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The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a reconvened session with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Richardson; Hurst (enrolled at 4:10 PM); Cazort; Hines; Wright (enrolled at 4:34 PM); Wyrick; Fortson; Adcock (enrolled at 4:28 PM); Vice-Mayor Kumpuris; and Mayor Stodola. Directors Absent: Hendrix.

ADDITIONS

M-1 RESOLUTION: To authorize the entry into a supplemental trust indenture in connection with the City of Little Rock Arkansas Taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (Welspun Tubular LLC Project), \$11,000,000 Series 2007-A, \$50,000,000 Series 2007-B, \$39,000,000 Series 2007-C, and proposed not to exceed \$25,000,000 Series 2012-D (Spiral); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

M-2 RESOLUTION: To express opposition to the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Act and to encourage citizens to vote against the Act; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to add Items M-1 and M-2 to the agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1 and M-2 were added to the agenda.**

AGENDA (Items 1 and M-1 & M-2)

M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 13,593: To authorize the entry into a supplemental trust indenture in connection with the City of Little Rock Arkansas Taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (Welspun Tubular LLC Project), \$11,000,000 Series 2007-A, \$50,000,000 Series 2007-B, \$39,000,000 Series 2007-C, and proposed not to exceed \$25,000,000 Series 2012-D (Spiral); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

M-2 RESOLUTION NO. 13,594: To express opposition to the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Act and to encourage citizens to vote against the Act; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Richardson asked if in the past the City had passed other resolutions opposing items or amendments on the State ballot.

Mayor Stodola stated that Arkansas Drug Director Fran Flener had held a press conference with a variety of organizations, that included those from the medical and law enforcement professions, and asked that the communities to support the resolution. Mayor Stodola stated that in the past, the Board had taken a position on other items that would affect the City and that the issue could have an effect on law enforcement agencies.

Director Richardson stated that he disagreed with the following section (lines 13 – 15) in the proposed resolution that read:

***WHEREAS**, according to a report issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in 2009, more people operate motor vehicles on weekend nights while under the influence of marijuana than alcohol leading to an increased number of impaired drivers.*

Director Richardson stated that the facts were wrong and that the report referenced all drugs, including cocaine, prescription drugs, etc., and didn't just single out marijuana.

In regards to the following section (lines 16 – 17):

***WHEREAS**, in states that have passed medical marijuana laws, medical marijuana dispensaries have led to an increase in crime.*

Director Richardson stated that the most recent comprehensive report from the National Institute on Drug Abuse stated that the crime rates at the medical marijuana dispensaries were at the same percentage as pharmacies, 3% lower than liquor stores and 16% lower than banks. Director Richardson stated that he was not in support of the amendment; however, he was not in support of the proposed resolution as it was flawed.

Vice-Mayor Kumpuris stated that he agreed with Director Richardson that a recent ad campaign was very offensive

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to amend the resolution to include a section that would read as follows: *“The adoption of this resolution is not to be construed in any way as support for or against any specific campaign ads now being run on this issue by party.”* By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the resolution was amended.**

Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Hurst, to strike lines thirteen (13) – twenty (20) of the proposed resolution. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the resolution was amended a second time.**

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the resolution was approved as amended.**

Vice-Mayor Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of making appointments to the various City Boards and Commissions. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 13,592**: Appointment to various City Boards and Commissions.

Synopsis: City Beautiful Commission (4 Positions); Civil Service Commission (1 Position); Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeal (6 Positions); Little Rock Planning Commission (5 Positions); Little Rock Port Authority (1 Position); River Market District Design Review Committee (1 Position); and Sister Cities Commission (4 Positions).

City Beautiful Commission: Appointment of Ingrid Green to serve her first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on October 19, 2015. Reappointment of Steve Homeyer to serve his third three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on October 19, 2015. Appointment of Wally Loveless to serve his first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on October 19, 2015. Appointment of Edward E. Peek to fill the unexpired term of Julleah Wise, said term to expire on October 19, 2013. Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals: Reappointment of Edward E. Peek to serve his second four (4)-year Architect term, said term to expire on January 5, 2016. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Planning Commission: Reappointment of Thomas Brock to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2015. Reappointment of William Changose to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2015. Appointment of Rebecca Finney to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2015. Appointment of Keith Fountain to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2015. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Port Authority: Appointment of Joseph Bailey to serve his first five (5)-year term, said term to expire on July 6, 2017. Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

River Market District Design Review Committee: Appointment of Chris Morgan to serve his first three (3)-year River Market District Representative term, said term to expire on August 6, 2015. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Sister Cities Commission: Appointment of Aida Abedini to fill the unexpired term of Keith Lacewell, said term to expire on January 5, 2013. Appointment of Don Ernst to fill the unexpired term of Soon Ho Lee, said term to expire on January 5, 2013. Appointment of Ingrid Green to fill the unexpired term of Deun A. Ogunlana, said term to expire on January 5, 2016. Appointment of Megan Moore appointed to fill the unexpired term of Emma Jane Ohnemus, said term to expire on January 5, 2013. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Mark Stodola, Mayor