## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 AGENDA

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
Authorizing the use of Eminent Domain on the West Baseline Road Improvement Project	Ordinance <b>✓ Resolution</b>	
Submitted By:		
Public Works Department		Bruce T. Moore City Manager
SYNOPSIS  FISCAL IMPACT	Authorizes the City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-of-way, permanent and temporary Construction Easements for the West Baseline Road Improvement Project.  Funding for the project is from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales and Compensating Use Tax as authorized by Resolution No. 14,310, Special Project Activity TS0B128 (West Baseline).	
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the resolution.	
BACKGROUND	City Staff has successfully acquired or has agreement on seven (7) of fourteen (14) parcels needed to construct the project since right-of-way acquisition work was initiated in March 2018. Six (6) of the parcels are owned by three (3) owners, and while each owner has given a verbal indication of acceptance of the offers, there has been no further response to staff calls and letters. One (1) owner has made an unreasonable counter offer that far exceeds the Appraised Market Value of the property. Staff will continue to make attempts to reach a negotiated settlement; however, the use of eminent domain may be needed to move this project to construction.	