

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
NOVEMBER 1, 2016 AGENDA**

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>Annexation 328 - Pulaski County Special School District Annexation</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Planning &amp; Development Department</p>	<p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p><b>Approved By:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p> <p><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>The annexation of some 77.16 acres in two (2) areas: 1) south of Highway 10, west of Highway 300 and east of Chalamont Drive; and 2) northwest of the Kanis Road-Baker Lane intersection to the City of Little Rock to provide wastewater service, Police and Fire protection to Baker Elementary and Joe T Robinson Middle &amp; High Schools. The City of Little Rock will allow connection of all three (3) Joe T Robinson Schools to the Little Rock Wastewater System including the elementary school which will not be annexed.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Staff recommends approval. By a vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays and 1 vacant position the Planning Commission voted to recommend the annexation at their October 6, 2016 hearing.</p> <p>The Baker Elementary site is adjacent to the City on the east and north. The elementary school services students residing both within and beyond the City Limits of Little Rock. The western third of the site is not developed. This part of the site is steep and remains wooded. The site has a Conditional Use Permit for a school.</p>	

## **BACKGROUND**

The Robinson Schools (High School and Middle) are adjacent to the City on the west and south. The schools service residents of the City as well as those beyond the corporate limits of Little Rock. The site is zoned Planned Office District for the schools.

Pulaski County Special School District would like annexation so that they might connect the schools to the Little Rock Wastewater system. In addition, they would like to receive Police and Fire protection for their facilities from the City of Little Rock, rather than the Sheriff's Office and Volunteer Fire Departments. The County has verified there is only one (1) owner and approved the request. The areas requesting annexation are adjacent to the City Limits and both are developed as schools meeting the 'urban use' requirement of State Law.

The Pulaski County Judge in his Annexation Order has included the right-of-way for Baker Lane south of Baker Elementary School and Highway 10 north of Joe T. Robinson Schools. The City's annexation ordinance will be in conformance with the Pulaski County Judge's Order and include both street rights-of-way into the City of Little Rock.

A wastewater line exists along the southern line of the Robinson Schools property. The closest wastewater line to Baker Elementary is near Pride Valley Road north of the school. The school district, once annexation is complete, may extend lines to the existing systems with the approval of the appropriate agency.

The closest fire station (Station 20) to Baker Elementary is approximately 1.2 miles via street. Trucks from this station must pass the school to service areas currently within the City. The closest fire station (Station 21) to Joe T. Robinson Schools is approximately 4-1/3 miles. Trucks from this station service homes further to the west. The Little Rock Fire Department has indicated that they will not provide stand-by service for sporting events but will respond when dispatched.