

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
February 18, 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; Richardson; Hurst (enrolled at 6:10 PM); Cazort; Hines; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wright; and Mayor Stodola. Vice-Mayor Wright delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS:**

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To award a contract to V.R. Smith & Sons, Inc., to provide restoration and stabilization services at the Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contact with V.R. Smith & Sons, Inc., for such services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The resolution awards a contract to V.R. Smith & Sons, Inc., a Little Rock construction company, for restoration and stabilization services for the Oakland Mausoleum, located in the City's Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park, and authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with such firm in a form approved by the City Attorney.

**WITHDRAWALS:**

**9. ORDINANCE:** To condemn certain structures in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as structural, fire and health hazards; providing for summary abatement procedures; directing the City Manager 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:** The three (3) commercial structures have become run-down, dilapidated, unsightly, dangerous and detrimental to the public welfare of the citizens of the City of Little Rock.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to add Item M-1 to the Consent Agenda and to withdraw Item 9. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item M-1 was added to the Consent Agenda and Item 9 was withdrawn.**

**CONSENT AGENDA: (Items 1 – 5 and Item M-1)**

**1. MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the May 7, 2013, June 4, 2013, June 18, 2013, July 9, 2013, and July 16, 2013, Board of Directors Meetings.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 13,840:** To award a contract to Fleming Network Services, Inc., for traffic signal detection systems installation; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds). Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Fleming Network Services, Inc., for Traffic Signal Video Detection Systems Installation, Bid No. 13-162R.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 13,841:** To appoint a new Commission to the Board of Improvement for the Tall Timber West Recreation Improvement District No. 3 of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

**Synopsis:** Appointment of LaShell Brown as a Commissioner of the District and Board Member of the Tall Timber Recreational Improvement District.

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 13,842:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an annual contract with Superior Protection Services, Inc., to provide security guard services at various City locations; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Bid #C13018 for Security Services was issued on December 10, 2013. The lowest qualified contractor was Superior Protection Services, 119 South Izard Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. The estimated annual cost for this contract is \$199,250.00.

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 13,833:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an annual contract with Mid-South Sales, for the purchase of fuel for use in all City Fleet Units; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mid-South Sales for the purchase of fuel for use in all City of Little Rock Fleet Units. This annual purchase order (APO) is for one (1)-year, with an option to renew annually for two (2) additional years.

**M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 13,839:** To award a contract to V.R. Smith & Sons, Inc., to provide restoration and stabilization services at the Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contact with V.R. Smith & Sons, Inc., for such services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The resolution awards a contract to V.R. Smith & Sons, Inc., a Little Rock construction company, for restoration and stabilization services for the Oakland Mausoleum, located in the City's Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park, and authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with such firm in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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.**

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#### **GROUPED ITEMS (Items 6 - 7)**

Mayor Stodola stated that he had received a card from an individual that wanted to speak regarding Item 8 and that he would like for it to be read separately.

**6. ORDINANCE NO. 20,839; LU13-02:** To amend the Land Use Plan in the area west of Interstate 430 and south of Chenal Parkway/Kanis Road; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A Land Use package of amendments in the area west of Interstate 430 and south of Chenal Parkway/Kanis Road to make the plan more consistent with the likely future development pattern in the area.

**7. ORDINANCE NO. 20,840:** To amend Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, providing for a variance from the driveway spacing criteria on arterial streets for the Central Arkansas Library System warehouse facility located at the southeast corner of East 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Bond Avenue; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Authorizes a variance from Section 31-210(e)(1), General Access and Circulation, for the driveway spacing on arterial streets for the new Central Arkansas Library System Warehouse to be located at the southeast corner of Bond Avenue and East 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by 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 8)**

**8. ORDINANCE NO. 20,841:** 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 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.*

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

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 Cazort, 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.

Judith Williams, 18024 South Alexander Road: Stated that the structure sat on one (1)-acre and that it was structurally sound. Ms. Williams stated that the property was less than three (3) miles from the new Bass Pro Shop and she felt that now that the facility was open, she felt that she would have a better chance to sell the property. Ms. Williams asked that the Board give her additional time to make repairs to the structure and sell the property.

Mayor Stodola asked how the property had made it onto the condemnation list. Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department Director Andre Bernard stated that Code Enforcement Staff updated the list as properties deteriorated and were deemed unsafe and vacant. Mr. Bernard reported that the property in question had been declared unsafe and vacant in April 2011. Director Richardson stated that he had an issue with granting an extension for the sole purpose of allowing an individual to sell the property

and not to make needed repairs to bring the structure into compliance. Director Cazort stated that he agreed that an extension for the purpose of selling the property was not a viable reason.

Director Wyrick asked how long of an extension Ms. Williams was requesting. Ms. Williams stated that she if the Board could grant her six (6) months, she would try to work with the extension. Director Wyrick stated that she would like to help Ms. Williams and that the structure did not appear to be in too bad of condition; however, she did think that six (6) months was too long. Director Wyrick made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to defer action on the property located at 8502 University Road for ninety (90) days.

Director Kumpuris asked if the property was sold within ninety (90) days, what kind of requirements would be placed on the new owner. Mayor Stodola stated that the understanding should be that if the property was sold, it needed to be sold with the condition that the new owner would be required to submit a rehabilitation plan to City Staff. City Manager Moore stated that staff had sent Ms. Williams a letter in January asking her to come in and meet with staff regarding a redevelopment plan and they heard nothing from her until the Board Meeting that evening.

City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that in the event that the Board did delay action on the property to give Ms. Williams that opportunity to sell, if the property was not removed from the Condemnation Ordinance, he wasn't sure that any prospective owner would be able to obtain financing on a condemned structure. Director Wyrick stated that she would like for her motion to include the removal of the property located at 8502 University Road from the Condemnation Ordinance and Director Hines stated that he wanted his second of the motion to reflect that language.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Hendrix; Hurst; Hines; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock and Vice-Mayor Wright. Nays: Richardson and Cazort. By a vote of eight (8) ayes, two (2) nays, **the motion was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved as amended.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause was approved.**

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to hear Citizen's Communication before moving into Executive Session for the purpose of the Annual Evaluation of the City Manager and City Attorney and Board and Commission appointments.

### **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION**

Dr. Anika Whitfield: Condemning Property in Neighborhoods.

Pat Gee: Thank You!

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Annual Evaluation of the City Manager and City

Attorney and Board and Commission appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Items 10 – 11)**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Annual Evaluation of the City Manager and City Attorney.

Mayor Stodola stated that the Board had discussed a variety of issues of importance to the City and their operational issues with both the City Manager and City Attorney. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Kumpuris, to provide the City Manager and City Attorney the 1.5% salary increase that had been provided to all non-uniform employees earlier in the year and that the salary increase be retroactive back to January 1, 2014. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson and Vice-Mayor Wright voting Present, **the motion was approved.**

**11. RESOLUTION NO.:** To make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

**Synopsis:** Land Bank Commission (3 Positions); MacArthur Military History Museum Commission (7 Positions); and Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission (1 Position).

Land Bank Commission: Re-Appointment of Grace Blagdon to serve her second two (2)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on March 19, 2016. Re-Appointment of Andrew Frances to serve his second two (2)-year Representative of Low to Moderate Income Housing term, said term to expire on March 19, 2016. Re-Appointment of Willis Smith to serve his second two (2)-year Representative of the Housing Industry term, said term to expire on March 19, 2016. Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Planning Commission: Appointment of Jennifer Martinez-Belt to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2016. Appointment of Bill May to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2016. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Hurst, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

MacArthur Military History Museum Commission: Re-Appointment of Don Castleberry to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2017. Re-Appointment of C.C. "Chip" Culpepper, II, to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2017. Re-Appointment of James Hobson, Jr., to serve his third three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2017. Re-Appointment of Patricia Jo Keegan to serve her second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2017. Appointment of Bharath Mohan to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2017. Appointment of Jerome Tidmore to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2017. Re-Appointment of James Von Tungeln to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2017. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission: Appointment of Diane Curry to fill the unexpired Little Rock School District Representative term of Norma Jean Johnson, said

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term to expire on March 31, 2017. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, 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 Cazort, 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**