OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 MEETING

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
A resolution to grant authority to purchase the parcel located at 3101 West 32 nd Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204.	Ordinance √ Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department		Bruce T. Moore City Manager
SYNOPSIS	In an effort to end homelessness in the City of Little Rock, staff recommends purchasing the 3.53-acare tract with an 8,040 square-foot commercial building, located at 3101 West 32 nd Street, to develop a Micro Home Village and Emergency Shelter.	
FISCAL IMPACT	The offering price is \$460,000.00, and the property is currently listed for \$499,000.00. The Cost Approach Appraisal Value is \$471,000.00. Funds are available in ARP Funds and HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds, Account No. 271259-G0701AR25A, Cash Code 271.	
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the resolution.	
BACKGROUND	The Report on the Little Rock and Central Arkansas Homeless Community Priorities and Needs Survey (February 2021) was completed by Institute of Global Homelessness in an effort to gain a better understanding of the current state of the response to homelessness in Little Rock and Central Arkansas. Each year the Continuum of Care, along with the City of Little Rock staff, volunteers, non-profit organizations and faith-based organization, conducts the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, which is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night.	

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

According the 2021 PIT Count, there were 551 individuals unsheltered.

The City has studied numerous methods to end Homelessness. Purchasing this parcel of land would allow the City to decrease the number of homeless individuals and families experiencing homelessness nightly. The Little Rock and Central Arkansas Homeless Community Priority and Needs Survey state majority of respondents professed a commitment to Housing First principles to help end homelessness in the City of Little Rock. This property will provide a shelter with eighteen (18) beds, ninety (90) noncongregated units and five (5) congregated units for Homeless individuals and families.

The owner of the property is Rickey M. Evans, Sr., an employee of the City of Little Rock. Mr. Evans has owned the property since 2018, prior to the City's offer to purchase. He has no decision-making authority on the matter and is not involved in the project.