ODINANCE NO. ______

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE A “TICKER TAPE” SIGN FOR THE CREATIVE CORRIDOR’S MAIN STREET MALL BUILDING; TO DISPENSE WITH COMPETITIVE BIDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the City Manager be authorized to dispense with the requirement of competitive bids for the purchase of a “ticker tape” sign to be located at Creative Corridor’s Main Street Mall Building at 101 East Capitol Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas, and utilized to promote performances and other civic events much like the former sign in the front of the Robinson Auditorium; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase is 100% funded by an ArtPlace Foundation Grant to the City and ArtPlace strongly encourages the City to obligate the funds by December 31, 2015, or risk losing the funding; and,

WHEREAS, Ace Sign Company of Little Rock has provided estimates on three (3) signs, all of which were significantly less expensive than those from other vendors, and the price includes installation and a five (5)-year warranty and ACE is a local company that can readily provide warranty or post-warranty service; and,

WHEREAS, the sign will be managed by the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau Engineer, who has found this system to be compatible with other systems presently being used and believes the ACE product to be of superior price and quality as others he has investigated.

WHEREAS, the cost of the sign including installation and a five (5)-year warranty is Eighty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty and 60/100 Dollars ($86,840.60), plus tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Because the funds for this purchase come from a grant that does not require competitive bids, but does require that the monies be spent before the end of the current fiscal year, the Board of Directors determines that it is unfeasible and impractical to submit this purchase contract to the normal competitive bid process and, therefore, dispenses with such a requirement.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with ACE Sign Company for the purchase of a “ticker tape” sign to be installed on the Creative Corridor’s Main Street Mall Building at 101 East Capitol in an amount not to exceed Eighty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty and 60/00 Dollars ($86,840.60) plus tax.
Section 3. Funds for this purchase are available from Activity Code G030166/167.

Section 4. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, 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 provisions of this ordinance, as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision were not originally a part of this ordinance.

Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED: December 1, 2015

ATTEST:            APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk        Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney