

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2015
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a regular meeting with Vice-Mayor Lance Hines presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Richardson; Webb; Cazort; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Directors Absent: Mayor Stodola. Director Erma Hendrix delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

International Building Safety Month Proclamation

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 6)

1. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014, and December 16, 2014, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meetings.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,117:** To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to JCI Construction, Inc., in an amount to exceed \$573,204.00 for the West 17th Street Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with JCI Construction, Inc., for West 17th Street Improvements from Brown Street to Woodrow Street, Project Number 13-B-1C, Bid Number 15-004. (Located in Ward 1)

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,118:** To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Shields and Associates, Inc., for the Yarberrry Lane Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$462,861.60; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Shields and Associates, Inc., for the Yarberrry Lane Improvement Project, Project Number 13-7-057, Bid Number 15-005. (Located in Ward 7)

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,119:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Watch Guard Video Company, in the total amount of \$68,766.82, for the purchase of in-car camera systems for fourteen (14) new Police Patrol Units for the Little Rock Police Department, utilizing the Houston-Galveston Area Council; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Watch Guard Video Company to purchase in-car camera systems for fourteen (14) new Police Patrol Units for the Little Rock Police Department, at a total price of \$68,776.82.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,120:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract in the total amount of \$62,790.00, for the purchase of two (2) Dodge Ram 2500 Bi-Fuel

Pick-up Trucks from Red River Dodge Chrysler for the Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department, utilizing the Arkansas State Purchasing Contract; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) (Deferred from April 21, 2015) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Red River Dodge, Chrysler in the total amount of \$62,790.00 to purchase two (2) Ram 2500 Bi-Fuel Pick-Up Trucks for the Housing & Neighborhood Programs Department.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,121: To make certain findings in connection with a program for the financing of certain industrial facilities in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; authorizing the execution of an agreement to issue Bonds; and for other purposes.

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Myrtle Harrison, 5902 Pecan Lake Road: Pecan Lake Property Owners Association.

Pat Gee, 9409 Dowan Drive: Tribute to Willie Hinton.

Joe Arnold, 14010 Napoleon Road: Parks update.

Terrence Simmons, 1912 Brown Street: Finish improvement of Brown Street.

Reginald Lockhart, 3208 West 23rd Street: Street on West 23rd Street.

Phillip Bryant, 1868 Summit Street: 4-Way Stop Sign at Battery & 16th Streets.

Benny Johnson, 9525 Interstate 30: Crime & favoritism.

Johnny Hasan, 1218 West 21st Street: Addition of Police in Central High.

Carolyn Floyd, 1519 Wolfe Street: Centennial Park.

Bro. Anexen Shu Al-Muur Bey: Centennial Park.

Antwon Williams, 4012 Ludwig Street: Centennial Park.

Annie Abrams, 1925 Wolfe Street: Centennial Park – Safety.

Paul Dodds, 2119 West 17th Street: Centennial Park Security.

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 7 – 9)

7. ORDINANCE NO. 21,035: To condemn a certain structure in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as structural, fire and health hazard; to provide for summary abatement procedures; to direct the City Staff to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structure; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from the March 17, 2015) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: One (1) residential structure in a severely dilapidated and deteriorated condition causing a negative environmental impact on the residential neighborhoods in which it is located. All notices have been mailed in accordance with Arkansas State Law. (Located in Ward 1)

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By

unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a third time.

Vanessa McKuin, 1423 South Summit Street: Stated that she was the Executive Director of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas (HPPA) and asked that the Board allow more time for the owner of 1325 West 12th Street to pursue stabilization and preservation of the property. Ms. McKuin stated that HPPA would be announcing the 2015 list of Arkansas' Most Endangered Places and the structure had been selected to be included on the list.

Dr. Narcissus S. Tyler, 1922 South Battery Street: Stated that she was the owner and asked the Board to grant her an additional four (4) months to secure funding. Dr. Tyler stated that on August 5, 2015, the list of the Arkansas Register of Historic Places would be announced and there was a chance that the structure included on the list. Dr. Tyler stated that she had spoken to the adjacent property owners and they were all supportive of her rehabilitation efforts.

Director Cazort stated an extension had already been granted in March for the structure and asked what work had been done to rehabilitate the structure and if any funding had been secured. Dr. Tyler stated that she had received a letter from HPPA regarding the endangered status. Director Cazort asked if funding had been secured, or if she had spoken with a contractor. Dr. Tyler stated that she had a Building Permit and had contacted a contractor; however, she had not had the opportunity to meet with him. Dr. Tyler stated that she had personal funds to make improvements so that the exterior would be presentable. Director Adcock asked if there were any interior pictures of the structure. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that staff had not received any pictures from the owner and that due to the instability of the structure, he would not allow staff to enter the structure. Director Adcock asked Dr. Tyler if she had an estimate on the cost to rehabilitate the structure. Dr. Tyler stated that her estimate was \$250,000.

Director Richardson asked if the current designation of an endangered structure would lend itself to any funding for rehabilitation work. Ms. McKuin stated that the designation was a tool to bring attention to the structure; however, it was not was not a guarantee for funding.

Director Hendrix made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to call the question on the vote. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the question to vote was called.** By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Hendrix; Webb; Cazort; Fortson; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Richardson; Wright; Wyrick and Kumpuris. By a vote of six (6) ayes and four (4) nays, **the ordinance was approved.** By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Hendrix; Webb; Cazort; Wyrick; Fortson; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Richardson; Wright; and Kumpuris. By a vote of seven (7) ayes and three (3) nays, **the emergency clause was approved.**

8. ORDINANCE NO. 21,034: To call a Special Election in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the purpose of submitting to the Electors of the City the question of reducing and extending the levy of a portion of the existing annual Ad Valorem Property Tax pledge to the repayment of the outstanding Library Capital Improvement Bonds from the aggregate rate of One and Nine Tenths of One Mill (1.9) Mills to the new rate of One and Eight Tenths of One (1.8) Mil on the dollar of assessed valuation of taxable property

in the City; to pledge Nine Tenths of One (0.9) Mil of said Ad Valorem Tax to secure the repayment of an issue or issues of Bonds of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, issued under Amendments No. 30 and No. 72 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and Act 920 of 1993, not to exceed \$37,000,000 in aggregate principal amount, to refund one (1) or more outstanding issues of Library Construction, Improvement and Refunding Bonds and to finance the cost of acquiring constructing, and equipping land and additional capital improvements for the City's public libraries operated by Central Arkansas Library System; prescribing other matters pertaining thereto; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved**. By voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause was approved**.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 21,033: To authorize the issuance of a promissory note to provide short-term financing under Amendment No. 78 to the Arkansas Constitution for the acquisition, construction, equipping and installation of real and tangible personal property; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved**. By voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause was approved**.

REPORTS (Item 10)

10. REPORT: December 2014 Financial Report – Sara Lenehan, Finance Department Director.

Ms. Lenehan reported that through the end-of-year was finished with 100.99% of the Amended Budget, which compared to 100.69% of the 2013 Amended Budget; a .30% increase. Year-to-date, the annual revenues were at 184,634,985, which compared to \$182,829,787 for 2013; \$1.8 Million above the Amended Budget. Ms. Lenehan reported that for the month of December, the City's sales tax increased 5.58%, as compared to one (1)-year ago, and the City's portion of the County sales tax increased 7.38%; combined the blended sales tax collections increased 6.19%. Ms. Lenehan reported that year-to-date sales tax increased 1.33%, as compared to one (1)-year ago and 1.11% ahead of the Amended Budget. In addition, Ms. Lenehan reported that the 2014 Budget goal for vacancy savings was \$6,250,000, and year-to-date savings were \$6,647,888.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 11)

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Webb, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments to the Pecan Lakes Municipal Recreation Improvement District No. 4. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

11. RESOLUTION NO. 14,122: To appoint three (3) Commissioners to fill vacancies on the Board of Commissioners of the Pecan Lakes Municipal Recreational Improvement District No. 4 of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

Director Wyrick made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to appoint Phillip Wilson, Denise White and Steven Bell. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the appointments were approved.

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was adjourned.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Lance Hines, Vice-Mayor