

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
November 3, 2015
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: Richardson; Webb; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines and Mayor Stodola. Absent: Hendrix and Cazort. Vice-Mayor Hines delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS:

M-1 RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with River City Hydraulic Company, in the total amount of \$2,152,160.00, for the purchase of eight (8) Automated Side-Loader Refuse Trucks, utilizing the National Joint Power 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 Hydraulics for the purchase of eight (8) Automated Side Loader Garbage Trucks in the amount of \$2,152,160.00 for the Public Works Department.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to add Item M-1 to the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

Director Webb asked for Item 4 to be read separately.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 3, Item 5 and Item M-1)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,230; G-24-048: To set November 17, 2015, as the date of hearing on the request of the owner to abandon an access easement, located at 12719 Hunters Field Road, in the Hunters Cove Addition, Lot 7R, to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

2. RESOLUTION NO. 14,231: To authorize the City Manager to execute a one (1)-year renewal of the Motorola Communications Maintenance Agreement with Motorola, Inc., through its local dealer and subcontractor Grace Communications, Inc., in the total amount of \$549,496.78, including tax; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: The Little Rock Police Department is requesting approval to renew the annual Radio Maintenance Agreement for the City's radio infrastructure.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 14,232: To authorize the submission of the Five (5)-Year Consolidated Plan and 2016 Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: The Five (5)-Year Consolidated Plan outlines the goals and objectives for housing and community development activities during the 2016-2020 program years. The Annual Action Plan delineates the uses of the CDBG, HOME and HOPWA entitlements for the 2016 Program Year

(January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016). This Board action approves the submission of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,234: To authorize a Maintenance Agreement between the City of Little Rock, the Arkansas Arts Center and the Arkansas Arts Center Foundation, to set forth the maintenance obligations of the City as to the buildings and grounds associated with the Arkansas Arts Center; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To establish a formal Maintenance Agreement as to City responsibilities for the buildings and grounds of the Arkansas Arts Center.

M-1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,235: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with River City Hydraulic Company, in the total amount of \$2,152,160.00, for the purchase of eight (8) Automated Side-Loader Refuse Trucks, utilizing the National Joint Power Alliance Contract; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 14,233: To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with United Health Care to provide Health Care Benefits for City employees, retirees and eligible dependents for a twelve (12)-month period effective January 1, 2016; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A request for Proposal for Health Care coverage for City employees was issued with a response due date of September 4, 2015. Four (4) responses for insured programs were received. Analysis concludes that the proposal from United Health Care provides significantly improved benefits to City employees at premium rates 0.833% lower than those offered by the incumbent provider.

Tom Kane: Stated that he was Stephens Insurance and that they had worked with City Staff to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the health plan and responses were received from United Healthcare, QualChoice, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and CIGNA for fully-insured and self-funded. Mr. Kane reported that responses were received from Coresource and Healthscope for self-funded, and that the Arkansas Municipal League did not respond to the RFP, so the information and rates from the current year were utilized. Mr. Kane stated that based on the responses received and by conducting a cost benefit analysis, the recommendation was for the City to switch to United Healthcare.

Don Zimmerman, Arkansas Municipal League: Stated that the Board had made a great decision in selecting the Municipal Health Fund for 2015 and urged the Board to continue with the Fund for 2016.

John Gilchrist, 63 Springridge Court: Stated that he represented the 500 members of the Little Rock Fraternal Order of the Police and over 200 retirees and dependents. Mr. Gilchrist asked that the Board support the selection of United Health Care as the health plan for City employees.

Richard Morehead: Stated that he represented IAFF and they were in support of the selection of United Health Care.

Lane Kimble, 18 Serenity Drive: Stated that her father was a Little Rock Firefighter for over thirty-two (32) years and due to the fact that his cancer could not be treated in Little Rock, he was referred to MD Anderson in Houston, Texas. Ms. Kimble stated that it took over four (4) months to obtain an approval on a medication that her father's physician and prescribed. Ms. Kimble stated that on behalf of her father and all first-responders, her request was for the Board to select United Health Care for medical coverage for City employees.

Jim Nichols, 1315 West 31st Street: Stated that he represented the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and they were supportive of the moved to United Health Care.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

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

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 6 - 19)

6. ORDINANCE NO. 21,118; LU15-16-01: To amend the Land Use Plan at the southwest corner of Interstate 430 and Baseline Road; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To approve Land Use Plan changes on the southwest corner of Baseline Road and Interstate 430 (LU15-16-01) from Service Trades District to Commercial. (Located in Ward 7)

7. ORDINANCE NO. 21,119; LU15-19-01: To amend the Land Use Plan at the southeast corner of Arkansas Systems Drive and Chenal Parkway; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To approve Land Use Plan changes at the southeast corner of Arkansas Systems Drive and Chenal Parkway LU15-19-01 From Mixed Office Commercial to Commercial. (Located in Ward 5)

8. ORDINANCE NO. 21,120; Z-5675-E: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office District titled Philander Smith College Short-Form POD, located at 900 West Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is a rezoning from R-4, Two-Family District, to POD, Planned Office Development, to allow for the creation of lots around certain structures located on the campus. (Located in Ward 1)

9. ORDINANCE NO. 21,121; Z-5963-F: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District titled Brodie Creek Lot 21 Revised Short-Form PD-R, located at 27 Deerberry Forest Circle, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is proposing to amend the previously-approved PD-R, Planned Development – Residential, for Lot 21 Brodie Creek Addition to allow for an accessory structure and a swimming pool on the lot. (Located in Ward 6)

10. ORDINANCE NO. 21,122; Z-6610-B: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office District titled Fitness for Life Revised Short-Form PD-O, located at 9414 Colonel Glenn Road, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is to amend the previously-approved PD-O, Planned Development – Office, to allow a larger building to be constructed on the site. (Located in Ward 6)

11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,123; Z-7701-D: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Chenal Pet Palace Revised Short-Form PD-C, located at 14309 Kanis Road, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is proposing to amend the previously-approved PD-C, Planned Development Commercial, to clarify the number of dogs allowed to be boarded and in a daycare on the site. (Located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,124; Z-8866-A: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Chenal Curve Short-Form PCD, located at 16900 Chenal Parkway, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is to rezone the site from C-3, General Commercial District, to PCD, Planned Commercial Development, to allow for the placement a development sign on Kirk Road which is inconsistent with the Chenal/Financial Center Design Overlay District. (Located in Ward 5)

13. ORDINANCE NO. 21,125; Z-9069: 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.16-acre lot located at 1115 Calhoun Street is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-3, Single-Family District, to I-2, Light Industrial District. (Located in Ward 1)

14. ORDINANCE NO. 21,126; Z-9075: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District titled Bella Rosa Place Subdivision Short-Form PD-R, located on the northeast corner of Taylor Loop Road and Bella Rosa Drive, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is a rezoning of the site from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-R, Planned Development – Residential, to allow for the creation of seventeen (17), zero lot line, single-family lots. (Located in Ward 5)

15. ORDINANCE NO. 21,127; Z-9076: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District titled Stewart-Autunes-Austin Short-Form PD-R, located at 1421 South Cumberland Streets, Units A and B, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is to rezone the site from R-4, Two-Family District, to PD-R, Planned Development Residential, to allow the two (2) unit duplex located on the site to be sold as single-family attached. (Located in Ward 1)

16. ORDINANCE NO. 21,128; Z-9077: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office District titled Little Rock Community mental Health Center Short-Form PD-O, located at 1020 Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: The request is a rezoning from I-2, Light Industrial District, to PD-O, Planned Development Office, to allow Pinnacle House to offer overnight stay on a limited basis to their clientele. (Located in Ward 1)

17. ORDINANCE NO. 21,129; Z-9078: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Industrial District titled Central Arkansas Urgent Care Short-Form PD-I, located in the 7400 block of Lindsey Road, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: The applicant is requesting a rezoning of the site from I-2, Light Industrial District, to PD-I, Planned Development - Industrial, to add a medical clinic as an allowable use for the site. (Located in Ward 1)

18. ORDINANCE NO. 21,130; Z-2502-B: To amend Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, providing for a waiver of Master Street Plan construction requirements for the Islamic Center Long-Form PD-R on Potter Street; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Authorizes a waiver of street improvements under the Master Street Plan for the platting and Building Permit issuance of the Islamic Center Long-Form PD-R along the east side of Potter Street, south of 40th Street. (Located in Ward 6)

19. ORDINANCE NO. 21,131: To amend Little Rock, Ark, Ordinance No. 20,977 (December 16, 2014), to adjust the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Ordinance to reflect revenue and expenditure adjustments for the General and Fleet Funds; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Seven (7) adjustments need to be made to the 2015 Budget to adjust for changes in anticipated revenues and expenditures.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director 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 Richardson, 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.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 19 was approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 20)

20. ORDINANCE NO. 21,132; Z-9074: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Baseline and Stagecoach Commercial

Development Long-Form PCD, located in the 8500 block of Stagecoach Road and the 12800 block of Baseline Road, 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; and 2 absent. Staff recommends denial.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting to rezone the site from R-2, Single-Family District, to PCD, Planned Commercial Development, to allow for the creation of three (3) lots and the development of individual building(s) on each lot. (Located in Ward 7)

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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 Richardson, 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.

Director Adcock asked why staff was recommending denial. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that the City was supportive of the project; however, there was an issue with a driveway.

Nate Bachelor: Stated that he was with CEI Engineering, which represented the applicant. Mr. Bachelor stated that the driveway locations were discussed at length with City Staff and his firm had conducted a Traffic Engineering Study for the intersection. Mr. Bachelor stated that after discussion with staff, the applicant proposed to align the driveway with the Walgreen's, which was located across the street.

Public Works Department Director Jon Honeywell stated that staff's concern was that there were too many conflicts of turn access into the site.

Ernie Peters: Stated that there were two (2) driveways that were at issue for which the applicant was seeking a variance request. Mr. Peters stated that the first one connected an existing grocery store and the Valero site, which provided connectivity from one land use to an adjacent land use. Mr. Peters stated that by connecting the two (2) properties, an individual would not have to re-enter Baseline Road in order to go from one business to another. Mr. Peters stated that the second drive was aligned opposite Walgreen's on the south side of Stagecoach Road and would prevent the offset of left-turns that occurred when there was a center left-turn lane. Mr. Peters stated that the applicant had agreed to align the drive; and because it would be too close to the driveway of Home Bank, the owner had visited with the bank and they had agreed to close that drive.

By a voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Adcock and Wyrick voting in opposition, **the ordinance was approved.**

21. PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION: 30 Crossing Project – Scott Bennett, Director, Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department (***Presentation will be held at the Clinton Presidential Center***)

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wyrick, to limit public comment to the duration of one (1)-hour. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Webb;

Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Richardson and Wright. Absent: Hendrix and Cazort. By a vote of six (6) ayes, two (2) nays and two (2) absent, **the motion was approved.**

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to recess the meeting in order for the Board Members and the general public to make their way over to the Clinton Presidential Center for a presentation and discussion by the Scott Bennett, Arkansas Highway & Transportation Department Director. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was recessed.**

30 Crossing Project Presentation Clinton Presidential Center Great Hall

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a reconvened meeting at the Clinton Presidential Center with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Richardson; Webb; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines and Mayor Stodola. Absent: Hendrix and Cazort.

Presentation was made by Scott Bennett, Director, Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department, and Jerry Holder with Garver Engineering.

Immediately following the presentation, the following individuals were given time to address the Board with their concerns:

For:

Gary Smith, 2525 North Fillmore Street
David Knight, 111 Center Street

Against:

Andrew Collins, 315 Rock Street
Heartsill Ragon, 425 West Capitol Avenue
Rebecca Engstrom, 315 Rock Street
Kathy Wells, Box 777, Little Rock
Robin Loveless, 1812 Spring Street
Randy Bear, 1805 Hunter Street, Benton
Toy Laha, 6602 Baseline Road
Tom Fennell, 307 West 17th Street
Starre Haas, 1909 South Arch Street
Nick Jovanovic, 5 Belmont Drive
Tim McKuin, 1423 South Summit Street
Chris East, 315 Rock Street
James Henry, 2224 South Summit Street
Carol Worley, 1300 West 3rd Street
Jennifer Bethea, 617 West 24th Street
George Wise, 2403 Louisiana Street
David Peteron, 2409 South State Street
Alex Morgan

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Undecided:

Gabe Holmstrom, 523 Louisiana Street
Lillie McMullen, 9920 Lyndella Court
Dori Braithwaite, Broadmore

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Mark Stodola, Mayor