ORDINANCE NO. __________

AN ORDINANCE TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO SOLE SOURCE CONTACTS WITH ARISTOTLE.NET, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF UPGRADES, HOSTING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY’S WEBSITE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City’s website in this age of technology and mobile device use is one of the City’s primary means of providing information to its citizens and visitors, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City’s website is kept up-to-date with the latest technologies and made as versatile as possible for the citizens and visitors of the City of Little Rock, and

WHEREAS, Aristotle.Net, Inc. ("Aristotle"), has provided the creation of the City’s current website, as well as the hosting and maintenance for the website for over nine (9) years, and

WHEREAS, competitive bidding should be waived and a contract awarded to Aristotle as the sole source provider for the purchase of upgrades and thirty-six (36) months of hosting and maintenance services for the City’s current website in order to maintain a consistent and comprehensive website for the City of Little Rock.

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors finds that competitive bidding should be dispensed with regarding the purchase of upgrades and thirty-six (36) months of hosting and maintenance services for the City’s current website, and the contract for such services should be awarded to Aristotle as the sole source provider for these services in order to maintain a consistent and comprehensive website for the City of Little Rock.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to dispense with competitive bidding and to enter into contracts with Aristotle.Net, Inc. for the purchase of upgrades to the City’s website in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Seventy Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars ($170,300.00), plus taxes, and thirty-six (36) months of hosting and maintenance services for the website in an amount not to exceed Sixty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred Four Dollars ($62,604.00), plus taxes.
Section 3. Funding for the website upgrade sole source contract is available from the Information Technology Department’s portion of the 3/8-Capital Sales Tax. Funding for the hosting and maintenance services sole source contract is available from the City’s general fund.

Section 4. 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 5. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ADOPTED: July 21, 2015

ATTEST: ___________________________ APPROVED: ___________________________

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Susan Langley, City Clerk    Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney