

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JUNE 6, 2017 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Authorizing Use of Eminent Domain on the Russ Street Improvement Project</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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SYNOPSIS	<p>Authorizes the City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-of-way and Permanent & Temporary Construction Easements for the Russ Street Improvement Project, Project No. 13-4-106.</p>
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>Funding for this project is available from the 2013 Capital Improvement Bonds for Streets and Drainage and the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales and Compensating Use Tax as authorized by Resolution No. 13,699, as amended by Resolution No. 14,269.</p>
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>
BACKGROUND	<p>City Staff has been successful in acquiring three (3) of the land and right-of-way parcels necessary for the construction of the Russ Street Improvement Project. However at this time, one (1) parcel property owner has refused to accept the appraised value of the property or negotiate and will not answer calls or written correspondence. Staff has sent one last certified letter and made a personal visit to the owner's address; however, the use of eminent domain will be needed to move the project forward.</p>

BACKGROUND
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The project will reconstruct a two (2)-lane roadway section with curb, gutter, storm sewers and sidewalk on one side on Russ Street from Piggee Street to Cantrell Road.