

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
September 3, 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; Hurst; Cazort; Hines; Wyrick; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wright and Mayor Stodola. Directors absent: Richardson and Kumpuris. Director Lance Hines delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION**

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual River Board Regatta on the Arkansas River – Eddie Armstrong, Chair of the Junction Bridge.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 8 Items)**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 13,764:** To transfer Land Bank property to Arkansas Baptist College by Warranty Deed for development; to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** In an effort to maximize the Land Bank's revitalization efforts, staff would like to transfer the Land Bank property located at 1716 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Arkansas Baptist College for development. **Property Details:** The parcel is a 1,500 square-foot lot with no structure.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 13,765:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Towing Service Contract with each company that responded successfully to the City's request for qualifications; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into Towing Services Contracts with Metro Towing & Recovery, LLC, Asher Wrecker Services, Inc., Lawhon's Towing & Hauling, Inc., and Routh Wrecker Service, Inc., for a period of one (1)-year beginning October 1, 2013.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 13,766:** To authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the franchise agreement with the owner of Lot 38, Cedar Hill Terrace, to change the payment schedule and to add certain conditions for termination of the franchise; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution authorizing the amendment of a franchise agreement concerning a driveway at the edge of and within Allsopp Park to make changes to the payment schedule and to add certain conditions for termination.

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 13,767:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Metropolitan Fire in the amount of \$110,500.00 for the purchase of 500 Firefighting SCBA Facepieces for the Little Rock Fire Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 13,768; G-23-439:** To set September 17, 2013, as the date of public hearing to abandon twenty-four (24) street and alley rights-of-way located north of the Clinton National Airport; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 13,769; G-23-440:** To set September 17, 2013, as the date of public hearing to abandon seventeen (17) street and alley rights-of-way located northwest of the Clinton National Airport; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 13,770:** To authorize an amendment to the Engineering Project Coordination Services Contract with Jacobs Engineering Group for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 Bond and Sales Tax Projects; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Authorizes the City Manager to approve an amendment to the Engineering Services Contract with Jacobs Engineering Group for project design coordination services for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Bond and Sales Tax Projects.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 13,771:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Little Rock School District to continue a School Resource Officer Program in the Little Rock School District, beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The Little Rock Police Department seeks approval to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Little Rock School District to continue a School Resource Officer Program in the Little Rock School District, beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014. Absent termination by the City or the Little Rock School District, the Agreement shall be renewed for two (2) additional terms of one (1)-year each.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Director Hendrix stated that she had concerns regarding Item 2 and asked that City Manager Bruce Moore work with a proposed vendor to assist him in meeting the requirements. Mayor Stodola asked that Item 2 be voted on separately.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items 1 and 3 – 7 of the Consent Agenda were approved.**

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Resolution 2 was approved.**

**GROUPED ITEMS (Items 9 - 13):**

**9. ORDINANCE NO. 20,780; LU13-18-01:** To amend the Land Use Plan in the Ellis Mountain Planning District at Lawson Road and Hugh Taylor Road; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 1 vacant position. Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To approve the Land Use Plan at Hugh Taylor Road and Lawson Road.

**10. ORDINANCE NO. 20,781; Z-7780-A:** To reclassify property located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 1 vacant position. Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Little Rock Quarries, owner of the 25.83-acre property located at 23400 Hugh Taylor Road, is requesting to rezone the property from R-2, Single Family District, to M, Mining District, with that portion of the property in the floodway to be zoned OS, Open Space District.

**11. ORDINANCE NO. 20,782; LU13-18-02:** To amend the Land Use Plan on the east side of Hugh Taylor Road along Lawson Road; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 vacant position. Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** To approve the Land Use Plan changes on the east side of Hugh Taylor Road along Lawson Road.

**12. ORDINANCE NO. 20,783; Z-8846:** To reclassify property located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 vacant position. Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** The owners of the 18.85-acre property located approximately 1,000 feet north of Lawson Road and 1,600 feet east of Hugh Taylor Road is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to M, Mining District.

**13. ORDINANCE NO. 20,784; Z-4115-B:** To reclassify property located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 1 nay; 1 absent; and 1 abstention. Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** The owners of the 23.65-acre property located at 10710 Interstate 30 is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to C-3, General Commercial District.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, 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 on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a third time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinances were approved.**

#### **SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 14)**

**14. ORDINANCE NO. 20,785:** To condemn certain structures in the City of Little Rock as structural, fire and health hazards; to provide for summary abatement procedures; to direct the City Staff to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structures; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hurst, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a third time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency was approved.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING (Item 15)**

**15. ORDINANCE NO. 20,786:** To authorize the issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Bonds under the Municipalities and Counties Industrial Development Revenue Bond Law for the purpose of securing and developing industry; to authorize the sale of the bonds and the approval of a Bond Purchase Agreement and a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement in connection therewith; to authorize the execution and delivery of a trust indenture securing the Bonds; to authorize and prescribe certain matters pertaining to the project, the acquisition, construction, and equipping thereof, and the financing thereof; to authorize the execution and delivery of a lease agreement relating to the project; ***to declare an emergency***; and for other purposes. *(First Reading held on August 20, 2013) (Second Reading held on August 27, 2013) (Public Hearing held on August 20, 2013)*

The ordinance was read a third time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved**. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency was approved**.

## **PRESENTATIONS (Item 16)**

**16. PRESENTATION:** May 2013 and June 2013 Financial Presentation – Sara Lenehan, Finance Department Director

Ms. Lenehan reported that as of May, the City had collected 40.75%, or \$69,253,246, of the Annual Budget, which was approximately \$1.5 million below budget, and \$2.65 million the same period a year ago. Ms. Lenehan reported that during the month of May, the City was 2.0% below the budgeted growth rate for the year, which was 1.5% for the year. Ms. Lenehan reported that the City's sales tax declined 1.51% for the month of May, and the City's share of the County's portion fell 0.65%, which when combined, the blended sales tax collections were down 1.57%. Ms. Lenehan reported that year-to-date, the sales tax revenues decreased 0.28% from the same period for 2012. Ms. Lenehan reported that the City was 2.0% below the budget for sales tax year-to-date. Ms. Lenehan reported that as of May, the City had expended 39.87%, or \$62,955,817, of the Annual Budget. Ms. Lenehan reported that the 2013 Budget goal for vacancy savings was \$3,900,000, and year to date savings was \$2,706,587.

Ms. Lenehan reported that as of June, the City had collected 48.31%, or \$82,093,839, of the Annual Budget, which was approximately \$2.8 million below budget. Ms. Lenehan reported that the City's sales tax declined 2.25% for the month of June, and the City's share of the County's portion fell 2.13%, which when combined, the blended sales tax collections were down 1.25%. Ms. Lenehan reported that year-to-date, the sales tax revenues decreased 2.16% from the same period for 2012. Ms. Lenehan reported that as of June, the City had expended 48.15%, or \$76,040,903, of the Annual Budget. Ms. Lenehan reported that the 2013 Budget goal for vacancy savings was \$3,900,000, and year to date savings was \$3,261,465.

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**CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

Clarice Coleman: Private Club at 4314 Asher Avenue

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

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Susan Langley, City Clerk**

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**Mark Stodola, Mayor**