

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
July 9, 2013
5:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a regular meeting with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Richardson; Hurst; Cazort; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wright (enrolled at 6:09 PM); and Mayor Stodola. Directors Absent: Hines. Director Joan Adcock delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS:

M-1 RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for Workers' Compensation Stop-Loss Coverage with Safety National for one (1)-year effective July 1, 2013. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The City of Little Rock Worker Compensation Program is required to purchase Stop-Loss Coverage to reduce exposure to catastrophic incidents. Although there are only two (2) major insurers in that market area, Safety National has proposed coverage at a lower rate than the incumbent carrier with broader coverage.

M-2 RESOLUTION: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents to acquire residential property located at 5013 Maryland Avenue, for a purchase price of \$77,000.00, for use as park property in War Memorial Park; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents to acquire property located at 5013 Maryland Avenue for use as park property in War Memorial Park.

M-3 RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Workplace Resources, Inc., for the purchase of interior furnishings for The Centre at University Park, in the total amount of \$122,683.00; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax Funding) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Workplace Resources, Inc., to provide interior furnishings for The Centre at University Park in the amount of \$110,415.00, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount of \$122,683.00.

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to add Items M-1 – M-3 to the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1 – M-3 were added to the Consent Agenda.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 9 and M-1 – M-3)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 13,719: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Glover's Truck Parts & Equipment, for the purchase of Allison Automatic Transmission parts and repairs for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Glover's Truck Parts & Equipment for the purchase of Allison automatic transmission parts and repairs for the Fleet Services Department. This APO is for one (1)-year, with an option to renew annually for two (2) additional years.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 13,720: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Hydraulic and Air Sales, Inc., for the rebuild of hydraulic cylinders for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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3. RESOLUTION NO. 13,721; G-23-437: To set the date of public hearing for August 6, 2013, for the petition to abandon a north/south alley, located between Battery and Wolfe Streets, south of 12th Street, Block 5 Centennial Addition, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

4. RESOLUTION NO. 13,722: To accept title to property donated to the City of Little Rock by Special Warranty Deed, to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: In an effort maximize the Land Bank's revitalization efforts, staff would like to accept the donation of the property located at 3515 West 11th Street. **Property Details:** The parcel is a 9,800 square-foot lot located in the Land Bank Focus Area that includes a structure that has been declared unsafe and vacant by the City's Code Enforcement Staff.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 13,723: To accept the donation of property near Conner Park to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and to authorize the Mayor to execute all documents required to accept title to the property; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the acceptance of a land donation from the Kochtitzky Family for the purpose of improving trail access to and from Conner Park and River Mountain Park.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 13,724: To authorize the City Manager to allocate monies from the Airport Enhancement Fund for the expansion and renovation of current leasehold facilities of the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport at Adams Field; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The resolution authorizes the expenditure of \$1.3 million from the Airport Enhancement Fund for capital improvements at the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 13,725: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Truck Center of Arkansas for the purchase of one (1), twelve (12) cubic-yard Dump Truck in the amount of \$93,166.00 for the Parks and Recreation Department; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital & 5/8-Cent Operational Improvements Sales Tax Funding) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Truck Center of Arkansas to purchase one (1), twelve (12) cubic-yard Dump Truck in the amount of \$93,166.00 for the Parks and Recreation Department.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 13,726: To award contract for engineering services for Capital Improvement Projects from the proceeds of the 3/8-Cent Capital Sales and Compensating Use Tax, and the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute agreements with consulting engineering firms selected through a Statement of Qualifications process, Bid Number 12304, to provide engineering design and survey services for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Public Works Capital Improvement Program.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 13,727: To express the willingness of the City of Little Rock to utilize Federal-Aid Funds for the construction of the Little Rock Bike Connectors on the Arkansas River Trail; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager, or his designated, representative to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the River Trail River Bluffs Connector Improvements Project (west termini).

M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 13,728: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for Workers' Compensation Stop-Loss Coverage with Safety National for one (1)-year effective July 1, 2013. *Staff recommends approval.*

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Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Workplace Resources, Inc., to provide interior furnishings for The Centre at University Park in the amount of \$110,415.00, plus a 10% contingency for a total amount of \$122,683.00.

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

Mayor Stodola stated that Item 6 dealt with the Airport Enhancement Funding that was critically important to the economic development in Little Rock and the expansion of Dassault Falcon Jet. Mayor Stodola recognized Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport Executive Director Ron Mathieu for a presentation to Dassault Falcon Jet Vice President of Finance Jeff Griffin.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 10 - 19)

City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that there was additional language that needed to be added for Item 19 and asked that it be held on second reading.

10. ORDINANCE NO. 20,739; Z-3371-VV: To repeal Ordinance No. 20,431, titled The Shoppes at Colonel Glenn Short-Form PCD, located at 4600 Colonel Glenn Plaza Drive,

and revoking a Planned Zoning District; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting revocation of a previously-approved PCD, Planned Commercial District, and restoration of the underlying C-2, Shopping Center District, zoning.

11. ORDINANCE NO. 20,740; Z-4343-DD: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District titled Parkland Heights Revised PRD, located at the north end of Chenonceau Boulevard, 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; 2 absent and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting to amend the previously-approved PD-R, Planned Development Residential, to allow for the removal of the screening requirement along the southern boundary of the site adjacent to the existing buildings.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 20,741; Z-4403-H: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office District titled Nabholz Construction Revised POD, located in the 1700 block of Aldersgate Road, 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; 2 absent and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting to amend the previously approved POD, Planned Office Development, to allow Nabholz Construction to place a six (6)-foot, four (4)-inch high by five (5)-foot, eight (8)-inch tall sign within a sign easement on an adjacent lot on Aldersgate Road.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 20,742; Z-4807-N: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office District titled Wellington Park Short-Form POD, located on the northeast corner of Wellington Village Road and Kirk Road, 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; 2 absent and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is a rezoning of the site from MF-6, Multi-Family District, to POD, Planned Office Development, to allow for the development of the site with five (5) single-story office buildings.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 20,743; Z-4923-N: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Shackelford Crossing Revised Long-Form PCD, located on the southwest corner of Interstate 430 and Shackelford Road, 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; 2 absent and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is to amend the previously-approved PCD, Planned Commercial District, to add additional parking to the shopping center and increase the allowable square-footage of restaurant space within the development.

15. ORDINANCE NO. 20,744; Z-8503-B: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District titled The Pointe at Brodie Creek Revised Long-Form PRD, located at 3400 South Bowman Road, 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; 2 absent and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is to amend the previously-approved PD-R, Planned Development – Residential, to add an additional building containing eighteen (18) units to the overall development plan.

16. ORDINANCE NO. 20,745; Z-8503-B: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office District titled Nature Conservancy of Arkansas Revised Short-Form POD, located at 601 North University Avenue, 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; 2 absent and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is to amend the previously-approved POD, Planned Office Development, to allow for the construction of a maintenance building on the site to serve the Nature Conservancy of Arkansas.

17. ORDINANCE NO. 20,746: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-321 (1988) to reduce the authorized number of members of the Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission; and for other purposes.

18. ORDINANCE NO. 20,747: To dispense with the requirement of competitive bidding and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Terex Equipment Services in the amount of \$74,563.20, as the sole-source provider for major necessary repairs to the Sterling Boom Truck for the Public Works Street Operations Division; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a sole-source ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Terex Equipment Services in the amount of \$74,563.20 for significant necessary repairs to the Sterling Boom Truck for the Public Works Street Operations Division.

19. ORDINANCE: To grant a franchise to occupy public rights-of-way and provide telecommunications services by Unite Private Networks, LLC; to set forth the terms and conditions for the use and rental of such rights-of-way; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The ordinance authorizes a franchise for Unite Private Networks, LLC, to use public rights-of-way to install fiber optics to link various schools in the Little Rock School District.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright, to suspend the rules and place the ordinances on second reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinances, with the exception of Item 19, on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinances, with the exception of Item 19, were read a third time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinances were approved.**

SEPARATE ITEM (Item 20)

20. ORDINANCE: To establish the salary and benefits for the Office of the Mayor; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from June 4, 2013)*

Mayor Stodola stated that he would be recusing from discussion and voting on the item and therefore would be leaving the Board Chambers and turning the gavel over to Vice-Mayor Wright. City Manager Bruce Moore also stated that he would be leaving the Board Chambers during the discussion.

The ordinance was read a first time.

Director Cazort stated that based on answers that he had received from City Attorney Carpenter in reference to questions that he had asked, it was not policy decision for the Board to address, as the citizens had voted for the change to a strong Mayor. Director Cazort stated that it was the Board's duty to implement the policy and that the Statute was difficult to understand and open to various levels of interpretation. Director Cazort stated that he could not fully explain what 'comparable' meant in regards to issue; however, it was his opinion that as the salary structures were currently set, he did not think that the Mayor's salary was comparable. Director Adcock stated that she would like to see the Board appointment a committee to review all the information, speak with members of the City's legislative delegation, decide what the salaries and job descriptions should be for both the City Manager and Mayor and determine if any changes need to be made.

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to amend the ordinance to include a \$6,000.00 increase.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Richardson; Cazort; Kumpuris and Fortson. Nays: Hendrix; Hurst; Wyrick; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Wright. Absent: Hines. By a vote of four (4) ayes, five (4) nays and one (1) absent, **the motion failed.**

Luke Skrable: Stated that he was opposed to the ordinance and that the citizens of Little Rock should determine how their tax dollars were spent.

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Hendrix, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Cazort. Nays: Hendrix; Richardson; Hurst; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; and Vice Mayor Wright. Absent: Hines. By a vote of one (1) aye, eight (8) nays and one (1) absent, **the motion failed.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Tim McQuin, 1423 South Summit Street: Parking

Henry Droughter, 1622 South Taylor Street: Opposition to renaming the Children's Library

Luke Skrable: Code of Ethics

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Mark Stodola, Mayor