RESOLUTION NO. _______

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE ARKANSAS REGIONAL COMMISSION AND PULASKI COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR A ONE (1)-YEAR TERM, IN A TOTAL COMBINED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS ($78,780.00), FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, will receive a supplemental allocation of HOPWA Funds due to COVID-19 Pandemic from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock is designated by HUD as an entitlement jurisdiction to administer the HOPWA Program for a six (6)-County area, including Pulaski; Faulkner; Saline; Lonoke; Perry; and Grant Counties; and,

WHEREAS, funding through the HOPWA Program was designated for housing assistance and appropriate supportive services for low-income persons HIV positive to prevent, prepare for, and response to coronavirus (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the City was informed that supplemental allocation in the amount of Eighty-One Thousand, Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars ($81,216.00) provided under the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) which was signed into law on March 27, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City has submitted their 2020 Annual Action Plan to include the supplemental allocation for HOPWA; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to this approval and once the City execute grant agreements with HUD, the City will have fourteen (14) days to execute new Project Sponsor Agreements with Arkansas Regional Commission and Pulaski County Community Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Regional Commission Contract and Pulaski County Community Services Contract are consistent with the City’s adopted Citizen Participation Plan and the Consolidated Planning Committee and the recommended sources and uses of the City’s 2020 HUD Entitlement Funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Regional Commission’s funding, in the amount of Nineteen Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars ($19,695.00), will provide Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities Assistance and Supportive Services in Faulkner County; and,
WHEREAS, Pulaski County Community Services funding, in the amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand, Eighty-Five Dollars ($59,085.00), will provide Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utilities Assistance and Supportive Services in Pulaski County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors hereby approves funding to the Arkansas Regional Commission in the amount of Nineteen Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars ($19,695.00) and to Pulaski County Community Services in the amount of Fifty-Nine Thousand, Eighty-Five Dollars ($59,085.00), for a one (1)-year term, with the right to terminate the agreement upon completion of the Federally-Funded Housing Programs.

Section 2. The recommended sources for funding and uses are from the City’s 2020 HUD Entitlement Funds.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 4. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: June 9, 2020

ATTEST:                                    APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk                        Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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