WAIVES THE REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITIVE QUOTES AND AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS (APCO) TO AUDIT THE LITTLE ROCK COMMUNICATIONS CENTER’S COMPLIANCE WITH APCO’S EMERGENCY DISPATCH OPERATIONAL STANDARDS, PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY.

The cost for this audit and for any needed consultation is $22,100.00 plus applicable taxes. Funds for this project are available from the Little Rock Police Department’s Seized Asset Forfeiture Funds.

Approval of the ordinance.

The Little Rock Police Department has developed various standards for the operation of the emergency communication system. These standards comply with both CALEA and APCO suggestions for such systems.
It is appropriate to review the standards, determine if they are properly implemented, and also determine if any steps need to be taken to improve the standards and the operations of the system. In this instance, because APCO is recognized as the leading entity in the development and implementation of such standards for these types of systems, and since the City already uses APCO materials in training, it is really not feasible to find a more qualified organization to review, interpret, and determine if the City’s implementation meets the standards than to have APCO perform this service for the City.