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A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$180,000.00), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL LITERACY PROGRAMMING FOR ONE (1)-YEAR, BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2020, AS ENDORSED BY THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock remains committed to aid in the improvement of student literacy of the city’s students, particularly in the earliest grades; and,

WHEREAS, this Board had shown its support for literacy work with the appropriation of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00) for the Frankly Reading Program to take place in the summer of 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Little Rock School District (LRSD) and the City had established a partnership around the LRSD Summer Enrichment Academy for the summer of 2020 which would have featured Frankly Reading; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the LRSD Summer Enrichment Academy was cancelled by the Superintendent of the Little Rock School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Lexia Supplemental Literacy Program is on the approved list of literacy programs has been piloted with proven success in three (3) schools within LRSD; and,

WHEREAS, the Lexia Supplemental Literacy Program is individualized to all students, ranging from struggling to gifted readers, and can be accessed virtually and independently by students as well as being used by the teacher in a traditional classroom setting to support reading instruction, a particularly valuable asset because of the unpredictability of the 2020-21 School Year; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission on Children, Youth and Families met to review the recommendation that the Lexia Supplemental Literacy Program would be a viable alternative to the original Summer Literacy Program and would benefit students in their literacy work; and now endorse the recommendation for approval with conditions; and,

WHEREAS, upon the formal adoption of this resolution, the contract will be finalized and executed with LRSD.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**
2 **OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

3 **Section 1.** The City Manager is authorized to enter into a Contract with the Little Rock School
4 District for the expressed purpose of providing the Lexia Supplemental Literacy Program to students in at
5 least fifteen (15) elementary schools within the District in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Eighty
6 Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00).

7 **Section 2.** Funds for these programs are available in the 2019 Budget for the Community Programs
8 Department, Account S15C179.

9 **Section 3.** The term for the contract listed in Section 1 of this resolution shall be for a period no
10 longer than one (1)-year starting August 1, 2020.

11 **Section 4.** The Little Rock School District shall report to the Commission on Children, Youth and
12 Families the portion of the total District contract with Lexia covered by the City's contribution, services
13 received and development of a strategy for the provision of broadband services to students across the
14 District in advance of disbursement of the funds.

15 **Section 5.** The City Manager shall be satisfied that a plan for the delivery of broadband services to
16 students across the District is in place in advance of disbursement of the funds.

17 **Section 6.** All payments are conditioned upon entry into contracts for services that are in a form
18 acceptable to the City Attorney; further, nothing in this resolution prevents the City from being able to
19 offer similar services to any vendor if, in its sole discretion, it decides to do so.

20 **Section 7. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
21 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
22 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution, which shall remain in full force and
23 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the
24 resolution.

25 **Section 8. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances and resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent
26 with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

27 **ADOPTED: July 21, 2020**

28 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk

_____ **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

32 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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35 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**