

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
December 3, 2019
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a regular meeting with Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Webb; Peck; Hines; Wright; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wyrick; and Mayor Scott. Directors Absent: Richardson. Director Gene Fortson delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Big Jingle Jubilee Holiday Parade

Director Fortson stated that many questions had been raised regarding the addition of glass recycling and that he thought that more research needed to be conducted.

16. RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Ace Glass Recycling of Little Rock, Arkansas, to perform Curbside Glass Recycling Services within the corporate limits of the City; to authorize an additional fee of \$3.39 per residence to be assessed to each residence for such service; to authorize any necessary amendments to the Solid Waste Bond Funds; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from the November 26, 2019, Reconvened Meeting)*

Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to table action on Item 16 until the January 7, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Hendrix voting in opposition, Item 16 was tabled until January 7, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 9)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 15,113: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an annual contract with Levy Concrete, in an approximate amount of \$130,000.00, for the purchase of Ready Mix Concrete for the Public Works Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Request for approval to enter into an annual contract with Levy Concrete to provide the City of Little Rock with Ready Mix Concrete Materials for use in street and sidewalk repairs. The contract will be for one (1)-year from date of award, with possible extensions yearly for two (2) additional years, if agreed to by all parties.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,114: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with and to make payments to the Merchants National Bonding Company, in an amount not to exceed the original award amount of \$100,620.00, for the completion of the Biscayne Drive Drainage Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Merchants National Bonding Company for the completion of work originally awarded to On-Line Construction,

Inc., by Resolution No. 14,681, for the Biscayne Drive Drainage Improvement Project. (Located in Ward 4)

3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,115: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Redstone Construction Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2,335,270.49, for the Mabelvale Pike Reconstruction Project; and for other purposes. (*Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds*) *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Merchants National Bonding Company for the completion of work originally awarded to On-Line Construction, Inc., by Resolution No. 14,681, for the Biscayne Drive Drainage Improvement Project. (Located in Ward 7)

4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,116: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ACS Playground Adventures, in an amount not to exceed the total cost of \$106,997.00, to construct and install a Poligon Pavilion at Union Park; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a construction contract with ACS Playground Adventures for a new thirty-six (36)-foot x forty-seven (47)-foot Poligon Pavilion for Union Park. Pavilion is to replace the existing structurally damaged pavilion leaving the existing large stone foundation and fireplace.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,117: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, for Group Dental Insurance for a period beginning January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Group Dental Insurance for the period of January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,118: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a fourth renewal of the contract with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, in an amount not to exceed \$520,000.00, for Group Life and AD&D Insurance for a period beginning January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for Group Life and AD&D Insurance for the period of January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020. This represents year four (4) of the seven (7)-year term.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,119: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a third extension of the contract with VSP, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00, for Group Vision Insurance for a period beginning January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with VSP for Group Vision Insurance for the period of January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020. This represents year four (4) of the seven (7)-year term.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 15,120: To make appointments to the Central Arkansas Library System Board of Trustees; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: Reappointment of Marian Berry to serve her second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2022. Appointment of Stacey McAdoo to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2022.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,121: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with DePaul USA, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$343,161.96, to operate

the Jericho Way Homeless Day Resource Center; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Webb stated that due to the fact that she was on the Board of Directors for DePaul USA, she would be recusing on Item 9.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Webb recusing on Item 9, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

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

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 10 - 14)

10. ORDINANCE NO. 21,812; LU19-11-03: To amend the Land Use Plan in the Interstate 430 Planning District, northeast of Kanis Road and Embassy Suites Drive, from Office to Commercial; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To approve Land Use Plan amendment in the Interstate 430 Planning District from O, Office, to C, Commercial. (Located in Ward 6)

11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,813; Z-9460: 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 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.97-acre property located at the northeast corner of Kanis Road and Embassy Suites Drive is requesting that the property be reclassified from O-3, General Office District, and POD, Planned Office Development, to C-3, General Commercial District. The rezoning is requested for future commercial development. (Located in Ward 6)

12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,814: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize participation of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an insurance pool administered by the Arkansas Municipal League for certain litigation costs, expenses and coverage, in an amount not to exceed \$427,728.04; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Request for a Sole-Source Ordinance to approve participation in an insurance pool administered by the Arkansas Municipal League for certain litigation costs, expenses and coverage.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 21,815: To grant a Franchise for the use of City right-of-way for the placement of restaurant tables and other items for the exclusive use of 610 Bar & Grill, located at 610 Center Street; to require the creation of a passageway consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and acceptable to the City; to set the other terms and conditions of this Franchiser for the Franchisee and the adjacent property owners; and for other purposes.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 21,816: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to use a Competitive Selection Process; to authorize certain contracts to PIT Providers for a period of one (1)-year until December 31, 2020; to commit \$1,950,000.00 of the anticipated \$4,700,000.00 monies available for PIT in the City's 2020 Budget; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinances were read the 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 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.

Pamela Bax: Stated that she was Executive Director of Brandon House Cultural & Performing Art Center and would like clarity on Item 14.

Community Programs Director Dana Dossett stated that due to the changes to programming that the Department of Human Services (DHS) had requested, there was not enough time to include all the changes into the bid. Ms. Dossett stated that because there was not clarity regarding all the changes requested by DHS, staff felt it was impractical to rush the contracts, but rather continue the current successful programs that were currently operating for an additional year. Ms. Bax asked if funding would be provided for the Youth Intervention Programs (YIP). Ms. Dossett stated that funding would be provided for both the Positive Prevention Programs, as well as the YIP Programs.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinances were approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 15)

15. ORDINANCE NO. 21,816: To provide for and to adopt the 2020 Budget for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the period beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020; to appropriate resources and uses for every expenditure item and fund; ***to declare an emergency;*** and for other purposes. ***(1st Reading held on November 19, 2019) (Deferred from the November 26, 2019, Reconvened Meeting)*** *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinance was read the 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. 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 (Items 17 – 18)

17. ORDINANCE NO. 21,818; G-23-471: To abandon an undeveloped, unnamed right-of-way located north of Kanis Road, east of Embassy Suites Drive, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The City, through the Public Works Department and Planning Department, is requesting the exclusive abandonment of the undeveloped, unnamed thirty (30)-foot right-of-way located between Lots 58 and 59, West Highlands Subdivision as recorded in Book 1, Page 273 on April 3, 1916, with no retention of any easement rights. (Located in Ward 6)

The ordinance was read the first time.

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, 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 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 Scott asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Scott closed the public hearing.

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

18. ORDINANCE NO. 21,819; G-23-472: To approve the request for the right-of-way and easement abandonment for an undeveloped fifty (50)-foot Scenic Boulevard right-of-way located within the property at 55 Scenic Boulevard, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting approval of the exclusive abandonment of the undeveloped fifty (50)-foot Scenic Boulevard right-of-way located within the property located at 55 Scenic Boulevard, Pulaski County Tax Parcel ID 33L0120004600 as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 235 on November 28, 1950, to a point twenty-five (25) feet north of the south boundary of said tract with no retention of any easement rights subject to the specific requested easements being granted to Entergy and Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority. (Located in Ward 3)

The ordinance was read the first time.

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, 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 Vice-Mayor Wyrick, 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 Scott asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item.

Micahel Guswami: Stated that he was Legal Counsel for the applicant and asked that the Board approve the ordinance.

Mayor Scott closed the public hearing.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance 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

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor