

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
February 18, 2020  
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; Richardson; Webb; Peck; Hines; Wright; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wyrick; and Mayor Scott. Director Capi Peck delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS:**

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To consent to the assignment of a certain Lease Agreement, as amended, for the benefit of Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park; to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Fourth Amendment to the Lease Agreement; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**WITHDRAWALS:**

**14. ORDINANCE:** To permit the selection of three (3) members of the Board of Directors from Designated District, to be referred to as Regional Districts, that overlap Ward boundaries as a means of repurposing the three (3) current At-Large Positions; to call an election during the 2020 General Election on the issue of whether to utilized Regional Districts as a means of repurposing the current three (3) At-Large Districts; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes.

**15. ORDINANCE:** To amend Section 2(a) of Little Rock, Ark, Ordinance No. 19,761 (June 12, 2007), approved by the Electors on August 14, 2007; to authorize the Mayor to appoint a person to hold, or terminate a person from, the position of City Manager, and City Attorney, absent an action by other members of the Board of Directors to override such action; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to add Item M-1 to the Agenda and to withdraw Items 14 and 15 from the Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **to add Item M-1 was added to the Agenda and Items 14 and 15 were withdrawn from the Agenda.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 3, Items 6 – 7)**

Mayor Scott stated that at the request of Director Hines, Item 4 would be read separately and at the request of Director Richardson, Item 5 would be read separately.

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 15,163:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with CHF Contractors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$189,258.00, for the Stonewall

Road and Country Club Boulevard Drainage 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:** To authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with CHF Contractors, Inc., for the Stonewall Road and Country Club Boulevard Drainage Project, No. 03-17-DR-106A, Bid No. 716. (Located in Ward 3)

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,164:** To authorize the City Manager to execute a three (3)-year renewal agreement with SHI, Inc., in the initial amount of \$1,271,545.20, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the renewal of the City's Core Client Access Licenses through a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to enter a three (3)-year renewal of the City's Core Client Access License and all other software products through a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement to State Contract provider, SHI, Inc.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,165:** To authorize the installation of Veterans Memorial Bridge Signage on the Broadway Street Bridge (U.S. Highway 70); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,168:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Right-of-Way Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement for property located along the west side adjacent to Zeuber Road, to be used for the construction of the Zeuber Road Improvements; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,169:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Right-of-Way Easement for property located along the west side adjacent to Zeuber Road, to be used for the construction of the Zeuber Road Improvements; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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.**

Mayor Scott recognized Director Hines as being instrumental in bringing forth the resolution for the installation of Veterans Memorial Bridge Signage on the Broadway Street Bridge. Director Hines stated that present in the audience that evening were Board Members from the Local American Legion Association. Director Hines thanked the members for their service to the Country and asked that they stand to be recognized.

#### **GROUPED ITEMS (Items 8 - 13)**

**8. ORDINANCE NO. 21,839; Z-3117-F:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Revised Planned Commercial District titled 7415 Colonel Glenn Road Revised Short-Form PCD, located at 7415 Colonel Glenn Road, 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 applicant is requesting approval of a Revised Planned Commercial District to convert an existing structure to mini-warehouse use. (Located in Ward 7)

**9. ORDINANCE NO. 21,840; Z-5239-I:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office District titled Our House Short-Form POD, located at 302 East Roosevelt Road, 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 applicant is requesting approval of a POD, Planned Office District, to build four (4) new buildings, an addition to an existing structure, and modify an existing parking lot on their campus. (Located in Ward 1)

**10. ORDINANCE NO. 21,841; Z-9482:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office District titled 17007 Cantrell Road Short-Form POD, located at 17007 Cantrell Road, 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 applicant is requesting approval of a POF, Planned Office District, to convert a residential structure to quiet office use. (Located in Ward 5)

**11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,842; Z-9483:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Industrial District titled 7821 Doyle Springs Road Short-Form PID, located at 7821 Doyle Springs Road, 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 applicant is requesting approval of a PID, Planned Industrial District, to bring the property into zoning conformance and continued commercial /light industrial uses. (Located in Ward 2)

**12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,843:** To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize Osborn, Carreiro & Associates, Inc., to perform an Actuarial Evaluation and Stress Testing, at a cost not to exceed \$6,750.00, for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of various benefit increase amounts for members of the Little Rock Police Pension and Relief Fund, now administered by the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**13. ORDINANCE NO. 21,844:** To amend Ordinance No. 21,258 (June 18, 2016), to authorize a Revised Repayment Schedule and Interest Rate for the outstanding City of Little Rock, Arkansas Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2016; 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 Wright, 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 12 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 13 was approved.**

## **SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 4 – 5 and Item M-1)**

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,166:** To authorize the reimbursement of the Little Rock Advertising and Promotion Commission in the amount of \$57,983.26, for LED Lighting improvements for the City of Little Rock's Second and Main Street Parking Deck, in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. 11,531 (July 1, 2003); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Hines stated that he was under the impression that the City's agreement with the Little Rock Advertising and Promotion (A&P) Commission was that they would conduct the first \$25,000.00 of maintenance on the Main Street Parking Deck, and that the City's responsibility would begin after the initial \$25,000.00 was expended. Director Hines stated that he didn't recall a previous item coming before the Board authorizing the expenditure before the work was completed. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that the A&P Commission was charged with managing the parking decks for the City and that this was a project that the Commission had authorized through an agreement with the City. Director Hines asked what would keep the A&P Commission from committing the City to future projects without the proper approval. City Manager Moore stated that City Staff meets with the A&P Commission Management Staff to review such items prior to any commitments being made.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Hendrix and Hines voting in opposition, **Item 4 was approved.**

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,167:** To extend a contract with the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, to provide Economic Development Consulting Services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Richardson asked how the success of the Chamber Contract was quantified. City Manager Moore stated that Chamber Staff provided monthly reports regarding status updates. City Manager Moore stated that if the City tried to conduct economic development at the scale that the Chamber was able, the cost would far outweigh the \$250,000.00 amount per year. City Manager Moore stated that the initial contract went out for bid in 2017 and that this was the final year of the contract.

Russ Racop: Stated that he was not in support of the contract with the Chamber and asked that the Board vote against the resolution.

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the resolution. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Peck; Hines; Wright; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock and Vice-Mayor Wyrick. Nays: Hendrix; Richardson; and Webb. By a vote of seven (7) ayes and three (3) nays, **the resolution was approved.**

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS (Items 16 - 17)**

**16. RESOLUTION NO. 15,170:** To approve the sources and uses of funds provided in the 2020 CDBG, HOME and HOWPA Funds from the United States Government; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing and asked that the resolution be read.

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.

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

**17. ORDINANCE NO. 21,845:** To authorize the construction of betterments and improvements to the Water Reclamation System of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, authorizing the issuance of a Water Reclamation System Revenue Bond, Series 2020, for the purpose of financing the cost thereof; providing for the payment of the principal and interest on the Bond; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing and asked that the ordinance be read.

The ordinance was read the first time. 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 Director Wright, 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.**

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Mac Faulkner: At-Large –vs- Ward Districts.

Rod Talley: Community Policing.

Angela Davidson: 5G Deployment.

Pamela Berndt: 5G Deployment.

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Rohn Muse: Opportunity Zone Meeting.

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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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Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor