ORDINANCE NO. __________

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE IT IMPractical and Unfeasible TO Bid; To Authorize To Authorize The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract With United Private Network, In An Amount Not To Exceed One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars ($135,635.00), Plus Applicable Taxes and Fees, For the Purchase of Equipment and Service To Connect to Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network For the East Little Rock Community Center; And For Other Purposes.

WHEREAS, the Information Technology Department has a need to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with United Private Network for the purchase of equipment and service to connect to a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network; and,

WHEREAS, the City needs fiber-based communications assets to meet important public telecommunications goals and improve the availability of services and information for the citizens of Little Rock; and,

WHEREAS, the fiber lateral will connect the East Little Rock Community Center, the Senior Center and the Maintenance Shop to the City’s Network; and,

WHEREAS, the United Private Network has a Franchise Agreement that provides for dark fiber the City can use to create the required connection for these locations; and,

WHEREAS, United Private Network is the only company authorized to install a lateral connection to their Core Fiber Network; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost for this service is One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars ($135,635.00), plus applicable taxes and fees, with an additional annual cost of Nine Hundred Dollars ($900.00), per year, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the (3) three circuits connecting the East Little Rock Community Center, the Senior Center and the Maintenance Shop to the City’s Network; and,

WHEREAS, Funding for this contract is available in the East Little Rock Community Center Broadband ARPA Account No. 270459-G0601AR45A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with United Private Network for the purchase of equipment and service to connect to a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network for the (3) three circuits connecting the East Little Rock Community Center, the Senior Center and the Maintenance Shop to the City’s Network.

Section 2. The total cost for this service is One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars ($135,635.00), plus applicable taxes and fees, with an additional annual cost of Nine Hundred Dollars ($900.00), per year, plus applicable taxes and fees, with funds available from the East Little Rock Community Center Broadband ARPA Account No. 270459-G0601AR45A.

Section 3. Because United Private Network is the only company authorized to install a lateral connection to their Core Fiber Network, 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 resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED: August 1, 2023

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