

**Little Rock Board of Directors Special Called Meeting
December 21, 2021
9:47 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a regular meeting with Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Miller (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Richardson (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Webb (via WebEx Video Teleconferencing); Peck (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Wright (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Wyrick (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Kumpuris (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Phillips (via WebEx Video Teleconferencing); Adcock (enrolled at 9:54 PM via WebEx Teleconferencing); Vice-Mayor Hines (via WebEx Teleconferencing); and Mayor Scott. Director Virgil Miller delivered the invocation.

AGENDA (Items 1 – 5)

1. ORDINANCE: To provide for and to adopt the 2022 Budget for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022; to appropriate resources and uses for every expenditure item and fund; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *(1st Reading Held on December 7, 2021) (2nd Reading Held on December 21, 2021) Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinance was read the third time.

Director Kumpuris stated that he would once again like to make the following amendments to the proposed Budget Ordinance.

Section 11. Review and Modification of Budget Items. *This ordinance to approve the Budget for 2022 is not an indication that all of the programs, Departments and expenses, included in the background documents for a line item meet with the approval of the Board of Directors; therefore, the Board reserves the right to review the policy implications of any program, Department or expenses, and to make appropriate modifications as deemed appropriate beginning on January 1, 2022, and extending through December 31, 2022.*

Section 12. Department of Finance to Provide Documentation Promptly. *The Department of Finance is charged with providing to any member of the Board of Directors promptly, which is a time period not to exceed seven (7) calendar days, any and all information requested by any member of the Board of Directors as to a particular program, Department or expense; further, any such request shall be shared with all elected members of the Board of Directors and the City Manager.*

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to amend the proposed ordinance. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Webb and Phillips voting in opposition, **the motion was approved.**

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Wright voting in opposition, **the ordinance was approved.** By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Wright voting in opposition, **the emergency was approved.**

2. ORDINANCE: To fix and impose the aggregate amount of fees and charges to be paid to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, by Entergy Corporation and the method of payment thereof; to amend Section 9 of Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 11,683 (December 6, 1965); and for other purposes. *(1st Reading Held on December 7, 2021) (2nd Reading Held on December 21, 2021) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance levying a Franchise Fee to be paid by Entergy Corporation. This Franchise Fee should remain in effect until otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.

The ordinance was read the third time.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

3. ORDINANCE: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 11,366 (March 4, 1963) as amended, to provide for levying a Franchise Fee to be paid by CenterPoint Energy ARKLA; to provide for the payment thereof; and for other purposes. *(1st Reading Held on December 7, 2021) (2nd Reading Held on December 21, 2021) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance levying a Franchise Fee to be paid by CenterPoint Energy ARKLA. This Franchise Fee should remain in effect until otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.

The ordinance was read the third time.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

4. ORDINANCE: To levy Franchise Fees to be paid by all carriers providing Local Access Telephone Services; to provide for the payment thereof; and for other purposes. *(1st Reading Held on December 7, 2021) (2nd Reading Held on December 21, 2021) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance levying a Franchise Fee to be paid by all carriers providing local access telephone service. This Franchise Fee should remain in effect until otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.

The ordinance was read the third time.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

5. ORDINANCE: To fix and impose the amount of fees and charges to be paid to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, by all companies that provide interstate or intrastate Long Distance Telecommunication Services, and all business incidental to, or connected with, the conducting of such telephone business in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; to amend Section 3 of Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 15,706 (July 5, 1989); and for other purposes. *(1st Reading Held on December 7, 2021) (2nd Reading Held on December 21, 2021) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance levying a Franchise Fee for companies providing Long Distance Telephone Service in Little Rock for 2022.

The ordinance was read the third time.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

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Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Kumpuris, to adjourn the Special Called Meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Special Called Meeting was adjourned.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor