The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a meeting with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Richardson; Peck; Hines; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Stodola. Vice-Mayor Kathy Webb delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

City of Little Rock Employee Retirement Recognition
Chief Gregory Summers, Little Rock Fire Department
Team NUSA Drawing

ADDITIONS:

M-1 RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to renew the contract with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for Group Life Insurance for a twelve (12)-month period effective January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018; to include a clause which permits the City to renew the contract at its option for six (6) additional years; and for other purposes. Staff recommends approval.
Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the period of January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018, to provide Group Life and AD&D Insurance for City Employees.

M-2 RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to renew the contract with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for Group Dental Insurance for a twelve (12)-month period effective January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018; to include a clause which permits the City to renew the contract at its option for six (6) additional years; and for other purposes. Staff recommends approval.
Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the period of January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018, to provide Group Dental Insurance for City Employees.

M-3 ORDINANCE: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to extend the contract with the Arkansas Municipal League-Municipal Vehicle Program, at a total cost of $440,000.00, to administer a Self-Insurance Program for the City of Little Rock’s Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes. Staff recommends approval.
Synopsis: The Fleet Services Department is requesting approval to award a Sole-Source Purchase Order to Arkansas Municipal League - Municipal Vehicle Program to administer a Self-Insurance Program for the City of Little Rock’s Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance including Compensation and Collision Insurance for current vehicles.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines to add Items M-1 – M-2 to the Consent Agenda and to add Item M-3 to the Grouped Items. By unanimous voice
vote of the Board Members present, Items M-1 – M-2 were added to the Consent Agenda, and Item M-3 was added to the Grouped Items.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 6 and Items M-1 – M-2)

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,691**: To authorize the City Manager to renew contracts for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), in a total combined amount not to exceed $504,527.00, for a one (1)-year term; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
   
   Synopsis: Renewal of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding Grant to the Arkansas AIDS Foundation and Northeast Arkansas Regional AIDS Network.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,692**: To authorize the City Manager and City Officials to execute any necessary documents to enter into a five (5)-year Lease Agreement, with an Option to Purchase Real Estate Contract with the Jack Tyler Family, LLC, for approximately sixty (60) acres of land for the annual rent of $450.00 per acre, for a total annual payment of $27,000.00, for the use and benefit of the Little Rock Port Authority; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax)* *Staff recommends approval.*

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,693**: To authorize the City Manager and City Officials to execute any necessary documents to enter into a Real Estate Purchase Contract with Rolf Hartsell, Melinda Pardaxay, Daisy Hartsell and Carter Hartsell, to acquire approximately fifteen (15) acres of land for the purchase price of $275,833.00, cash or cash equivalent, for the use and benefit of the Little Rock Port Authority; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax)* *Staff recommends approval.*

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,694**: To authorize the City Manager to extend the current contracts with non-profit organizations to provide Citywide Program Enhancement Services to Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Programs and to provide a Youth Intervention Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
   
   Synopsis: Extension of the current contracts with ten (10) non-profit organizations to provide Citywide Program Enhancement Services to PIT Positive Prevention Programs and Youth Intervention Programs and one (1) non-profit organization to provide a Youth Intervention Program for a period of three (3) months.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,695**: To authorize the City Manager to extend the current contracts with non-profit organizations to provide Positive Prevention Programs for Youth, to provide Youth Intervention Programs and to provide Re-Entry Services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
   
   Synopsis: Extension of the current contracts with two (2) non-profit organizations to provide Positive Prevention Programs, seven (7) non-profit organizations to provide Youth Intervention Programs, and two (2) non-profit organizations to provide Re-Entry Services for a period of six (6) months.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,696**: To authorize the City Manager to extend the current contracts with non-profit organizations to provide Positive Prevention Programs for Youth and to provide Youth Intervention Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
   
   Synopsis: Extension of the current contracts with thirteen (13) non-profit organizations to provide Positive Prevention Programs, five (5) non-profit organizations to provide Youth Intervention...
Programs (VIP), one (1) non-profit organization to provide Career & Life Skills System Development and one (1) non-profit organization to provide Domestic Violence Counseling.

Director Adcock asked if all the programs from 2017 were being funded in 2018. Community Programs Department Director Dana Dossett stated that there were two (2) programs that would be ending their contract due to low attendance. Ms. Dossett stated that staff was working closely with the programs and they would be eligible to reapply at a later date. Director Kumpuris asked for an explanation of the three (3)-month renewals. Ms. Dossett stated that currently the enhancements only had to go to the Positive Prevention Programs and the Youth Intervention Programs, and staff wanted to open it up so that they could serve the Summer Academic Enrichment Programs, as well. Ms. Dossett stated that the three (3)-month renewal allowed them to extend their program, as well as enlarge their service areas with the new Request for Qualifications that would be coming out at the beginning of 2018. In addition, Ms. Dossett stated that one (1) of the Youth Intervention Programs, Whetstone Boys & Girls Club, was being extended for three (3) months. Director Kumpuris stated that he felt when staff looked at the various grants, no credence was given to organizations that spent effort and time to support youth in the community.

City Manager Bruce Moore stated that as part of the Youth Master Plan, the Board was very adamant about the fact that there needed to be an evaluation process in place. City Manager Moore stated that Whetstone Boys & Girls Club was going to receive their money in January and over the following ninety (90) days, staff was going to work with them to ensure that they were in compliance. Director Hines stated that the Children Youth and Families Commission had met with representatives from Whetstone Boys & Girls Club and they recommended extending the contract by three (3) months to ensure that the accountability measures were met before extending the contract for an additional year.

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Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the period of January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018, to provide Group Life and AD&D Insurance for City Employees.

M-2 RESOLUTION NO. 14,698: To authorize the City Manager to renew the contract with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for Group Dental Insurance for a twelve (12)-month period effective January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018; to include a clause which permits the City to renew the contract at its option for six (6) additional years; and for other purposes. Staff recommends approval.
Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the period of January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018, to provide Group Dental Insurance for City Employees.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the Consent Agenda was approved.
GROUPED ITEMS (Items 7 – 8 and Item M-3)

7. **ORDINANCE NO. 21,519**: To condemn certain structures in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as structural, fire and health hazards; to provide for summary abatement procedures; to direct 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.**

   Synopsis: Seven (7) residential structures are in a severely dilapidated, deteriorated and/or burned condition causing a negative environmental impact on the residential neighborhoods in which it is located. All Notices have been mailed in accordance with Arkansas State Law.

8. **ORDINANCE NO. 21,520**: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a sole-source agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of $110,957.91, including taxes, for the purchase of forty-three (43) Less-Than-Lethal Electronic Control Devise; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax)* **Staff recommends approval.**

   Synopsis: The Little Rock Police Department is requesting approval to award a Sole-Source Purchase Order to Axon Enterprise, Inc., as the sole manufacturer for Less-Than-Lethal Electronic Control Devices, for the purchase forty-three (43) Tasers devices.

M-3 **ORDINANCE NO. 21,523**: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to extend the contract with the Arkansas Municipal League-Municipal Vehicle Program, at a total cost of $440,000.00, to administer a Self-Insurance Program for the City of Little Rock’s Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. **Staff recommends approval.**

   Synopsis: The Fleet Services Department is requesting approval to award a Sole-Source Purchase Order to Arkansas Municipal League Municipal Vehicle Program to administer a Self-Insurance Program for the City of Little Rock’s Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance including Compensation and Collision Insurance for current vehicles.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to read the ordinances a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, 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 9)

9. **ORDINANCE NO. 21,521**: To provide for and to adopt the 2018 Budget for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the period beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018; to appropriate resources and uses for every expenditure item and fund; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *(1st, 2nd & 3rd Reading held on December 12, 2017)* **Staff recommends approval.**

   Russ Racop, 301 Alamo Drive: Asked that before the Board approve the 2018 Budget, they develop a policy regarding the Police Recruit incentives.

   By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinance was approved. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the emergency clause was approved.
PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 10)

10. ORDINANCE NO. 21,522: To establish and lay off Little Rock Municipal Property Owners’ Improvement District No. 2017-325 – La Marche Place Villas Subdivision Infrastructure Project; and for other purposes.

Mayor Stodola opened the public hearing.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to read the ordinance a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, 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.

Mayor Stodola asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Stodola closed the public hearing.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinance was approved.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were no cards received from individuals wanting to speak during Citizen Communication.

Director Fortson 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:  

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Susan Langley, City Clerk  Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED:

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Mark Stodola, Mayor  Mark Stodola, Mayor