



**Wednesday, June 20, 2018, Minutes**  
**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**Centre at University Park**

At 11:40 AM the twenty-second meeting of the LR CENT Committee was called to order by Peter McKinney O’Conner, co-chair. Committee Members present during the meeting were: Dr. Sybil Jordan Hampton, Erma Peterson, Steve Strickland, June Matheny, Musheerah Tharpe, Donald Shellabarger, and Troy Laha.

Committee Members Not Present were: Denise Jones Ennett, Kenneth Gill, Rep. Charles Blake and Kristi Lambert.

Also present were: City Manager Bruce Moore, LR CENT staff member Scott Whiteley Carter, and other City Staff.

**Welcome:** Mr. O’Conner welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the February 21, 2018, meeting were approved. Motion was made by Ms. Matheny, seconded by Ms. Tharpe.

**General Financial Report**

Sara Lenehan, Finance Director presented the General Financial Report. When looking at the first quarter of 2018 compared to the first quarter of 2017, Ms. Lenehan reminded the committee that the 2017 numbers do not contain Amazon collections. Year to date, the City is down 0.47% where it was the prior year. Internet purchases continue to impact the City’s revenue. The final figures for 2017 showed a 1.87% increase over 2016.

Mr. Strickland asked how the City was going to address the fact that revenue might not be sufficient to fund all projects. Mr. Moore responded that he was continuing to monitor the situation. He noted that the Police and Courts building project was going to be significantly less expensive since it was a renovation and not new construction. That will make some more money available.

**Fleet Services**

Donna Facen presented the report for Fleet Services. Since the last report, they have spent \$26,830 on Public Works vehicles; \$59,570 on Fleet Services vehicles; \$159,472 on Parks and Recreation vehicles; \$89,919 on Police vehicles; and \$29,263 on Zoo vehicles. This totals

\$365,054. In response to a question, Ms. Facen summarized the City's bid process for purchasing vehicles.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Director John Eckart presented the report. The department has completed over 800 Linear Feet of trail at Boyle Park which will address frequent flooding concerns. An inflatable pool play structure was purchased for the Jim Dailey Fitness and Aquatic Center. Sports facility lighting has been installed at Otter Creek Park (one soccer field), Murray Park (two soccer fields) and Crump Park (one baseball and one football field).

### **Little Rock Police Department**

Police Chief Kenton Buckner announced 33 members of Recruit Class #89 graduated April 27. It is anticipated 15 members of Recruit Class #90 will graduate August 3 along with 5 members of the COAT (Certified Officers Accelerated Training) Class #91. Recruit Class #92 is scheduled to commence August 20.

In November 2017, the City purchased a building at 615 West Markham Street. The building, once renovated, will be the new headquarters for the Little Rock Police Department. A selection committee has been formed and the procurement process will begin to find a vendor for building renovation. The anticipated project completion date is 2020.

Regarding 911 Communications personnel, a new eight (8) week training academy for communications personnel will begin on August 20, 2018. The Communications division has thirteen (13) vacant positions.

### **Department of Public Works**

Public Works Director Jon Honeywell reported that on June 19, the City Board approved the list of projects for the 2019 through 2021 Capital Improvements Program for Streets and Drainage. A summary of those projects was distributed. The bonds will be issued later this year. The first phase of Kanis is set to be bid in June. The remaining gaps on the Kanis widening are included in the 2019 to 2021 list of projects.

As of May 29, 2018, the in-house Sidewalk Program crew has completed 173,404 square feet (approximately 34,681 linear feet) of new sidewalks since July 2012. Sidewalk constructed by contractor with Sidewalk Program funds 88,307 square feet (17,661 linear feet) since September 2015. A total of 261,711 square feet (52,342 linear feet) of sidewalk reconstruction.

On the 2013 – 2015 Sales Tax Projects, a total of \$2,600,000 in Sales Tax funding was allocated for each ward and the projects were approved by the Board of Directors for construction. Public Works has managed and reviewed the design of these projects by selected design engineering firms. The public meeting process that allows citizens to review and comment on the design of the selected projects has been completed. Multiple projects have been bid and construction started

Regarding the 2016 to 2018 Street Drainage Improvement Program, Public Works has managed and reviewed all project designs by selected design consultants. All design work is substantially complete. Public meetings to receive input from neighborhoods have been completed. Right of way and easement acquisitions are under way on multiple design projects. Utility coordination is underway to relocate facilities as necessary for all projects. Several projects have been moved to the Bid and Construction Phases.

The 2016 Street Resurfacing Program was funded by the sales tax issue. The 2016 Street Resurfacing Program has completed asphalt resurfacing on 84,780 linear feet of City streets. The 2016 Street Resurfacing Program is complete. The 2017 Street Resurfacing Program is also funded by the sales tax issue. The 2017 Street Resurfacing Program has completed asphalt resurfacing on 46,205 linear feet of City streets. The 2018 Street Resurfacing Program has completed asphalt resurfacing on 39,432 linear feet of City streets.

A question was asked about utilities and others making street cuts to do work, but not repairing them to the original standards. Mr. Moore noted that an additional inspector was being added to help address this concern.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 pm.