RESOLUTION NO. ______

A RESOLUTION TO STATE THE PRIMARY INTENDED USES OF A PORTION OF THE SECOND TRANCHE TO THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (“the City”), has received, and has on deposit, approximately $18.8 million in the second tranche the allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”), and the intended uses of these funds should be stated.

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

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of Section 4 below, the Mayor, the City Manager, City Clerk and any City signatories required to do so, are authorized to apply for, obtain, or otherwise assure authorization of the receipt or use of ARPA Funds as set forth in this resolution.

Section 2. As set forth more fully below, the Board of Directors (“the Board”) expresses its intent to expend these funds for eligible, immediate needs within the categories below:

(a) Expenditure of Lost Revenue on Governmental Services;
(b) Public Health Measures to Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic;
(c) Premium Pay; and,
(d) Indirect Costs.

Section 3. Expenditure of Lost Revenue on Governmental Services. It is the intent of the Board that funds from the second tranche of the ARPA Funds be prioritized and expended for government services as follows:

(a) Fire Facility Improvements: Estimated total of One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000.00).
(b) Senior Center: Estimated at Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000.00).
(c) Parks & Community Centers: Estimated with an express provision of One Million Dollars (1,000,000.00) earmarked for baseball fields at the West Central Community Center for a total of Three Million Dollars (3,000,000.00).
(d) Public Works Capital Needs: Estimated at Two Million, Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($2,350,000.00).
(e) Downtown Master Plan & Capital Needs: Estimated at One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000.00).

(f) Real Time Crime Information Center: Estimated at One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00).

(g) Total: Twelve million, Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($12,350,000.00).

Section 4. Compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act. The City will ensure compliance with prevailing Federal Law, regulations, and guidance, at the time the funds are committed to expenditures.

Section 5. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as constituting an employment contract or as altering, modifying or affecting the “at-will” employment relationship between the City and any relevant City employee.

Section 6. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution 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 resolution.

Section 7. 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.

ADOPTED: September 6, 2022

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

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