

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
April 4, 2017
6:00 PM**

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

PRESENTATIONS

National Community Service Day Proclamation

ADDITIONS:

M-1 MOTION; Z-8170-C: To rescind the Little Rock Planning Commission's action in denying a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Wastewater Treatment Plan on the property located at 25616 Highway 10; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 1 aye; 9 nays; and 1 absent. Staff recommends denial. (Deferred from September 6, 2016)(Deferred from December 6, 2016)(Deferred from March 7, 2017) (Due to a scheduling conflict, the applicant has requested to move the item from the May 16, 2017, agenda to the May 2, 2017, agenda)*

Synopsis: The applicant, Rick Ferguson, through his attorney Philip Kaplan, is appealing the Planning Commission's action in denying a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Wastewater Treatment Plant on the property located at 25616 Highway 10. *(Located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)*

M-2 RESOLUTION: To confirm the reappointment of a member to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (Heifer Project International) Public Facilities Board; and for other purposes.

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M-4 RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to James A. Rogers Excavation, Inc., in amount not to exceed \$216,794.50, for improvements to the West Central Community Center Parking Lot; 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 James A. Rogers Excavating, Inc., for the West Central Community Center Parking Lot, Bid No. 17-004. (Located in Ward 6)

M-5 RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Global Perspectives Consulting, LLC, in an annual amount not to exceed \$58,000.00, plus any applicable taxes, to provide and conduct a comprehensive Cultural Diversity and Cultural Competency Training Programs for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The Little Rock Police Department seeks approval for the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Global Perspectives Consulting, LLC, to provide the Department with Cultural Diversity and Cultural Competency Training at the Little Rock Police Department Training Division.

M-6 RESOLUTION: To set April 18, 2017, as the date of public hearing on the amended uses of the 2017 CDBG Entitlement Funds; and for other purposes.

Staff recommends approval.

M-7 RESOLUTION: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 13,118 (April 20, 2010) to ratify, modify and extend the lease term between the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Quapaw Quarter Association to operate Curran Hall as a Tourist Information Center; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to move Item M-1 from the May 16, 2017, agenda to the May 2, 2017, agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item M-1 was moved from the May 16, 2017, agenda to the May 2, 2017, agenda.**

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, to add Items M-2 – M-7 to the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-2 – M-7 were added to the Consent Agenda.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 8 and Items M-2 – M-7)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,526: To authorize the Mayor and City Officials to execute any necessary documents to enter into a Real Estate Purchase Contract with Bartholomew and RBAR Farms to purchase approximately 308 acres of land for use by the Little Rock Port Authority; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

2. RESOLUTION NO. 14,527: To authorize the Mayor and City Officials to execute any necessary documents to enter into a Real Estate Purchase Contract with Marcus Bryant to purchase approximately fifty (50) acres of land for use by the Little Rock Port Authority; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

3. RESOLUTION NO. 14,528: To authorize a contract increase for Township Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$390,000.00, for the Wright Avenue Bridge Repair Improvements; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds) Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute a change order with Township Builders, Inc., for Wright Avenue Bridge Repairs, Project No. B-01B, Bid No. 16006. (Located in Ward 1)

4. RESOLUTION NO. 14,529: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to JCI Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$221,700.00, for Sidewalk Construction within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; 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 the low bidder, JCI Construction, Inc., for sidewalk construction within the City of Little Rock as part of the 2017 Sidewalk Replacement Program.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,530: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Contractor's Specialty Service Company, in an amount not to exceed \$281,072.00, for Pavement Markings within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with the low bidder, Contractor's Specialty Service Company, for street pavement marking improvement in the City of Little Rock.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,531: To authorize the City Manager to award a Construction Observation Contract to McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the 2017 Street Resurfacing Program; 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 McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., for Construction Observation Services of Asphalt Resurfacing within the City of Little Rock.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,532: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Aimco Equipment Company, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$48,822.77 as bid, to demolish the existing Walk-In Freezer and to install a new Freezer and Concrete Floor at the Little Rock Zoo Commissary; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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City Manager Bruce Moore stated that Little Rock Police Officers and Recruit Schools had participated in Cultural Training, and he felt it was important to have someone outside LRPD to conduct the training. City Manager Moore stated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued in 2014 with six (6) proposals received, and the selection committee had chosen JCA to conduct the training. City Manager Moore stated that early in the year, another RFP was issued with multiple proposals received. Mayor Stodola asked how many hours of training that each Officer would receive. Little Rock Police Chief Kenton Buckner stated that current Officers would receive two (2)-hour blocks of in-service training with the new Police Recruits receiving six (6) to eight (8)-hour blocks of training. Chief Buckner stated that the State of Arkansas only required one (1)-hour for Officers and two (2) hours for recruits.

Vincent Tolliver, 1510 South Ringo Street: Expressed his concerns regarding the contract for the training programs.

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Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Hendrix voting Present, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Shanna McCoy: Public Transportation

Carl Hines, 1508 East 38th Street: Tent City – Granite Mountain Neighborhood.

Gloria Springs, 6A Harris Circle: Tent City – Granite Mountain Neighborhood.

Evangelist Chey Massey Thompson: Harassment/Discrimination.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 9 - 10)

Mayor Stodola stated that he had received a cards from individuals wanting to speak on Item 10; therefore, it would be read separately.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 21,378: To amend Chapter 36, Section 36-513 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to restrict the parking of certain motor vehicles in the right-of-way in residential zones for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Staff is proposing an amendment to Chapter 36, Section 36-513 to prohibit certain motor vehicles from being parked or stored in the right-of-way in residential zones for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to read the ordinance a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

10. ORDINANCE NO. 21,379; Z-3459-J: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Little Rock School District – Southwest High School Long-Form PD-C, located at 9715 Mabelvale Pike, at the intersection of Mabelvale Pike and Sibley Hole Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval. (1st Reading held on March 21, 2017)*

Synopsis: The request is a rezoning from C-3, General Commercial District, R-2, Single-Family District and OS, Open Space District, to PD-C, Planned Development - Commercial, to allow for the development of sixty-one (61) acres with a new Little Rock School District High School Campus. (Located in Ward 7)

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to read the ordinance a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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.

Karen Baldrige, 3 Mavis Circle: Stated that she lived in the area and was pleased with how the Little Rock School District had addressed some of their concerns; however, she was concerned about the increase in traffic in the neighborhood. Ms. Baldrige stated that there was a 100-foot buffer around most of the property; however, in one area the buffer decreased to fifty (50)-foot. Ms. Baldrige stated that she thought the buffer needed to be 100-foot around the entire property. In addition, Ms. Baldrige stated that according to the plan there were forty-eight (48) parking spaces located in close proximity to the neighborhood and she felt that it was a problem.

Elizabeth Peel, 12010 Mabelvale Pike: stated that she lived in the Mabelvale area and was concerned about the proposed parking spots that were planned to be located directly behind the neighborhood.

Dr. Anika Whitfield: Voiced her opinions regarding the upcoming millage vote in relation to where the proposed high school would be built.

Planning & Development Director Tony Bozynski stated that the majority of the area was currently zoned for C-3, General Commercial District, which allowed a school by-right. Mr. Bozynski stated that the two (2) entrances into the property were zoned R-2, Single-Family District; therefore, in order to address all aspects of the plan, the Planned Commercial District was being sought. Mr. Bozynski stated that the forty-eight (48) parking spots were divided into two (2) twenty-four (24)-space sections and oriented towards the baseball and softball fields.

Little Rock School District Superintendent Michael Poore: Stated that as a result of the neighborhood meeting, the District had already agreed to extend the 100-foot buffer around the entire property. Mr. Poore stated that the forty-eight (48) parking spots would be used primarily during baseball and softball season, which would be in the spring.

Director Wyrick stated that there appeared to be adequate space on the property to move a least one of the sections of twenty-four (24) parking spaces away from the neighborhood. Mr. Poore stated that the District would be agreeable to locating an alternative site for those parking spaces.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wyrick, to amend the ordinance to include the movement of the twenty-four (24) parking spaces and the extension of the 100-foot buffer. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was amended.**

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to call the question on the vote. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the question to vote was called.**

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

Mayor Stodola stated that he had planned on recessing the meeting until April 11, 2017, to conduct the follow-up evaluation of the City Attorney; however, he had been made aware that at least three (3) Directors would not be present at that meeting and would work to find another date for the evaluation.

Director Hines 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

Mark Stodola, Mayor