

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 2013
6:00 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; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wright; and Mayor Stodola. Directors Absent: Hines and Wyrick. Director Richardson delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: (Items 1 – 5)

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 13,658:** To set the date for a public hearing on April 2, 2013, to consider the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing betterments and improvements to the City's sewer system; and for other purposes.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 13,659:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute appropriate documents to acquire residential property located at 5023 West 10th Street, for a purchase price of \$39,000.00, 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 appropriate documents to acquire property at 5023 West 10th Street for use as park property in War Memorial Park.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 13,660:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Building and Utility Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$616,200.00 to repair the Arkansas River Trail slope failure; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Building and Utility Contractors, Inc., for a total amount of \$616,200 (plus a contingency of up to 10% if applicable) to repair the 2009 flood damage to a section of the Arkansas River Trail.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 13,661:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Landers Toyota, in the total amount of \$119,965.00, for the purchase of five (5) Toyota Camrys, for the Little Rock Police Department, utilizing the Arkansas State Purchasing Contract; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax Funding) Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Landers Toyota to purchase five (5) Toyota Camrys at a price of \$23,995.00 each, for a total of \$119,965.00 for the Little Rock Police Department.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 13,662:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Landers Dodge Jeep, in the total amount of \$69,489.00, for the purchase of three (3) pursuit-rated vehicles for the Little Rock Police Department, utilizing the Arkansas State Purchasing Contract; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax Funding) Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Landers Dodge Jeep to purchase three (3) pursuit-rated vehicles at \$23,163.00 each, totaling \$69,489.00 for the Little Rock Police Department.

Director Adcock 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.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 6 - 12)

Mayor Stodola stated that due to the fact that there were only seven (7) Board Members present, there were not enough votes to suspend the rules and place any of the ordinances on second reading.

6. ORDINANCE; Z-8833: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Baker Long-Form LCD, located in the 7000 Block of Highway 300, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 6 ayes; 3 nays; 1 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends denial. (Deferred from the February 19, 2013, Board of Directors Meeting) (Applicant has requested that the item be deferred until April 16, 2013)*
Synopsis: The request is a rezoning from R-2, Single-Family, to PCD, Planned Commercial Development, to allow the use of the property with outdoor storage of boats, RV's and other recreational items.

7. ORDINANCE: To amend Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, providing for a deferral of Master Street Plan construction requirements for Arkansas State Highway 300; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends denial of the deferral. (Deferred from the February 19, 2013, Board of Directors Meeting) (Applicant has requested that the item be deferred until April 16, 2013)*
Synopsis: Authorizes a deferral of construction of approximately 640 feet of one half street improvements along Arkansas State Highway 300 as required under the Master Street Plan for five (5) years or until adjacent property is developed, whichever occurs first, for the property located in the 7000 block of Arkansas State Highway 300.

City Manager Bruce Moore stated that the applicant had requested that Items 6 & 7 be deferred until the April 16, 2013, meeting.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to defer Items 6 & 7 until the April 16, 2013, Board of Directors Meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items 6 & 7 were deferred until the April 16, 2013, Board of Directors Meeting.**

8. ORDINANCE NO. 20,705: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-330 (1988) to modify certain authorities and duties of the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Commission; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: An ordinance to amend Little Rock, Ark. Rev. Code § 2-330 (1988) to modify certain authorities and duties of the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Commission; and for other purposes.

The ordinance was read and held on first reading.

9. RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with nine (9) organizations to provide Youth Initiative Programs (YIP) in targeted neighborhoods; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contracts with nine (9) organizations to provide targeted neighborhood (YIP) Youth Intervention Programs to Little Rock youth ages thirteen (13) – nineteen (19).

10. RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with New Futures for Youth to provide technical assistance to youth intervention and neighborhood-based programs, youth employability and crisis intervention services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with New Futures for Youth to provide technical assistance to Youth Intervention and Prevention and neighborhood-based programs, youth employability, and crisis intervention services.

11. RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with nine (9) organizations to provide Neighborhood-Based After-School/Out of School Time Programs in targeted neighborhoods; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Enter into contracts with nine (9) organizations to provide targeted Neighborhood-Based, After-School/Out-of-School Time Programs to Little Rock youth ages six (6) – seventeen (17).

City Manager Moore stated that he would like to ask the Board to recess the meeting until March 26, 2013, to address Items 9, 10 & 11. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to recess the meeting and to defer Items 9, 10 & 11 until March 26, 2013.

Director Richardson asked if he would need to leave the room for any discussion related to Items 9, 10 & 11 due to his association with New Futures for Youth. City Attorney Carpenter stated that he would need to leave the room. Director Richardson left the Board Chambers.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to defer public comment on Items 9, 10 & 11 until the March 26, 2013, Reconvened Meeting due to the fact that there were three (3) Board Members not present. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Hendrix voting in opposition, **the motion failed.**

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items 9, 10 & 11 were deferred until March 26, 2013.**

Melvin Moss, 3301 Romine Road: Stated that after reading a recent newspaper article, he had some concerns regarding the YIP Programs. Mr. Wilkerson stated that monies alone were not what made the difference in the success of providing services to young people and families. Mr. Wilkerson stated that when funding was reduced, or lost, that affected the ability of service providers to work with the young people. Mr. Wilkerson introduced Joshua Hill, a participant in the Hunter United Methodist Church YIP Program for the past three (3) years.

Joshua Hill: Stated that he was nineteen (19) years old and a sophomore at Henderson State University. Mr. Hill stated that before becoming involved with the YIP Program, he had a difficult childhood and had not been very confident. Due to the YIP Program, he had learned important communication skills and gained confidence, resulting in being the first one from his family attending college.

Ronald Wilkerson, 3409 Baseline Road: Extended an open invitation to the Board Members to visit their YIP Program to see how the participants were benefiting from the services provided.

Director Adcock asked Mr. Wilkerson what type of recruitment they were utilizing to recruit participants in the Hispanic community. Mr. Wilkerson stated that they had on staff a Hispanic Coordinator that reached out to the churches, schools and business to bring in more youth.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 13,663: To authorize the City Manager to work with City Staff and outside consultants to develop all necessary documents to implement a new pension plan for non-uniform employees; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 5/8-Cent Operational Improvements Sales Tax Funding) Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Staff has determined that the current Retirement Plan for full-time non-uniform employees of the City of Little Rock does not adequately provide benefits for long-term employees in that group. With the assistance of an actuarial consultant and input from employee focus groups, staff researched how best to address the issue. This research shows that the most efficient tool for providing adequate benefits is a Defined Benefit Plan.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Sam Raines, III, 4708 Marlborough Street: Racquetball – Arkansas State Champions
David Oyster, 1022 Washington Street: Forest Hills/Tech Park

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to recess the meeting until March 26, 2013. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was recessed until March 26, 2013.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Mark Stodola, Mayor