

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
March 21, 2017  
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a meeting with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Richardson; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Stodola. Directors absent: Hines. Director Doris Wright delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

National Immigration Day of Action Proclamation

**ADDITIONS:**

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To certify Local Government Endorsement of Ace Glass Manufacturing, LLC, located at 3101 Dugan Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program (as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**M-2 RESOLUTION:** To authorize the Mayor to execute a Letter of Support for Sunset Terrace to receive a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit from the Arkansas Development Finance Authority; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The resolution would authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support for the applicant, Little Rock Housing Authority/dba Metropolitan Housing Alliance and its subsidiary Central Arkansas Housing Corporation, to apply for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Arkansas Development Finance Authority for the Sunset Terrace Project, a seventy-four (74)-unit multi-family development rehabilitation located at 2800 South Battery Street.

**M-3 ORDINANCE:** To grant a Franchise to the Arkansas Riverview Development, LLC, for a Temporary Construction Easement to construct and franchise rights to access and maintain certain structural piers that are existing on or to be added to City Property (collectively the 'Beneficial Piers'), including the installation of a sump pump upon City property; to authorize the City to enter into a Structural Pier and Sump Pump Franchise Agreement with Arkansas Riverview Development, LLC; and for other purposes.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to add Items M-1 and M-2 to the Consent Agenda and to add Item M-3 to the Grouped Items. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1 and M-2 were added to the Consent Agenda and Item M-3 was added to the Grouped Items.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 6 and Items M-1 & M-2)**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,518:** To authorize the City Manager to renew contracts for Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA), in a total combines amount not

to exceed \$511,875.00, for one (1)-year, with the City's option to renew the term of the contracts for one (1) additional one (1)-year term; and for other purposes

**Synopsis:** **Renewal of Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Funding to the Arkansas AIDS Foundation and Northeast Arkansas Regional Aids Network in an amount not to exceed a combined total of \$511,875.00.**

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 14,519:** To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Redstone Construction Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,327,917.34, for street resurfacing within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** **Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with the low bidder, Redstone Construction Group, Inc., for asphalt resurfacing within the City of Little Rock.**

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 14,520:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an annual contract with The Tree Marshall as primary contractor, and Jedidiah Sawyer Tree Service as secondary contractor, for the purposes of providing Tree Removal and Tree Trimming Services on an as-needed basis for various City Departments; 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 The Tree Marshall, as primary contractor, and Jedidiah Sawyer's Tree Service, as secondary contractor, to provide the Public Works Department and various other City Departments with contract services for Tree Removal and Tree Trimming. The contract will be for one (1)-year from date of award, with possible extensions yearly for two (2) additional years, if agreed to by all parties.**

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 14,521:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an annual contracts with Goodyear Commercial Tires, Looney's Tires and Southern Tire Mart, with an annual budget not to exceed \$100,00.00, for commercial tires for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** **Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Goodyear Tires, Looney's Tires and Southern Tire Mart for commercial tires.**

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,522:** To make appointment to the Arkansas Arts Center Board of Trustees; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** **Appointment of Maribeth Frazier to serve her first four (4)-year term.**

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,525:** To request that the Superintendent of the Little Rock School District and the Arkansas Commissioner of Education perform a Community Impact Study regarding school closures; and for other purposes.

**M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 14,523:** To certify Local Government Endorsement of Ace Glass Manufacturing, LLC, located at 3101 Dugan Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program (as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**M-2 RESOLUTION NO. 14,524:** To authorize the Mayor to execute a Letter of Support for Sunset Terrace to receive a 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit from the Arkansas Development Finance Authority; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** **The resolution would authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support for the applicant, Little Rock Housing Authority/dba Metropolitan Housing Alliance and its subsidiary Central Arkansas Housing Corporation, to apply for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the**

**Arkansas Development Finance Authority for the Sunset Terrace Project, a seventy-four (74)-unit multi-family development rehabilitation located at 2800 South Battery Street.**

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Adcock and Kumpuris voting in opposition on Item 6, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

### **GROUPED ITEMS (Item 7 and Item M-3)**

**7. ORDINANCE; Z-3459-J:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Little Rock School District – Southwest High School Long-Form PD-C, located at 9715 Mabelvale Pike, at the intersection of Mabelvale Pike and Sibley Hole Road, 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 request is a rezoning from C-3, General Commercial District, R-2, Single-Family District and OS, Open Space District, to PD-C, Planned Development - Commercial, to allow for the development of sixty-one (61) acres with a new Little Rock School District High School Campus. (Located in Ward 7)

**M-3 ORDINANCE NO. 21,371:** To grant a Franchise to the Arkansas Riverview Development, LLC, for a Temporary Construction Easement to construct and franchise rights to access and maintain certain structural piers that are existing on or to be added to City Property (collectively the 'Beneficial Piers'), including the installation of a sump pump upon City property; to authorize the City to enter into a Structural Pier and Sump Pump Franchise Agreement with Arkansas Riverview Development, LLC; and for other purposes.

The ordinances were read a first time.

Director Wyrick stated that she had spoken with Superintendent Michael Poore regarding the proposed new high school and the lack of intricate details in the planning that would affect the adjacent neighborhoods. Director Wyrick stated that representatives from the Little Rock School District had met with residents from the neighborhood earlier that day and they were in agreement that the ordinance should be kept on first reading to give them more time to address some of the concerns. **Item 7 was held on first reading.**

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to read the ordinance for M-3 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 Wright, 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 was approved.**

## **SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 8 - 9)**

**8. ORDINANCE NO. 21,375:** To dispense with the requirements for competitive bids and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Northrup Grumman, in an amount not to exceed \$192,207.00, plus any applicable taxes, to purchase twelve (12) months of support service for the NGIT Altaris application for the 911 Computer-Aided Dispatch System; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** This ordinance waives competitive bidding for the purchase of up to twelve (12) months of Software Maintenance and Support for the NGIT Altaris application for the City's Computer-Aided 911 Dispatch System.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 Peck, 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 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause was approved.**

**9. ORDINANCE NO. 21,376:** To condemn certain structures in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as structural, fire and health hazards; to provide for summary abatement procedures; to direct City Staff to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structures; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Six (6) residential structures in a severely dilapidated, deteriorated and/or burned condition causing a negative environmental impact on the residential neighborhoods in which they are located in. All Notices have been mailed in accordance with Arkansas State Law.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 Peck, 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 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause was approved.**

## **REPORTS (Items 10 – 11)**

**10. REPORT:** November 2016 Financial Report – Sara Lenehan, Finance Department Director

Ms. Lenehan reported that through the end of November, 92.22%, or \$175,029,478, of the revenues of the Annual Budget had been collected as compared to 92.32%, or \$174,407,350, in 2015. Ms. Lenehan stated that the revenues were approximately \$1,000,000 above the Amended Budget year-to-date, and \$622,000 higher than the previous year. Ms. Lenehan reported that for the month of November, the City's Sales Tax Receipts increased 4.75% and the City's portion of the County's Sales Tax

increased 3.91%, which when combined, the blended Sales Tax collections increased 4.29%. Ms. Lenehan reported that the year-to-date blended Sales Tax receipts to 0.36% above the Amended Budget, and 0.32% above the same period a year ago.

Ms. Lenehan reported that through the end of November, 89.37%, or \$165,703,098, of the Annual Budget had been expended, as compared to 87.87%, or \$161,013,093, in 2015.

Mayor Stodola recognized Hays Laidlaw, a Boy Scout present in the audience, who was working on his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

**11. REPORT:** Legislative Update – Emily Jordan Cox, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

Ms. Cox provided the Board with an update regarding legislative action taken during the current session of the 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly.

Mayor Stodola stated that he had not heard from any of the Board Members regarding the appeal filed by Luke Skrable on lifting the ban for him to enter City buildings. Mayor Stodola stated that the following day he would be sending a letter to Mr. Skrable's attorney advising him that the appeal had been denied. Director Hendrix made the motion to lift the ban on Luke Skrable. **The motion failed due to the lack of a second.**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Barbara Smith, P.O. Box 166052: Rock Region Metro Bus Center.  
Camille Richoux, 4105 A Street: Mental Health & School Disruption.  
Kathy Wells, P.O. Box 777: Interstate 30  
Anika Whitfield: LRSD Millage Tax.  
Suzanne Pharr: Thank you to Little Rock City Board and Mayor.

Director Fortson, made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Webb, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was adjourned.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Susan Langley, City Clerk**

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**Mark Stodola, Mayor**