

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2014
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; Hines; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wright; and Mayor Stodola. Directors absent: Richardson and Cazort. Director Lance Hines delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Stodola recognized Boy Scout Troop 59 that was present in the audience working on their Citizenship in the Community Badge.

PRESENTATION

City of Little Rock Retirement Recognition
Captain Paul Raney, Little Rock Fire Department
Officer Robert Beasley, Little Rock Police Department

CONSENT AGENDA: (Items 1 - 7)

1. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the October 16, 2012, November 5, 2012, November 20, 2012, December 4, 2012, December 18, 2012, and January 8, 2013, Board of Directors Meetings and the October 23, 2012, Board of Directors Reconvened Meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 13,825:** To accept title to property located in Block 186 of the Original City of Little Rock, Arkansas, donated to the City of Little Rock by the Trust for Public Land by quitclaim deed, to be used for public purposes; and for other purposes.

Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: Authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to accept the donation of the property located in Block 186 of the Original City of Little Rock from the Trust for Public Land located west of the east right-of-way line of Broadway Street.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 13,826:** To certify local government endorsement of Ring Container Technologies, LLC, located at 9000 Frazier Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program (as authorized by Section 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003); and for other purposes.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 13,827:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bluff City Sports, in the amount of \$80,934.85, for the purchase of the 2014 Little Rock Marathon participant and volunteer shirts; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to purchase the 2014 Little Rock Marathon participant and volunteer shirts from Bluff City Sports for \$80,934.85.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 13,828: To award a contract to Township Builders, Inc., for the Main Street Quality EPA Grant Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Township Builders, Inc., for the Main Street Water Quality EPA Grant Project (LID Proj.12-600), Bid No. 2013-169.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 13,829: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with River City Hydraulic Company, in the total of amount of \$749,670.00, for the purchase of three (3), thirty (30) cubic-yard Automated Side-Loading Refuse Trucks, utilizing the National Joint Powers Alliance Contract; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with River City Hydraulic Company to purchase three (3), thirty (30) cubic-yard Automated Side-Loading Refuse Trucks in the amount of \$249,890.00 per unit, for a total purchase price of \$749,670.00, utilizing the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) as a competitive purchasing cooperative.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 13,830: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with Faulkner County, Arkansas, to permit a payment to the Little Rock Ambulance Authority for services in 2014 pursuant to an interlocal agreement; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: This resolution authorizes the continuation of an interlocal agreement between the City, MEMS, and Faulkner County, for MEMS to provide emergency medical and transport services within the County.

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

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 8 – 13)

8. ORDINANCE NO. 20,833; MSP13-01: To amend the Master Street Plan; to change the designation of East 6th Street from Bond Avenue to 9th Street, from a Minor Arterial with special design standards to a Collector; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A Master Street Plan Amendment to change the classification of 6th Street, from Bond Avenue to 9th Street, to a Collector from a Minor Arterial with special design standards.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 20,834; Z-8891: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District, titled Watson Short-Form PD-R, located at 309 Charles Street, 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 from R-3, Single-Family, to PD-R, Planned Development – Residential, to allow for the placement of a six (6)-foot fence along the property frontage on Kavanaugh Boulevard.

10. ORDINANCE NO. 20,835; LU13-25-01: To amend the Land Use Plan on the west side of Lindsey Road approximately 1,000 feet north of Interstate 440 and north of Fourche Creek; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To approve Land Use Plan changes on the west side of Lindsey Road approximately 1,000 feet north of Interstate 440 and north of Fourche Creek.

11. ORDINANCE NO. 20,836; Z-8902: 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; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 9.0435-acre property located along the west side of Lindsey Road, approximately 1,000 feet north of Interstate 440 is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family, to I-2, Light Industrial.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 20,837: To award a contract to the Little Rock School District to operate and evening career center for older youth; to dispense with the requirement of competitive bids; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: This ordinance authorizes a sole source agreement with the Little Rock School District to provide career training and education to older youth eighteen (18) – twenty-four (24) who have dropped out of high school, who have graduated without skills for immediate employment, and who lack positive community connections.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 20,838: To dispense with the requirement of competitive bidding and authorize the City Manager to enter into a sole source contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for Motorola Radio System infrastructure upgrades and security improvements; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax Funding) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The Little Rock Police Department is requesting approval to waive competitive bidding and authorize the City Manager to enter into a sole source agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for radio system infrastructure upgrades and security improvements in the amount of \$149,487.97, which includes applicable taxes.

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 Fortson, 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.

City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that Item 13 should have an emergency clause attached in that it was infrastructure essential to public health, safety and welfare. Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Hendrix, to add an emergency clause to Item 13. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **an emergency clause was added to Item 13.**

Vice-Mayor Wright stated that the budget for Item 12 indicated retirement benefits and she was not aware that the City paid those type of benefits for temporary and part-time staff. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that those individuals were actual Little Rock School District (LRSD) Employees and that since the City was contracting with LRSD, it was part of the requirement. Director Adcock stated that several of the positions were for security guards and she asked if there had been consideration given to hiring off-duty Little Rock Police (LRPD) Officers. City Manager Moore stated that even if the City contracted with LRPD Officers, they would still be required to pay those benefits. Director Adcock asked if there would be any City of Little Rock Employees on-site during the six (6)-month trial period. City Manager Moore stated that Community Programs Staff would be working with LRSD Staff.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinances were approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 12 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 13 was approved.**

REPORTS (Item 14)

14. REPORTS: September 2013 and October 2013 Financial Reports – Sara Lenehan, Finance Department Director

Ms. Lenehan reported that as of September, the City had collected 78.99%, or \$141,469,754, of the Annual Budget, and that although it appeared that the City was approximately \$7.14 million above budget, that was not the case as it is right on track with the amended budget. Ms. Lenehan reported that the City's sales tax increased 0.7% for the month of September; however, the City's share of the County's portion decreased 1.16%, which when combined, the blended sales tax collections were down 0.44%. Ms. Lenehan reported that year-to-date, the sales tax revenues increased 0.01% from the same period for 2012. Ms. Lenehan reported that as of September, the City had expended 74.89%, or \$121,149,646, of the Annual Budget. Ms. Lenehan reported that the 2013 Amended Budget goal for vacancy savings was \$6,090,318, and year to date savings was \$5,040,318.

Ms. Lenehan reported that as of October, the City had collected 85.78%, or \$153,628,975, of the Annual Budget. Ms. Lenehan reported that the City's sales tax increased 3.36% for the month of October; however, the City's share of the County's portion increased 0.67%, which when combined, the blended sales tax collections increased 2.39%. Ms. Lenehan reported that year-to-date, the sales tax revenues increased 0.34% from the same period for 2012. Ms. Lenehan reported that as of October, the City had expended 82.95%, or \$140,834,718, of the Annual Budget. Ms. Lenehan reported that the 2013 Amended Budget goal for vacancy savings was \$6,090,318, and year to date savings was \$5,465,112.

Mayor Stodola stated that if none of the Board Members had an objection, the Board would hear Citizen's Communication before moving into Executive Session for Board and Commission appointments.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Stuart Yancey: 2019 Rock Street

Byron Norwood: Summer Arts Academy

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 15)

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments to City Boards and Commission. By

unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

15. RESOLUTION NO. 13,831: Appointments to the various City Boards and Commissions.

Synopsis: City Beautiful Commission (2 Positions); Commission on Children Youth and Families (1 Position); Community Housing Advisory Board (2 Positions); Land Bank Commission (2 Positions); Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission (1 Position); Little Rock Planning Commission (4 Positions); MacArthur Military History Museum Commission (1 Position); Midtown Redevelopment District No. 1 Advisory Board (1 Position); Racial and Culture Diversity Commission (1 Position); River Market District Design Review Committee (1 Position); and Zoo Board of Governors (1 Position).

City Beautiful Commission: Appointment of David McCulley to serve his first three (3)-year At-Large Representative term, said term to expire on October 19, 2016. Vice-Mayor Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Commission on Children Youth and Families: Appointment of Beth Echols to fill the unexpired At-Large Representative term of Julie Meyer, said term to expire on May 31, 2015. Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Hurst, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Community Housing Advisory Board:

Land Bank Commission: Appointment of Crystal Mercer to fill the unexpired Ward 1 Representative term of Corey Thomas, said term to expire on March 19, 2014. Director Hurst made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission: Appointment of Kathy Webb to serve her first five (5)-year term, said term expire on December 31, 2018. Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Planning Commission: Appointment of Craig Berry to serve fill the unexpired term of William Changose, said term expire on November 1, 2015. Appointment of Buelah Bynum to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term expire on November 1, 2016. Vice-Mayor Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

MacArthur Military History Museum Commission: Appointment of Patrina Robinson to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term expire on February 21, 2017. Director Hendrix made the motion, seconded by Director Hurst, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Midtown Redevelopment District No. 1 Advisory Board: Appointment of John Spenst to serve his first three (3)-year Owner or Duly Authorized Representative of Owners of Commercial Property term, said term expire on March 31, 2017. Director Hendrix made the motion, seconded by Director Hurst, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission: Appointment of Norma Jean Johnson to serve her first three (3)-year Little Rock School District Representative term, said term expire on March 31, 2017. Director Hendrix made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor

Wright, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

River Market District Design Review Committee: Appointment of Michael McCallum to fill the unexpired Design Professional term of Jeremiah Russell, said term expire on August 16, 2016. Director Hurst made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Zoo Board of Governors: Appointment of Kimara Randolph to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term expire on February 16, 2017. Director Hendrix made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, 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