1	RESOLUTION NO. 13,343		
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3	A RESOLUTION TO STATE THE USES OF CERTAIN OPERATIONS		
4	AND CAPITAL SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAX FUNDS		
5	UPON APPROVAL OF BOTH LEVIES BY THE VOTERS AT AN		
6	ELECTION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2011; AND, FOR OTHER		
7	PURPOSES.		
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9	WHEREAS, pursuant to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 20,449 (July 11, 2011), the Board levied		
10	a 3/8 % sales and compensating use tax to be used for capital improvements of a public nature ("the		
11	Capital Improvements Tax"); and,		
12	WHEREAS, pursuant to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 20,450 (July 11, 2011), the Board set Sep-		
13	tember 13, 2011, as the date of a special election for the voters to approve or reject the levy of the Capita		
14	Improvements Tax; and,		
15	WHEREAS, pursuant to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 20,451 (July 11, 2011), the Board of Di-		
16	rectors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas ("the Board"), levied a 5/8 % sales and compensating use tax		
17	to be used for general purposes ("the Operating Tax"); and,		
18	WHEREAS, pursuant to Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 20,452 (July 11, 2011), the Board set Sep-		
19	tember 13, 2011, as the date of a special election for the voters to approve or reject the levy of the Operat-		
20	ing Tax; and,		
21	WHEREAS, in order to inform the electors of the City of the various uses that have been identified		
22	for the proceeds from the Operating Tax and the Capital Improvement Tax (collectively "the Taxes");		
23	and,		
24	WHEREAS, this Resolution, while not a part of the ballot title for either of the Taxes, is intended as		
25	statement of intent of the Board to accomplish the various uses set forth below;		
26	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY		
27	OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:		
28	Section 1. As set forth more fully below, the Board expresses its intent to expend the estimated pro-		
29	ceeds from the Taxes for needs in the following general categories as follows:		
30	A. Public Safety;		
31	B. Public Works;		

D. Parks and Recreation, the Zoo, and the Arkansas State Fairgrounds; and,

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C. Jobs and Economic Development;

1	E. Additional priorities.
2	Section 2. Public Safety - Operations. It is the intent of the Board of Directors that proceeds
3	from the Operating Tax be expended for Public Safety needs as follows:
4	A. POLICE DEPARTMENT
5	(a) Staffing:
6	(i) Hire fifty-two (52) police officers;
7	(ii) Retain police officer positions currently paid from federal grant funds;
8	(iii) Additional 911/311 call taker positions; and,
9	(b) Provide funding for the Pulaski County Regional Detention Facility.
10	B. FIRE DEPARTMENT
11	(a) Hire thirty-six (36) new fire fighters; and,
12	(b) Retain fire fighter positions currently paid from federal grant funds.
13	C. FLEET SERVICES
14	Monies for annual fleet replacement vehicles.
15	D. HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS
16	(a) Fill twenty (20) code enforcement officer positions, and four (4) animal services
17	positions; and,
18	(b) Additional funding for Land Bank operations.
19	E. NEIGHBORHOOD BASED COMMUNITY INITIATIVE:
20	(a) Youth employment programs;
21	(b) Job skills center;
22	(c) Reentry programs; and,
23	(d) Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (PIT) programs.
24	Section 3. Public Safety - Capital. It is the intent of the Board of Directors that proceeds from the
25	Capital Improvements Tax be expended for Public Safety needs as follows:
26	A. POLICE [ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$31,873,000]
27	(a) Public safety radio and communications system upgrade;
28	(b) Construction of 12 th Street Mid-Town Police Substation;
29	(c) Renovate or construct a Main Police Headquarters and District Courts building; and,
30	(d) Construction and renovation of a new West Little Rock Substation.
31	B. FIRE: [ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$ 4,850,000]
32	(a) Complete construction of a west Little Rock fire station; and,
33	(b) Construction of a southwest Little Rock fire station.
34	C. FLEET SERVICES: [ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$ 3,567,000]

ı	Additional venicles for additional police, fire, and code enforcement staffing.
2	D. HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS: [ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$ 999,000]
3	(a) Code Enforcement; and,
4	(b) Expansion and equipment for the Animal Village.
5	Section 4. Public Works - Operations. It is the intent of the Board of Directors that proceeds from
6	the Operating Tax be expended for building services repair and maintenance needs.
7	Section 5. Public Works - Capital. It is the intent of the Board of Directors that proceeds from t
8	Capital Improvements Tax be expended for Public Works needs as follows:
9	PUBLIC WORKS: [ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$72,000,000]
10	(a) Street resurfacing and maintenance programs;
11	(b) Street, drainage, reconstruction, and traffic signalization; and,
12	(c) Sidewalk constructions.
13	Section 6. Jobs and Economic Development - Capital. It is the intent of the Board of Directors the
14	proceeds from the Capital Improvements Tax be expended for Jobs and Economic Development needs
15	follows:
16	(a) Research Technology Park: [ESTIMATED TOTAL \$22,000,000]
17	to be developed in conjunction with the University of Arkansas for Medical Science
18	and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, for land acquisition, infrastructure, co
19	struction including but not limited to roads, water, sewer, and related improvements, as
20	new technology facility development tied to the creation of jobs at all skill levels;
21	(b) Little Rock Port: [ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$10,000,000]
22	for land acquisition and expansion, including development costs for infrastructure f
23	the recruitment of advanced manufacturing jobs; and,
24	(c) Job Recruitment and Economic Development Infrastructure Funds: [ESTIMATED TOTAL
25	\$6,000,000]
26	Eligible projects brought to the City Board of Directors which must create jobs an
27	leverage capital investment within the City by either partnering with State program
28	such as the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and the Quick Action
29	Closing Fund, or by using guidelines tied directly to capital investments and jobs cr
30	ated with clawbacks to be used for companies that fail to fulfill these commitments.
31	Section 7. Parks and Recreation, and the Zoo - Operations. It is the intent of the Board of Dire
32	tors that proceeds from the Operations Tax be expended for Parks and Recreation, and the Zoo, needs
33	follows:
8.4	A PARKS & RECREATION:

1		(a) West Central Little Rock Community Center:
2		(i) Staff to provide programming at the Center; and,
3		(ii) Non-capital equipment expenditures to operate the Center;
4		(b) Maintenance and enhancement of the:
5		(i) MacArthur Park museum grounds;
6		(ii) Senior Adult Center; and,
7		(iii) Ottenheimer Park.
8		(c) Employees:
9		(i) 1 employee for the MacArthur Military History Museum; and,
10		(ii) Expanded maintenance for City parks;
11		(iii) Filled vacancies in the Parks & Recreation Department.
12	B. LIT	TLE ROCK ZOO:
13		(a) Increase in Zoo personnel positions; and,
14		(b) Operational costs associated with capital improvement projects.
15	Section 8.	Parks and Recreation, the Zoo, and the State Fairgrounds - Capital. It is the intent of
16	the Board of Dir	ectors that proceeds from the Capital Improvements Tax be expended for Parks and Rec-
17	reation, the Zoo,	and the State Fairgrounds needs as follows:
18	A. PAR	LKS & RECREATION: [ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$ 17,284,000]
19		(a) Acquisition and construction of a West Central Little Rock Community Center;
20	((b) Construction, renovation, and rehabilitation of the Senior Center;
21	((c) Construction and rehabilitation of the Ottenheimer Center;
22	((d) Construction of enhancements for War Memorial Park;
23	((e) Construction of enhancements for Otter Creek Park;
24	((f) Construction of enhancements for Crump Park;
25	((g) Construction of enhancements to the Natural Steps Ball Complex;
26	((h) Construction of enhancements for Western Hills Park;
27	((i) Construction of enhancements for the museums in MacArthur Park;
28	(j) Capital upgrades for various City parks; and,
29	((i) Construction of various pedestrian and cycling trails within the City.
30	B. ZOC	D: [ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$8,000,000]
31	(Creation of new exhibits and facilities at the Zoo.
32	C. ARK	ANSAS STATE FAIR: [ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$3,000,000]
33	-	- Expansion and improvement of facilities that can enhance the Arkansas State Fair-
34	9	grounds; provided the Fair remains at its current location within the City on Roosevelt

2	be used for Parks & Recreation, or for Information Technology.			
3	Section 9. Central Arkansas Transit Authority (CATA). It is the intent of the Board of Directors			
4	that proceeds from the Operating Tax shall be expended to provide for new bus routes for John Barrow			
5	Road from at least Asher Avenue to Kanis Road, and for the south campus of Pulaski Technical College.			
6	Section 10. Information Technology. It is the intent of the Board of Directors that proceeds from			
7	the Taxes shall be expended to upgrade and enhance the City's information technology systems.			
8	Section 11. Police, Fire, and Non-uniform Pension Funds. It is the intent of the Board of Direct			
9	tors that proceeds from the Operating Tax shall be expended to assist the various employee pension fund			
10	to become actuarially sound and able to provide meaningful pension to City employees, with at least			
11	\$500,000 to be provided for the Little Rock Police Pension and Relief Fund, and at least \$500,000 for the			
12	Little Rock Fire Pension and Relief Fund.			
13	Section 12. Restoration of Funding for City Departments. It is the intent of the Board of Directors			
14	that proceeds from the Taxes shall be expended to restore the budgets of various City departments, in-			
15	cluding annual fleet replacement, that have seen significant budget cuts which have left a number of va-			
16	cant positions.			
17	Section 13. Use of Operations and Capital Taxes in addition to existing budget. It is the intent of			
18	the Board of Directors that the funding items set forth above are in addition to the amounts budgeted and			
19	expended in the budget for fiscal year 2011.			
20	Section 14. Accountability and Transparency. The Board of Directors shall direct the City Manager,			
21	upon approval of the Taxes at the September 13, 2011, special election, to implement appropriate infor-			
22	mation procedures, including citizen participation, to advise the Board of Directors and the public on a			
23	frequent and regular basis as to how the City has accomplished the uses of Taxes as set forth in this Reso-			
24	lution.			
25	Section 15. Estimated growth of receipts. The expenditure of the capital monies set forth above is			
26	based upon an estimated 2% growth in tax proceeds per year for each year the Capital Improvements Tax			
27	is in effect; any reduction in the anticipated rate of growth will also impact proportionately the percentage			
28	available for the specified capital projects.			
29	Section 16. Capital Projects. A separate fund for capital projects with separate accounting units for			
30	each of the capital project categories set forth in this resolution will be created upon approval of the Capi-			
31	tal Improvements Tax, and the monies estimated for capital projects within each area shall be used in that			
32	area until completion of all of the listed projects has been accomplished.			
33	Section 17. Repayment of Indebtedness.			

Road; and, provided further, that if the previous condition is not met, these monies may

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(a) The City may pledge receipts from the Capital Improvements Tax to the repayment of bonds 1 2 issued to finance capital improvements of a public nature that are approved by the voters under the provisions of Amendment 62 to the Arkansas Constitution. 3 (b) The City may use receipts of both Taxes to retire indebtedness incurred by the City to finance 4 capital improvements for the purposes set forth in this Resolution pursuant to the provisions 5 of Amendment 78 of the Arkansas Constitution. 6 7 Section 18. Use of Surplus Funds. Upon the completion of the capital improvements of a public nature set forth above, if there are any surplus funds from the Capital Improvements Tax, such surplus pro-8 9 ceeds may be used for any lawful City purpose; further, if there is a surplus in the Operating Tax proceeds upon fulfillment of the projects set forth above, such surplus proceeds may be used for any lawful City 10 11 purpose. Section 19. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or 12 word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or 13 14 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and 15 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the ordinance. 16 Section 20. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, which are inconsistent 17 with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. 18 **ADOPTED:** July 11, 2011 19 APPROVED: 20 ATTEST: 21 22 Susan Langley, City Clerk Mark Stodola, Mayor 23 24 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM: 25 26 27 Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney 28 // 29 // 30 // 31

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