attorney Carpenter stated that on another occasion, which they were not cited for, the driver was parked on Kavanaugh Boulevard and City Manager Bruce Moore asked if he could have a ride and was told that he could.

Vice-Mayor Hines stated that the permit stated that the company would have to offer 24/7 service and asked if the applicant, with only three (3) cabs, would be able to meet that requirement. Mr. Jones stated that in his opinion he thought they would be able to offer 24/7 service. Director Adcock asked if the applicant had an office in Little Rock. Mr. Jones stated that the Little Rock location was listed as 400 West Capitol Avenue.

Director Cazort asked if the address at 400 West Capitol Avenue was physicallymanned, or if it was a service of process.

<u>Eugene Clifford, 400 West Capitol Avenue</u>: Stated that he was legal counsel for Ken's Cabs. Mr. Clifford stated that due to the fact that they did not currently have the permits to operate within the City of Little Rock, they were not manning the Capitol Avenue location at that time. Mr. Clifford stated that once the permits were approved, they would begin manning the office.

Director Cazort what suite number the office was located at 400 West Capitol Avenue (Regions Bank Building). Mr. Clifford stated that office was located in Suite No. 1700, which was where the law firm that he worked for was also located. Director Cazort asked where the dispatch office was currently located. Mr. Clifford stated that currently it

was located with the drivers and once permits were approved, it would be located in Suite No. 1700 at 400 West Capitol Avenue. Mr. Clifford stated that all the tenants on the 17<sup>th</sup> Floor were recently notified that Regions Bank had bought the floor; therefore, ultimately they would be moving to a new location.

Kenneth Leininger, 13 Robbye Lane, Searcy, AR: State that he was the owner of Ken's Cabs, LLC. Mr. Leininger stated that he had worked for Yellow Cab for 8½ years and that in March of that year, he left Yellow Cab in good-standing to start his own company. Mr. Leininger stated that the goal of his company was to provide friendly, polite and reliable service in clean, comfortable late-model cars that would add to the appeal of Little Rock both to its own citizens and the thousands of yearly visitors. Mr. Leininger stated that his flat rate was lower across the board than Yellow Cab for areas around Little Rock.

<u>Ellis Houston</u>: Stated that he was with Greater Little Rock Transportation Services. Mr. Houston stated that he was not concerned with competition, as his 117 taxis were now competing with over 200 Uber vehicles. Mr. Houston stated that when he started his business, he purchased two (2) failing cab companies, Black & White Cab and Capitol Cab Company, which were not large enough to service the Little Rock market. Mr. Houston stated that at the time, he spent over \$1 million dollars in equipment, infrastructure and a new facility and since that time, he had put an addition \$1 million dollars into improvements. Mr. Houston stated that his concern was that without infrastructure, the smaller cab companies would sit and wait for riders at the airport, train station, etc. Mr. Houston stated that one of his drivers had filmed a Ken's Cab car picking up a rider at the airport that morning. Mr. Houston stated that Ken's Cab had been violating the City of Little Rock's Transportation Code and operating illegally within the City since April.

Director Kumpuris stated that he recommended for Mr. Leininger come back in December when the Board issued the permits for 2016 and make the request for the permits. Director Kumpuris stated that in the interim, Mr. Leininger should work on getting his infrastructure into place and his dispatch office set up.

Director Wright made the motion, seconded to Director Adcock to call the question on the vote. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the question to vote was called.

Mayor Stodola closed the public hearing.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Hendrix; Richardson; Webb; Cazort; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. By a vote of zero (0) ayes and ten (10) nays, **the item failed.** 

Director Hendrix stated that she would like to change her vote on Item 20 from Aye to Present. As a result, the final vote for Item 20 was as follows: Ayes: Richardson. Nays: Webb; Cazort; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Present: Hendrix. By a vote of one (1) aye; eight (8) nays; and one (1) present, **the ordinance failed.** 

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, for the Board to take a fifteen (15)-minute recess. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Hendrix, Richardson, Webb, Cazort, Wyrick, Fortson and Vice-Mayor Hines voting in opposition, **the motion failed**.

# CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Patrice Smith, 2 Nottingham Road: Police Affairs.

<u>Dr. Khiela Holmes, 1904 Leander Drive</u>: The Effect of Racism: A Call for Reconciliation & Need to Build a More Inclusive Community.

<u>Sheryl Alexander, 16 Howell Drive</u>: The Effect of Racism: A Call for Reconciliation & Need to Build a More Inclusive Community.

Dan Scheiman, 219 Beechwood Street: Friends of Fourche Creek

Ned Sealy, 213 South Rice Street: Rental Inspection.

Harold Payne, 3412 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street: Rental Inspection.

Barbara Smith: Acknowledgements & Invitation to City Administration.

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Kumpuris, 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