

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
DECEMBER 15, 2015 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>An ordinance to dispense with competitive bids and permit the purchase of parking deck equipment from Parking Boxx</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>To allow the City to make a sole source purchase of compatible equipment for the 2nd and Main Parking Deck that also is applicable to other parking decks in which the City has an interest that are operated by the Little Rock Convention & Visitor's Bureau.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The cost is \$126,800.00 for this new equipment; however, the savings from compatibility, and ease of operation should off-set these costs.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the ordinance</p>	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	<p>N/A</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>The City is involved with the Little Rock Convention & Visitor's Bureau (LRCVB) in the ownership or operation of several parking decks including, but not limited to, the River Market Parking Deck, the 2nd & Main Parking Deck and the Doubletree Parking Deck.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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The equipment for all of these decks, except the 2nd and Main Parking Deck, was provided through a contractual relationship with Parking Boxx, and it has been determined that it would be more efficient and cost effective to have all the decks operate from the same equipment, especially the software and computer equipment. Among other things, the software and computer equipment will make it easier to account for the collections at these locations.

Since Parking Boxx provided somewhat proprietary equipment for the other decks, the most feasible way to purchase equipment for the 2nd and Main Parking Deck is through a sole source ordinance since otherwise the City and LRCVB would have to purchase equipment for all of the decks. This makes it impractical and unfeasible to competitive bid for this equipment. This ordinance permits such a contract.