

**Little Rock Board of Directors  
May 3, 2022  
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; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips (enrolled at 6:05 PM); Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Director Joan Adcock gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS:**

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To state the additional intended uses of the remaining portion of the First Tranche of the allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**M-2 RESOLUTION:** Of support for a study to be conducted by Fifty for the Future of the feasibility of a deck park over Interstate 30, between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock, Arkansas; to pledge cooperation with this project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**M-3 RESOLUTION:** To authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Delta Dental Plan of Arkansas, Inc., in the amount of \$2,200,000.00, for the purchase of approximately five (5) acres of land and a 40,000 square-foot building, for use by the Little Rock Port Authority for economic development; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**DEFERRALS:**

**11. ORDINANCE; LU2022-15-01:** To amend the Land Use Plan in the Geyer Springs West District, northwest of the Mabelvale Pike and Sibley Hole Road intersection from Light Industrial (LI) to Commercial (C); and for other purposes. *(Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 open position) (Deferred from April 5, 2022) (Deferred from April 19, 2022) (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings held on April 5, 2022) Staff recommends approval. (Deferred until May 17, 2022, at the applicant's request)*

**Synopsis:** To approve a Land Use Plan amendment in the Geyer Springs District at the northwest corner of Mabelvale Pike and Sibley Hole Road from Light Industrial (LI) to Commercial (C). (Located in Ward 7)

**12. ORDINANCE; Z-9655:** 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: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 open position) (Deferred from April 5, 2022) (Deferred from April 19, 2022) Staff recommends approval. (Deferred until May 17, 2022, at the applicant's request)*

**Synopsis:** The owner of the 17.707-acre property, located at the northwest corner of Mabelvale Pike and Sibley Hole Road, is requesting that the property be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to C-3, General Commercial District, and OS, Open Space District. (Located in Ward 7)

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to add Items M-1, M-2, and M-3 to the Consent Agenda, and to defer Items 11 and 12 until May 17, 2022. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1, M-2 and M-3 were added to the Consent Agenda and Items 11 and 12 were deferred until May 17, 2022.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 7 and Items M-1 – M-3)**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,669**: To express the willingness and intent of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program to stabilize the Pike-Fletcher-Terry House, located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and to execute a Historic Preservation Easement for the Pike-Fletcher-Terry House to the State of Arkansas, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The resolution will express the City's intent authorize the Mayor to accept a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Historic Preservation Easement for the Pike-Fletcher-Terry House for the emergency stabilization repairs.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,670**: To authorize the Mayor to accept funds from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program to conduct Phase II of the Hillcrest National Register of Historic Places District Resurvey and for training for Historic District Commissioners and Staff; to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute any and all necessary applications, agreements and contracts for its administration; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The resolution will authorize the Mayor to accept a grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program Phase II of the Hillcrest National Register Historic Properties Resurvey and for training for the Historic District Commission Commissioners and Staff.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,671**: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,638 (March 15, 2022), to add an option to extend the contract for a third year with the Arkansas Regional Commission, for Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to amend the Resolution No. 15,638 (March 15, 2022), which granted funding to the Arkansas Regional Commission to provide HOPWA Services for one (1)-year with the option to extend the contract for one (1), one (1)-year term instead of two (2), one (1)-year terms.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,672**: To authorize the City Manager to appropriate \$732,467.64 from the City's 3/8-Cent Capital Sales and Compensating Use Tax proceeds to the Arkansas Livestock Show Association for capital improvements to the Arkansas State Fairgrounds; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to make an appropriation to the Arkansas State Fair Grounds, also known as the Arkansas Livestock Shot Association, for capital improvements including, but not limited, to fence and gate improvements along Roosevelt Road and Schiller Street, a paging system and associated electrical work.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,673**: To express the willingness of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to utilize Federal-Aid Recreation Trail Funds for the Two Rivers Park Trail Resurfacing Project; to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute any and all necessary agreements and contracts for its administration; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the Two Rivers Park Trail Resurfacing Project.

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,674:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sub Award with the University of Arkansas, in the amount of \$175,349.00, pursuant to the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sub Award Agreement with the University of Arkansas to serve as a Research Partner for the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,675:** To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,391 (February 23, 2021) for a one (1)-year extension with Our House for the purpose of management, implementation and operation of the activities of the Financial Navigators Grant funded through the Cities for Financial Empowerment, Inc., as endorsed by the Commission on Children, Youth and Families for 2022; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To amend Resolution No. 15,391 (February 23, 2021) and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Our House for a one (1)-year extension to administer the Financial Navigators Grant.

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

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

There were no cards received from individuals wanting to speak during Citizen Communication.

## **GROUPED ITEMS (Items 8 - 10)**

**8. ORDINANCE NO. 22,124:** To condemn the structure located at 4500 Asher Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, as a structural, fire, and health hazard; to provide for summary abatement procedures; to direct City Staff to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structure; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** condemn the commercial structure located at 4500 Asher Avenue, which has become run-down, dilapidated, unsightly, dangerous and detrimental to the public welfare of the citizens of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas. (Located in Ward 1)

Sylvester Brown: Stated that he was the owner of the property and that he had purchased the property from another individual. Mr. Brown stated that he had gone through the process of obtaining the correct permits; however the permits had been denied.

Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins stated that the property owner had painted the building; however, there were structural failures on the roof and none of the conditions that had been outlined when the item was deferred six (6) months ago had been met, and as a result, the request for the permits had been denied. Director Wright asked if funding had been secured for the repairs of the building. Mr. Brown stated that he did have funding secured. Director Miller stated that his first meeting as a City Director had been October 19, 2022, and that the property in question had been on the agenda that evening for demolition. Director Miller stated that it was his understanding that former City Director Erma Hendrix had requested that the owner be given an additional six (6) months to rehabilitate the structure. Director Miller stated that he had recently spoke with the owner and was informed that he had not been able to secure funding and that he needed an additional six (6) months. Director Miller asked if bank funding had been secured. Mr. Brown stated that the process for bank funding had not been approved; however, he had spoken with the Bank Manager regarding possible funding.

**9. ORDINANCE NO. 22,125:** To condemn the structure located at 11001 Chicot Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, as a structural, fire, and health hazard; to provide for summary abatement procedures; to direct City Staff to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structure; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** to condemn the commercial structure located at 11001 Chicot Road, which has become run-down, dilapidated, unsightly, dangerous and detrimental to the public welfare of the citizens of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas. (Located in Ward 2)

**10. ORDINANCE NO. 22,126:** To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid, to authorize the City Manager to issue a Sole-Source Purchase order to Tactical Electronics, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. for the purchase of one (1) Improvised Explosive Device Custom Electronics Instruction Courses for use by the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad and other Arkansas Bomb Technicians; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Tactical Electronics for the purchase of one Improvised Explosive Device Custom Electronics Course for use by the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad.

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor 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 Vice-Mayor Hines, 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 8 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 9 was approved.**

**SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 13)**

**13. RESOLUTION NO. 15,679:** To authorize the preparation of an ordinance calling a Special Election on Bonds; to prescribe other matters pertaining thereto; and for other purposes.

City Manager Bruce Moore reviewed the resolution and stated that the allocation of the project funds would be as follows: Streets (30%); Drainage (30%); Fire Apparatus (12%); Parks & Recreation – including the Zoo (13%); Little Rock Port Industrial Park Expansion (10%); and a facility for the Little Rock District Courts (5%).

Director Peck made the motion, seconded by Director Kumpuris, to amend the resolution so that Streets would receive 2% and Drainage would receive 25%, with the 10% difference going to Parks & Recreation.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Peck; Kumpuris; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Webb; Wright; Wyrick; and Adcock. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he would like to change his from Present to Aye. The final roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Richardson; Peck; Kumpuris; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Webb; Wright; Wyrick; and Adcock. By a vote of six (6) ayes and four (4) nays, **the motion was approved.**

Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, to approve the resolution as amended. By voice vote of the Board members present, with Director Richardson voting Present, **the resolution was approved as amended.**

Director Peck, made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, 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**