AN ORDINANCE TO DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF A
COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE CURRENT AT&T PLEXAR PHONE
CONTRACT FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL YEAR, IN AN AMOUNT NOT
TO EXCEED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-
SIX AND 96/100 DOLLARS ($64,776.96), PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES AND
FEES, TO ALLOW FOR THE TESTING OF NEW DEVISES AND
INSTALLATION TO COMPLETE THE UPGRADE OF THE CITY’S
VOICE-OVER INTERNET PHONE SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department (“IT”) has a need to extend the current AT&T
Plexar Phone Contract for one (1) additional year to allow for testing of new devices to determine the
alternative number of lines needed to install once the new Voice-over Internet Protocol (“VoIP”) Phone
System is completed; and,

WHEREAS, the current AT&T contract extension proposal requests the City’s Plexar phone services
contract to be executed by July 15, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the contract covers lines that are not part of the VoIP upgrade and some lines that are
awaiting replacement; and,

WHEREAS, the current contract allows for the addition and deletion of lines as needed at the
contracted rate; and,

WHEREAS, the current Plexar lines will be converted to the new system while others do not meet the
requirement for upgrade; and,

WHEREAS, the contract extension with AT&T Plexar Phone will allow IT an opportunity to meet
with vendors, research alternative resources and identify additional lines that can be added to the new
system to ensure the best solution for the City; and,

WHEREAS, the annual contract cost for the one (1) additional year extension for the Plexar lines,
based upon the current monthly cost of Five Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Eight and 08/100 Dollars
($5,398.08), is Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Six and 96/100 Dollars ($64,776.96), plus
applicable taxes and taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDINANCED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to extend the current contract with AT&T Plexar Phone for one additional year for a total annual cost of Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Six and 96/100 Dollars ($64,776.96), which is based upon the current monthly charge of Five Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety-Eight and 08/100 Dollars ($5,398.08), plus applicable taxes and fees.

Section 2. The cost for these lines will continue to be absorbed by the appropriate Department utilizing these sources.

Section 3. Because AT&T is a sole-source provider, due to the request for extension of the existing contract, the Board of Directors declares it is impractical and unfeasible to submit this purchase to competitive bids.

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 were not originally a part of the ordinance.

Section 5. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED: July 7, 2020

ATTEST: ________________________________  APPROVED: ________________________________

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

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney