ORDINANCE NO. ______

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE IT IMPRACTICAL AND UNFEASIBLE TO BID; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROPRIATE NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($90,000.00) TO CARELINK FITNESS AND WELLNESS CENTER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS IN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER AS A PART OF THE 2019 BUDGET; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Central Arkansas Area Agency on Aging, which does business as CareLink, currently operates the CareLink Fitness and Wellness Center at 1200 South Cleveland Street which is a 21,000 square-foot facility which tailors its classes to the unique wellness needs of older adults; and,

WHEREAS, this facility includes a swimming pool, a six (6)-person sauna, weight room, cardio exercise room, educational training room and ballroom that is not otherwise provided by the City at a single facility within the City; and,

WHEREAS, CareLink has made it known that despite its best efforts to operate this facility efficiently that without an additional One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars ($180,000.00), it will not be able to operate into the future; and,

WHEREAS, the ability to provide this targeted community with courses such as aqua arthritis, aqua power, aqua walking, bean bag baseball, body sculpting, dance, deep water cycle, drums alive, lap swimming, line dancing, programs on balance, chronic disease self-management, chronic pain management, diabetes self-management, and others, is consistent with the recreational and fitness goals of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Central Arkansas Agency on Aging in the current amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars ($90,000.00), to operate various targeted programs for older citizens between July 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018.

Section 2. The Board of Directors declares its intent to include these programs for an additional amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars ($90,000.00) for an agreement between January 1, 2019
and June 30, 2019, and perhaps the authority annual amount not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars ($180,000.00) if that decision is made as part of the 2019 Annual Budget.

Section 3. Because the continued operation of a facility such as the CareLink Fitness and Wellness Center at 1200 South Cleveland Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, which is dedicated to such activities for older adults will be lost, and these services are not provided in a single location through other City facilities, it is determined that it is impractical and unfeasible to submit this matter to competitive bids.

Section 4. Funds for the Ninety Thousand Dollar ($90,000.00) payment in 2018 will be part of the 2018 Budget Adjustment.

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

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.

Section 5. Emergency Clause. The ability to provide centrally located fitness and wellness activities to the older adult population is essential to the public health, safety and welfare, and will be lost if the City does not undertake this program at this time and the CareLink Fitness and Wellness Center is required to cease operations; an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

ADOPTED: July 2, 2018

ATTEST: 

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Susan Langley, City Clerk

APPROVED: 

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Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney