

**Little Rock Board of Directors Special Called Meeting
February 24, 2015
5:00 PM**

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

PRESENTATIONS

City of Little Rock Retiree Recognition
Cliff Smith, Finance Department

DEFERRALS

6. RESOLUTION: To transfer property by Quitclaim Deed under the Land Bank Side Lot Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval. (Deferred until March 17, 2015, at staff's request)*

Synopsis: In an effort to convey underutilized parcels of property held in the City's Land Bank, Staff would like to transfer the property located at 2606 West 13th Street to the neighboring homeowner at 2600 West 13th Street under the Land Bank Side Lot Program. **Property Details:** The property at 2606 West 13th Street is a 7,200 square-foot unimproved parcel with no structure that shares a common boundary line on the east with the property at 2600 West 13th Street. (Located in Ward 1)

7. RESOLUTION: To transfer property to Jazmir Arkansas, LLC, for development; to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval. (Deferred until March 17, 2015, at staff's request)*

Synopsis: In an effort to maximize the Land Bank's revitalization efforts, the Land Bank Commission would like to transfer the unsafe/vacant structure located at 3115 West 11th Street (Ward I) to Jazmir Arkansas, LLC, for rehabilitation. (Located in Ward 1)

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to defer Items 6 & 7 until March 17, 2015. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items 6 & 7 were deferred until March 17, 2015.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 5 & Items 8 - 15)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,061; S-1737: To set April 7, 2015, as the date of hearing on the petition to appeal the Planning Commission's approval of variances associated with a preliminary plat for property located at 10000 Old Arkansas Road, Roland, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (Located outside the City Limits, but within the City's zoning jurisdiction)

2. RESOLUTION NO. 14,062; Z-8937-A: To set April 7, 2015, as the date of hearing on the petition to appeal the Planning Commission's action in approving a Conditional

Use Permit to allow the construction of a wastewater treatment system, a community pool and clubhouse located at 10000 Old Arkansas Road, Roland, Arkansas; and for other purposes. **(Located outside the City Limits, but within the City's zoning jurisdiction)**

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to move the date for Public Hearing for Items 1 & 2 from March 17, 2015, to April 7, 2015. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the date of Public Hearing for Items 1 & 2 was moved to April 7, 2015.**

3. RESOLUTION NO. 14,063; G-23-454: To set March 17, 2015, as the date of hearing on the request to abandon approximately 413 linear-feet of the undeveloped 31.74-foot wide Kirk Road right-of-way, located west of the current dedicated Kirk Road (across Kirk Road from the Fellowship Bible Church development), in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. **(Located in Ward 5)**

4. RESOLUTION NO. 14,064; G-23-453: To set March 17, 2015, as the date of hearing on the request to abandon the east 133 feet of the alley right-of-way, located within Block 7, Pfeifer's Addition, being adjacent to Lots 6 through 22, Block 7 Pfeifer's Addition, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. **(Located in Ward 3)**

5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,065; G-25-215-A: To change the name of Riley Drive, from John Barrow Road to where it becomes a private street at the gate of Woodland Heights facilities, to CARTI Way; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute (CARTI) is requesting that the name of Riley Drive, from John Barrow Road to where the street becomes a private street at the gate to the Woodland Heights facilities, be changed to CARTI Way. (Located in Ward 6)

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,066: To certify local government endorsement of Laser Link, Inc., d/b/a National Custom Hollow Metal Doors & Frames, to be located at 1701 East 22nd Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program (as authorized by Section 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.* **(Located in Ward 1)**

9. RESOLUTION NO. 14,067: To certify local government endorsement of Grandeur Fasteners, Inc., to be located at 2200 145th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program (as authorized by Section 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.* **(Located outside the City Limits)**

10. RESOLUTION NO. 14,068: To certify local government endorsement of FedEx Ground Package System, Inc., located at South Loop Road, Mabelvale, Arkansas, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program (as authorized by Section 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.* **(Located in Ward 7)**

11. RESOLUTION NO. 14,069: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for an Economic Infrastructure Fund Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to sub-award Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) Grant Funds and City of Little Rock matching funds to FedEx for the

construction of infrastructure at a new FedEx Ground Distribution Center for a \$52 Million dollar economic development project and for the creation of new jobs. (Located in Ward 7)

12. RESOLUTION NO. 14,070: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Clark Machinery Company, in the total amount of \$431,613.00, for the purchase of one (1) Trackhoe Excavator, for the Public Works Department, utilizing the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Agreement; and for other purposes.

Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Clark Machinery Company for the purchase one (1) Trackhoe Excavator for the Public Works Department.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 14,071: To authorize the use of eminent domain on the Yarberry Lane Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-of-way, temporary construction easements and land for the Yarberry Lane Improvement Project, Project No. 13-7-057. (Located in Ward 7)

14. RESOLUTION NO. 14,072: To authorize the City Manager to enter into Utility Relocation Agreements necessary to construct the 2013 through 2015 Street and Drainage Capital Improvement Program as authorized by Resolution No. 13,699 (May 21, 2013); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to enter into Utility Relocation Agreements as necessary for the construction of the 2013 through 2015 Street and Drainage Improvement Program.

15. RESOLUTION NO. 14,073: Authorize the Mayor to issue a letter of support to the Arkansas Development Finance Authority for the National Community Development Renaissance Development Corporation to apply for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, to be used to construct a fifty (51)-unit multi-family development for the elderly located at 36th Street and Dover Drive; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The resolution would authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support for the applicant (National Community Development Renaissance Development Corporation/dba CORE) to apply for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Arkansas Development Finance Authority. The Magnum Opus project is a fifty-one (51)-unit multi-family development for the elderly located at 36th Street and Dover Drive. (Located in Ward 6)

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

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 16 - 19)

16. ORDINANCE NO. 20,993; Z-5667-B: To reclassify property located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; and 3 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 4.39-acre property located at the southeast corner of Interstate 30 and Otter Creek South Road is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to I-2, Light Industrial District. (Located in Ward 7)

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

17. RESOLUTION NO. 14,074: To encourage the Arkansas Congressional Delegation to take steps to permit the appropriate collection of Sales and Compensating Use Tax revenue for Internet sales to Arkansas consumers; to help assure the continued local funding of vital public services; and for other purposes.

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

18. ORDINANCE NO. 20,994: To authorize the issuance and sale of Sewer Refunding Bonds; to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds; to prescribe other related matters; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Fortson stated that he had been advised by City Attorney Tom Carpenter that he needed to disclose that he was Shareholder and Director of the parent company that owned the firm involved with the issuing the bonds; however, because he was neither an Officer or a controlling Shareholder, he would not have to recuse from voting. Director Adcock stated that she had been advised by City Attorney Carpenter that she needed to disclose that she, along with her husband, was the owner of some of the bonds from Little Rock Wastewater; however, none of bonds that were involved with the issuance at hand. City Attorney Carpenter stated that she was required to disclose the information; however, she did not have to recuse from voting.

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, with Director Hendrix voting in opposition, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a third time. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Hendrix voting Present, **the ordinance was approved.** By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Hendrix voting Present, **the emergency clause was approved.**

19. ORDINANCE NO. 20,995: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code §5-33 (1988) to remove the limitation on the ability of the Little Rock Ambulance Authority to finance improvements and other matters; **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 unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a third time.

City Attorney Carpenter stated that item would have been dealt with at the February 17, 2015, Board Meeting, which was cancelled due to inclement weather. City Attorney Carpenter reported that there would be a resolution on the March 3, 2015, agenda to set the Public Hearing for the financing, and that legal counsel was present should there be any questions. Mayor Stodola asked if anyone had questions regarding the matter. Director Wright asked if it would cost the City any money, and Mayor Stodola reported that it would not.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 20)

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments and re-appointments to Boards and Commissions. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

20. RESOLUTION NO. 14,075: To make appointments and re-appointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

Americans with Disabilities Act Grievance Committee: Appointment of Sheena Fluker to serve her first four (4)-year Service Provider with Knowledge of Technology Affecting the Disabled term, said term to expire on July 6, 2019. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Arts and Culture Commission: Appointment of Michelle Canulla to serve her first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on April 2, 2019. Appointment of James Doyle to serve his first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on April 2, 2017. Appointment of Denise Ennett to serve her first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on April 2, 2018. Appointment of Meredith Fettes to serve her first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on April 2, 2019. Appointment of Kelly Ford to serve her first three (3)-year Cultural Institution term, said term to expire on April 2, 2018. Appointment of Carolyn Harder to serve her first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on April 2, 2019. Appointment of Christina Littlejohn to serve her second three (3)-year Cultural Institution term, said term to expire on April 2, 2018. Appointment of Janet Wilson to serve her first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on April 2, 2018. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Mayor Stodola stated that when the Board Liaisons were appointed at the February 3, 2015, Meeting, no one was appointed to fill that position for the Arts & Culture

Commission. Mayor Stodola stated that he would like to appoint Director Webb to the Board Liaison position. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Kumpuris, to appoint Director Kathy Webb as the Board Liaison to the Arts & Culture Commission. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Board of Adjustment: Re-appointment of Jeff Yates to serve his first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on February 19, 2018. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the re-appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the re-appointment was approved.**

Central Arkansas Transit Authority Board of Directors: Appointment of Jimmy Moses to fill the unexpired term of Jim Gilbert, said term to expire on August 26, 2015. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

City Beautiful Commission: Appointment of Edwin Hankins, IV, his first three (3)-year Landscape Architect term, said term to expire on October 19, 2017. Appointment of Jordan Thomas, to serve his first three (3)-year Landscape Architect term, said term to expire on October 19, 2016. Re-appointment of Carrie Young to serve her second three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on October 19, 2017. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals: Appointment of Veletta Smith to serve her first four (4)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on August 1, 2018. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission: Appointment of Stacy Hurst to fill the unexpired term of Kathy Webb, said term to expire on December 31, 2018. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Parks & Recreation Commission: Re-appointment of Jodie Carter to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2018. Re-appointment of Walden Cash to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2018. Appointment of Adam Childers to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2018. Appointment of David Coleman to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2018. Appointment of Mark Lienhart to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2018. Re-appointment of Buckley O'Mell to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2018. Appointment of Ryan Soloman to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2018. Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to approve the appointments and re-appointments. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Webb, Wright and Wyrick voting in opposition, **the appointments and re-appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Planning Commission: Re-appointment of David "Alan" Bubbus to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2018. Re-appointment of Janet Dillon to serve her second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2018. Appointment of Scott Hamilton, appointed to fill the unexpired term of Keith Fountain, said term to expire on November 1, 2015. Appointment of Paul Latture to

serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on November 1, 2018. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointments and re-appointments. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Wright voting in opposition, **the appointments and re-appointments were approved.**

MacArthur Military History Museum Commission: Appointment of David McDaniel, appointed to fill the unexpired term of Richard Brannon, said term to expire on February 21, 2016. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Sister Cities Commission: Re-Appointment of Bryan Barnhouse to serve his second five (5)-year term, said term to expire on January 5, 2020. Appointment of Denver Peacock to serve his first five (5)-year term, said term to expire on January 5, 2020. Appointment of Ashvin Vibhakar to serve his first five (5)-year term, said term to expire on January 5, 2020. Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the appointments and re-appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments and re-appointments were approved.**

Mayor Stodola stated that the Board would make appointments to the Community Housing Advisory Board at the March 3, 2015, Board of Directors Meeting.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The were no individuals present that filled out a card to speak during Citizen Communication.

Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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

Mark Stodola, Mayor