

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
September 5, 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; Hines; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Stodola. Director Doris Wright delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Hunger Action Month Proclamation

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 9)

1. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the May 16, 2017, June 6, 2017, and June 20, 2017, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meetings.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,627; G-23-467:** To set September 19, 2017, as the date of public hearing on the request to abandon 1.29 acres of excess right-of-way on Wellington Village Road; and for other purposes.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,628:** To authorize the execution of a Historic Preservation Easement for the U.S. Arsenal Building and surrounding grounds; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to execute a Historic Preservation Easement on the U.S. Arsenal Building and on a portion of the grounds around its circular drive as well as the grounds behind the building and accepting requirements by Department of Arkansas Heritage on relic hunting within the easement. (Located in Ward 1)

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,629:** To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Alexander Open Systems, in the amount of \$50,653.79, plus taxes and fees, utilizing the Arkansas State Purchasing Contract, for the annual renewal of Cisco Equipment Maintenance for the City's Core Network Infrastructure; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to process the annual renewal of Cisco Equipment Maintenance for the City's Core Network Infrastructure from Alexander Open Systems.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,630:** To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$199,198.80, for construction of the Dunbar-Gibbs Sidewalk Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., for construction of the sidewalk improvements at Dunbar Magnet Middle School and Gibbs Magnet Elementary School. (Located in Ward 1)

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,631: To authorize the acceptance of a land donation by Kum & Go Company of approximately two (2) acres of land near the intersection of Chenal Parkway and Wellington Hills Road; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the acceptance of a land donation along Rock Creek for the purpose of allowing continuation of trail development to the west on the condition that donor pays for all financial encumbrances. (Located in Ward 5)

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,632: To certify Local Government Endorsement of TY Garments USA, LLC, located at 8909 Fourche Dam Pike Road, 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.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,633: To amend Section 3 of Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 14,401 (August 16, 2016), to completely define appropriate projects; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To clarify that the definition of “parking deck” in the 2015 Central Arkansas Library Systems (CALs) Construction Bond issue includes cooperative efforts by public entities to develop the ground floor space of the deck.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 14,634: To set October 2, 2017, as the date of public hearing on the request to consider the issuance of Port Authority Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing capital improvements at the Port of Little Rock; and for other purposes.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Carolyn Hobbs, 1903 South Fillmore Street: Violence in Little Rock

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 10 - 15)

10. RESOLUTION NO. 14,635; G-25-220: To change the name of that portion of West 65th Street located west of University Avenue, to Hindman Park Way; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The City of Little Rock, through the Parks & Recreation Department, is requesting that the name of that portion of West 65th Street located west of University Avenue be changed to Hindman Park Way. (Located in Ward 7)

11. ORDINANCE 21,470; Z-9237: 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: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of 2.916 acres of property located at 10010 Interstate 30 is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to C-4, Open Display District. (Located in Ward 7)

12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,471: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; and to authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, in the amount of \$131,283.00, plus taxes and fees, to provide an automated interface between the City's Computer-Aided Dispatch System and the Motorola Mach Alert Fire Station Alerting System; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, the current Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) provider, for an Automated Interface between Northrup's CAD to Motorola's Mach Alert Fire Station Alerting System.

13. ORDINANCE 21,472: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; and to authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, in the amount of \$163,887.00, plus taxes and fees, to provide an Automated Secure Alarm Protocol for the Computer-Aided Dispatch System; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, the current Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) provider, for an Automated Secure Alarm Protocol Interface. This interface will automate the entry of an alarm call for the Dispatcher.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 21,473 An ordinance to amend Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 20,805 (October 15, 2013), to allow for a \$150.00 per month increase in benefits to members of the Little Rock Police Pension and Relief Fund, now administered by the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System; to amend the amortization period; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to authorize the Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI) to implement a \$150.00 per month benefit increase to all Little Rock Police Pension and Relief Fund Retiree and Survivor Accounts, effective January 1, 2018.

City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that the City had received a letter from Little Rock Police Pension and Relief Fund (LOPFI) asking for a clarification of who was eligible for the benefit increase. City Attorney Carpenter stated that he had added the phrase *except alternate payees under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order* to Section 2; Subsection 4 (a), and if the Board would consider the readings to include that language, the ordinance would not have to be amended.

15. ORDINANCE NO. 21,474: To find it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Aristotle Interactive to host a Police Recruitment Website on the City's Website in an amount not to exceed \$45,620.00, plus taxes & fees; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: This ordinance waives competitive bidding for the modification of the existing contract with Aristotle Interactive for website upgrade, hosting, maintenance services and adds the creation of a Police Recruitment Microsite. The modified contract will also include two (3) optional one (1)-year extensions with approval by both the City Manager and Aristotle on the pricing.

In reference to Item 15, Director Hines stated that Aristotle was already hosting the City's main website and asked what type of added maintenance would be completed on a monthly basis to the Police microsite. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that staff had researched other municipalities across the country who had experienced an increase in recruitment due to the utilization of a microsite. Information Technology Director Randy Foshee stated that the item was a modification of the existing Maintenance Contract with

Aristotle that provided monthly maintenance on the City's website, in addition to the development cost for the Police Recruitment Website.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to read the ordinances a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 14 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 15 was approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 16 – 17)

16. ORDINANCE NO. 21,475; LU17-24-01: To amend the Land Use Plan in two (2) areas between Granite Mountain, College Station and Sweet Home, from Residential Low Density and Industrial to Park/Open Space and Mining; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; and 3 absent. (Deferred from June 20, 2017)(Deferred from August 1, 2017)(1st, 2nd & 3rd Readings held on August 1, 2017)(Deferred from August 15, 2017) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A Land Use Plan amendment in the College Station-Granite Mountain Area, changing Residential Low Density, northwest of the intersection of 38th Street & West Line Street, to Park/Open Space and Industrial to Mining, east of State Highway 365 at King Road. (Located in Ward 1)

17. ORDINANCE NO. 21,476; Z-9202: 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: 8 ayes; 0 nays; and 3 absent. (Deferred from June 20, 2017)(Deferred from August 1, 2017)(1st, 2nd & 3rd Readings held on August 1, 2017)(Deferred from August 15, 2017) Staff recommends approval. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the property located generally south of Interstate 440 and east and north of Springer Boulevard is requesting that the zoning for 29.71 acres be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, and R-3, Single-Family District, to OS, Open Space District. (Located in Ward 1)

Meg Johnston, 425 West Capitol Avenue: Stated that she was Legal Counsel for the applicant, 3-M. Ms. Johnston stated that the application was not seeking to rezone any of the property to Mining, and that 3-M would not be changing its operations in any way as a result of the application. Ms. Johnston stated that if all of the applications were approved, 3-M would be voluntarily dedicating approximately thirty (30) acres of its property to Open Space uses, which was restricted with minimal disturbance to the property.

Terry Gray, 3507 East 38 Street: Stated that he was a resident of the area and that with the changes that had been made in the wording of the ordinances, he was content.

Elsie Mae Lee, P.O. Box 938, College Station, AR: Stated that there was supposed to be a meeting with 3-M and the Granite Mountain Neighborhood Association and it hadn't occurred yet.

Ms. Johnston stated that they had met with a group of College Station residents within the last several days and was unsure as to why Ms. Lee had not been made aware of the meeting.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinances were approved.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Items 18 – 19)

18. ORDINANCE NO. 21,477; G-23-465: To abandon various rights-of-way and plats in the Chamber of Commerce Addition, the Granite Park Addition and the Frisby Addition, located south of Interstate 440 and east & north of Springer Boulevard, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; and 3 absent. (Deferred from June 20, 2017)(Deferred from August 1, 2017)(1st, 2nd & 3rd Readings held on August 1, 2017)(Deferred from August 15, 2017) Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: 3M Company, the property owner/abutting property owner, requests to abandon parts of The Chamber of Commerce Addition, Granite Park Addition and Frisby Addition to include lots and rights-of-way, located generally south of Interstate 440, and east and north of Springer Boulevard. (Located in Ward 1)

Mayor Stodola opened the public hearing and asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item.

Terry Gray, 3507 East 38 Street: Stated that he would like to see a list of the streets that the applicant wanted to abandon.

Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins stated that the area that the applicant wanted to abandon had never been developed; therefore, there were no paved streets.

Mayor Stodola closed the public hearing.

Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the ordinance. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

19. RESOLUTION NO. 14,636: To authorize the offer of up to \$11,000,000.00 of City of Little Rock, Arkansas Water Reclamation System Revenue Bonds; and for other purposes.

Mayor Stodola opened the public hearing and asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Stodola closed the public hearing.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the resolution. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the resolution was approved.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 20)

Vice-Mayor Webb made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Board and Commission appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session for the purposes of Board and Commission appointments.**

20. RESOLUTION NO. 14,637: A resolution to make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: City Beautiful Commission (3 Positions); Community Housing Advisory Board (5 Positions); Historic District Commission (2 Positions); Little Rock Water Reclamation Commission (1 Position); Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission (3 Positions); River Market District Design Review Committee (2 Positions).

City Beautiful Commission: Reappointment of Robert Winchester to serve his second three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on October 19, 2020. Appointment of Billie Woods to serve her first three (3)-year Landscape Architect term, said term to expire on October 19, 2020. Appointment of Justin Blagg to serve his first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on October 19, 2020. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Community Housing Advisory Board: Appointment of Diana Thomas to serve her first three (3)-year Real Estate Business Community Representative term, said term to expire on June 2, 2020. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Historic District Commission: Appointment of Robert Hodge to serve his first three (3)-year Hillcrest District Owner and Occupant term, said term to expire on June 15, 2020. Appointment of Amber Jones to serve his first three (3)-year Governor's Mansion District Owner and Occupant term, said term to expire on June 15, 2020. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Water Reclamation Commission: Appointment of Deborah Shock to fill the unexpired term of Sonia Fonticiella Rios, said term to expire on August 1, 2020. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission: Appointment of Juliana Flinn to fill the unexpired Ward 3 Representative term of Paul Henry, said term to expire on March 31, 2018. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

River Market District Design Review Committee: Appointment of Mike Matchett to fill the unexpired Property Owner term of Willis Smith, said term to expire on August 6, 2019. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

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

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Mark Stodola, Mayor