

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
March 3, 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 Lance Hines delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Scott recognized Scout Troop 24 from Asbury United Methodist Church that were present in the audience working towards their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

PRESENTATIONS

Arkansas Employment Career Center

ADDITIONS:

M-1 RESOLUTION: To appoint Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP, as Bond Counsel for the proposed issuance of Little Rock, Arkansas, Refunding and Revenue Bonds for the purpose of refunding the outstanding 2003 Capital Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds (Downtown Parking Projects) and financing land acquisition and the construction of a parking garage; and providing for other matters in connection with the issuance of the Bonds; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP, to act as Bond Counsel for the proposed issuance of Little Rock, Arkansas, Refunding and Revenue Bonds for the purpose of refunding the outstanding 2003 Capital Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds (Downtown parking Projects) and financing land acquisition and the construction of a parking garage.

M-2 RESOLUTION: To appoint Crews and Associates, Inc., as Bond Underwriter for the proposed issuance of Little Rock, Arkansas, Refunding and Revenue Bonds for the purpose of refunding the outstanding 2003 Capital Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds (Downtown Parking Projects) and financing land acquisition and the construction of a parking garage; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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M-3 RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Baldwin & Shell Construction Company for Demolition Services for the Little Rock Police Department Headquarters Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to add Items M-1 - M-3 to the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1 - M-3 were added to the Consent Agenda.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 8 and Items M-1 – M-3)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 15,172: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Redstone Construction Group, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$236,969.10, for the 6th Street Drainage Improvement 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 Redstone Construction Group, Inc., for the 6th Street Drainage Improvements, Project No. 01-16-DR-10, Bid No. 794. (Located in Ward 1)

2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,173: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Construction Observation Contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, for the 2019 - 2021 Street Resurfacing Programs; 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 a contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., for Construction Observation Services for the 2019 - 2021 Street Resurfacing Programs.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,174: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Goodyear Tires, Looney's Tires and Southern Tire Mart, for an annual purchase amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the purchase of Commercial Tires for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an annual contract with Goodyear Tires, Looney's Tires and Southern Tire Mart for Commercial Tires. This contract is for (1)-year, with an option to renew each year up to two (2) additional years.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,175: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vermeer Mid-South for an annual purchase amount not to exceed \$130,000.00, for Vermeer Parts for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an annual contract with Vermeer Mid-South. This contract is for one (1)-year, with an option to renew each year up to two (2) additional years.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,176: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with GPS Insight, in a total annual amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, for GPS Services for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an annual contract with GPS Insight for GPS Services. This contract is for one (1)-year, with an option to renew each year up to two (2) additional years.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,177: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any documents necessary to accept a donation of property located on Cobb Street; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To accept a donation of land approximately one-half acre in size adjacent and east of West Central Community Center.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,178: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Soos Stained Glass, for an amount not to exceed \$57,074.23, which includes a base bid plus taxes and contingency, for the installation of historic exterior storm windows on the U.S. Arsenal Building located within MacArthur Park; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Soos Stained Glass for the installation of exterior storm windows on the City of Little Rock's U.S. Arsenal Building located within MacArthur Park.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,180: To authorize the use of eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring three (3) separate properties for the expansion and improvements to Crump Park; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of three properties located at 819, 821 and 823 West 33rd Street.

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M-2 RESOLUTION NO. 15,181: To appoint Crews and Associates, Inc., as Bond Underwriter for the proposed issuance of Little Rock, Arkansas, Refunding and Revenue Bonds for the purpose of refunding the outstanding 2003 Capital Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds (Downtown Parking Projects) and financing land acquisition and the construction of a parking garage; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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M-3 RESOLUTION NO. 15,182: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Baldwin & Shell Construction Company for Demolition Services for the Little Rock Police Department Headquarters Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Troy Laha: Property at 5 & 7 Old Glory.

Carla Coleman: Property Demolition - 5 & 7 Old Glory.
Owen Davis: Problems in My School.
Angela Davidson: 5G Deployment.
Clint Albright: Parks.
Pamela Berndt: 5G/Wireless Radiation.

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 9 - 11)

9. ORDINANCE NO. 21,846; Z-9484: 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 six (6) lots located at 1705, 1709, 1719, 1919, 1921 and 1923 South Cedar Street is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-3, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District, (with conditions). (Located in Ward 1)

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

10. ORDINANCE; Z-9487: 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 denial.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.2945-acre property (two (2) lots), located at 2112 and 2114 Wilson Road is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District. (Located in Ward 6)

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

Director Wright stated that she was in support of staff's recommendation of denial. Director Wright stated that the streets in the area in question were very narrow and that the infrastructure needed to be improved before adding an additional burden on the area.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Richardson; Kumpuris; and Vice-Mayor Wyrick. Nays: Hendrix; Webb; Peck; Hines; Wright; Fortson; and Adcock. By a vote of three (3) ayes and seven (7) nays, **the ordinance failed.**

11. ORDINANCE; Z-9488: 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 denial.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.31-acre property (two (2) lots) located at 2224 and 2226 Wilson Road is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District. (Located in Ward 6)

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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. By voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance failed.**

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Mayor Scott asked Emergency Management Administrator Matt Burks to provide the Board with an update regarding the COVID-19 Virus and the precautions that the City was taking. Mr. Burks stated that the virus originated in China and was first identified in early December and since that time it had spread globally with China, Iran, South Korea and Italy experiencing a spike in the number of cases. Mr. Burks stated that currently in the United States, there were approximately 100 confirmed cases; however, no confirmed cases in the State of Arkansas. Mr. Burks stated that the City's current focus was to provide essential services in the event that outbreaks begin to occur in Little Rock and to concentrate on the City's Continuity of Operations Plan. Emergency Management Coordinator Nathan Spicer stated that staff was in the process of updating the individual Departmental Continuity Plans and ensuring that the City was adequately supplied with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the First Responders.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 12)

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments to Boards and Commissions. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

12. RESOLUTION NO. 15,183: A resolution to make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: Age-Friendly Little Rock Commission (2 Positions); Animal Services Advisory Board (5 Positions); City Beautiful Commission (2 Positions); Community Housing Advisory Board (2 Positions); Historic District Commission (1 Position); Little Rock Cent Committee (11 Positions); Little Rock Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (1 Position); Little Rock Parks & Recreation Commission (3 Positions); Little Rock Sustainability Commission (5 Positions); Little Rock Zoo Board of Governors (3 Positions); MacArthur Military History Museum Commission (10 Positions); and Sister Cities Commission (5 Positions).

Age-Friendly Little Rock Commission: Appointment of Sylester Lang to serve his first four (4)-year Ward 2 Representative term, said term to expire on May 21, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Animal Services Advisory Board: Appointment of Brittany Snyman to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 28, 2022. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

City Beautiful Commission: Appointment of Suzanne Peyton to fill the unexpired Professional Civil Engineer, Professional Urban Planner, Registered Architect or Registered Landscape Architect term of Edward Peek, said term to expire on October 19, 2020. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Community Housing Advisory Board: Appointment of Eric Bailey to fill the unexpired At-Large term of Rebecca Jo Bailey, said term to expire on June 2, 2021. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Historic District Commission: Appointment of Christina Aleman to fill the unexpired Owner of a property located in the MacArthur Park Historic District of Frances M. McSwain, said term to expire on June 15, 2021. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Cent Committee: Appointment of Tim Daters to serve his first four (4)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Reappointment of Kenneth Gill to serve his second four (4)-year Ward 5 term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Reappointment of Dr. Sybil Jordan Hampton to serve her third four (4)-year Co-Chair term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Reappointment of Troy Laya to serve his third four (4)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Reappointment of June Matheny to serve her second four (4)-year Ward 4 term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Appointment of Andrea Neal to serve her first four (4)-year Ward 1 term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Reappointment of Peter O'Connor to serve his third four (4)-year Co-Chair term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Reappointment of Donald Shellabarger to serve his third four (4)-year Ward 7 term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Reappointment of Steve Strickland to serve his third four (4)-year Ward 3 term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Reappointment of Mursherrah Tharpe to serve her third four (4)-year Ward 6 term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. Appointment of Stacy Tierney to serve her first four (4)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on February 7, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: Appointment of Brannndii Peterson to fill the unexpired term of Monique L. Sanders, said term to expire on September 30, 2023. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Parks and Recreation Commission: Appointment of Corey Biggs to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2023. Appointment of Jesse Gibson to serve his second three (3)-year term, said to expire on January 31, 2023. Appointment of Delwin Slater to serve his first three (3)-year term, said to expire on January 31, 2023. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Sustainability Commission: Reappointment of Jan Baker to serve her second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 5, 2023. Appointment of Linda Bell to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 5, 2023. Appointment of Malik Saafir to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on

February 5, 2023. Appointment of Dustin Smith to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 5, 2023. Reappointment of Karen Zuccardi to serve her second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 5, 2023. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Zoo Board of Commissioners: Reappointment of Brad Cazort to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 16, 2023. Appointment of Sharmin Moody to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 16, 2023. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

MacArthur Military History Museum Commission: Appointment of Tim Heiple to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2023. Reappointment of Pat Hoy, II, to serve his third three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2023. Reappointment of Sharon Priest to serve her second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2023. Reappointment of Patrina Robinson to serve her third three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2023. Reappointment of Kermit Tracy, III, to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2023. Appointment of Mandy Shoptaw to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2023. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Sister Cities Commission: Reappointment of Bryan J. Barnhouse to serve his third five (5)-year term, said term to expire on January 5, 2025. Appointment of Esperanza Crane to fill the unexpired term of Kelley Bass, said to expire on January 5, 2023. Reappointment of Denver Peacock to serve his second five (5)-year term, said term to expire on January 5, 2025. Reappointment of Ashvin Vibhakar to serve his second five (5)-year term, said term to expire on January 5, 2025. Appointment of Ben Walters to fill the unexpired term of Melanie Scott, said term to expire on January 5, 2022. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Director Hines 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:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor