OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION AUGUST 20, 2019 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
An ordinance establishing a Planned Zoning District titled Philander Smith College New Student Housing Short-Form POD, located at 900 West Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive. (Z- 5675-F)	√Ordinance Resolution	
Submitted By:		
Planning & Development Department		Bruce T. Moore City Manager
SYNOPSIS	Philander Smith College seeks to amend the existing POD, Planned Office Development, in order to allow a modified configuration of the student housing with a building area more the 5% larger than the previously-approved POD. The proposal is for a single building of four (4) stories, rather than two (2), three (3)-story buildings.	
FISCAL IMPACT	None.	
RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval of the POD zoning. The Planning Commission voted 8 ayes, 0 nays and 3 absent to recommend approval.	
BACKGROUND	Philander Smith College has been located at this site for more than 130 years. The college has expanded through the years and remains an integral part of the surrounding neighborhood. The new building would contain 148 rooms and 292 beds. The proposed change to the site plan for one (1) building is consistent with the existing zoning approval and will not adversely impact the on-going development of the campus or the surrounding area.	

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their July 18, 2019, meeting and there were no objectors present. Please see the attached Planning Commission minutes for Staff's Analysis and the Commission's action.