ORDINANCE NO. ______

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER DISPENSE WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF A COMPETITIVE PROCESS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH APCO INTERNATIONAL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS ($56,940.00), TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM FOR THE LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is time to update and replace its Computer-Aided Dispatch System ("CAD") which is an essential and primary tool for 911 emergency calls, and for communication with emergency services within the City; and,

WHEREAS, as part of an evaluation by APCO International ("APCO") it has been determined that its expertise in this particular area to help draft a comprehensive request for proposals, or Request for Qualifications, is essential;

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

Section 1. The Board of Directors finds that in light of the current evaluation of emergency communications that has already occurred and the unique expertise of APCO it is impractical and unfeasible to bid this particular contract.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with APCO for the development of the appropriate competitive selection documents for the purchase of a new CAD System for Little Rock Emergency Communications in an amount not to exceed Fifty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Dollars ($56,940.00).

Section 3. Funds for this purchase are available in Little Rock Police Department Communications Other Contract Account No. 105260-63390.

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 All resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. Emergency Clause. The necessity to prepare appropriate documents to purchase a CAD System for City Emergency Communications, and the expertise to determine what should go into such documents, as quickly as possible, is essential to the public health, safety and welfare; 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: August 1, 2017

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