ORDINANCE NO. __________

AN ORDINANCE TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDS; TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT FOR HEWLETT-PACKARD EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH NORTHPROP GRUMMAN SYSTEMS CORPORATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS ($5,358.00), PLUS TAXES, FOR UP TO FIVE (5) MONTHS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CITY MANAGER; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman Information Technology, Inc., has provided maintenance and technical support for the Altaris CAD/MIS Hewlett-Packard System for the City’s computer-aided 911 dispatch since 1994; and,

WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman Information Technology, Inc., has merged with and into its parent company Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (“Northrop Grumman”); and,

WHEREAS, because the Hewlett-Packard hardware works in conjunction with Northrop Grumman’s proprietary application, only Northrop Grumman is authorized to provide maintenance and download the necessary updates, such as microcode and firmware; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of Northrop Grumman’s non-negotiable software license, only Northrop Grumman is authorized to provide maintenance services for their application systems – both for the software and the hardware; and,

WHEREAS, the Little Rock Board of Directors recognizes that the described hardware maintenance services must be purchased from Northrop Grumman to protect the Altaris CAD/MIS System in order to minimize the risk of serious problems with the City’s 911 dispatch operations; and,

WHEREAS, the City and Northrop Grumman entered into a four (4)-year CAD Hardware Maintenance Agreement (the “Agreement”) effective December 1, 2010, whereby Northrop Grumman was to provide hardware maintenance services for the Customer's Computer Aided Dispatch System; and,

WHEREAS, the parties desire to extend the term of the Agreement for up to five (5) months at the discretion of the City Manager, under the Scope of the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the parties also desire to also amend the Price and Payment schedule to the Agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY
OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an extension for up to five (5) months, at the City Manager’s discretion, of the Agreement with Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation, in a form to be approved by the City Attorney, for hardware maintenance services for the City’s Altaris CAD/MIS Computer-Aided Dispatch System, for a total amount not to exceed Five Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars ($5,358.00), plus taxes, as follows:

- $3,214.00 for: December 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015
- $1,072.00 for: March 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015
- $1,072.00 for: April 1, 2015 to April 30, 2015

Section 2. Because periodic hardware maintenance must be performed in order to comply with the Altaris software license requirements and to protect the Computer-Aided Dispatch System for essential 911 services, and because only Northrop Grumman is authorized to provide the maintenance services for this system, the Board of Directors declares that it is impractical and unfeasible to submit this matter to a competitive bid process, and, therefore, waives competitive bidding.

Section 3. Funds for the specific agreement extension authorized by this ordinance are available in the City’s Department of Information Technology Account No. 103030-61350.

Section 4. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the ordinance.

Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. Emergency. The need for immediate and uninterrupted hardware maintenance services is necessary to protect the City’s critical 911 Computer-Aided Dispatch System for essential City services and, therefore, is crucial to protect the public health, safety and welfare; an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED: January 6, 2015

ATTEST:       APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk    Mark Stodola, Mayor

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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