

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
June 6, 2023
6:00 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; Richardson; Peck; Hines; Lewis; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. Director Andrea Lewis delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods Award – Director Joan Adcock
National Home Ownership Proclamation

ADDITIONS:

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M-4 ORDINANCE: To impose a Sunday through Saturday Juvenile Curfew from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM in any designated Entertainment District within the City; to impose a Sunday through Saturday Juvenile Curfew from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM in any designated City Park; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to add Items M-1, M-2 and M-3 to the Consent Agenda, and to add Item M-4 to the Separate Items. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1, M-2 and M-3 were added to the Consent Agenda.**

Director Phillips stated that he had concerns regarding Item M-4, and it was his opinion that all ordinances should be on the agenda prior to the meeting and not as a modification. Director Phillips stated that he was not in opposition to the ordinance; however, he wanted to give the public the opportunity to weigh-in. Director Phillips stated that it was his understanding that in order to add the item to the agenda, it would

require eight (8) affirmative votes and he asked that his colleagues not vote to place the item on that evening's agenda.

Director Hines asked for a Point of Order and stated that as a result of the ordinance being offered as a modification by the City Manager, it would only require a simple majority vote.

Director Miller stated that he supported action being taken as it related to juvenile curfew hours; however, he did have some concerns regarding the proposed ordinance. Director Miller stated that he had spoken to several business located within the Entertainment Districts; however, he would like to have additional time to visit with additional businesses to obtain more input. Director Kumpuris stated that the situation was crucial in the River Market area and action needed to be taken quickly and not postponed until a later date to gather more data. Director Peck stated that she agreed with Director Kumpuris and that she was supportive of the Board taking action on the ordinance that evening.

Director Kumpuris stated that in the spirit of working with his colleagues, he would ask that the Mayor call a special meeting on the following Tuesday, June 13, 2023, to vote on the proposed ordinance.

Director Hines asked for a Point of Order and stated that his original motion, which was seconded, was to add Items M-1, M-2 & M-3 to the Consent Agenda and to add Item M-4 to the Separate Items; however, the Mayor as the Chair had opted to separate Items M-1, M-2 & M-3 from Item M-4. Mayor Scott stated that he as the Chair had the option to separate the items.

Mayor Scott stated that he would acknowledge the recommendation from Director Kumpuris and call a Special Called Meeting for Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 4:00 PM.

Director Hines stated that if it was the pleasure of the Board to hold a Special Called Meeting the following week to address the proposed ordinance, than he would withdraw his motion to add Item M-4 to the Separate Items. Director Adcock stated that she would withdraw her second to the motion, as well.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 20 and Items M-1, M-2 & M-3)

1. **MOTION**: To accept the February 2023 Financial Report.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,999**: To authorize a contract with Escamilla Excavating, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$123,606.50, for the Midland Street at Lee Avenue Drainage Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act)*
Staff recommends approval.
Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Escamilla Excavating, LLC, for the Midland Street at Lee Avenue Drainage Improvement Project, Bid No. 2099. (Located in Ward 3)
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 16,000**: To authorize the Mayor to accept, for municipal purposes, Permanent Construction Easements, Right-of-Way Dedications and Fee-Simple Acquisitions, and the City Manager to acquire Temporary Construction Easements as needed to complete the construction of the 2023-2025 Street and

Drainage Capital Improvement Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to acquire and accept easements and right-of-way for municipal purposes as needed to complete the construction of the 2023-2025 Street and Drainage Capital Improvement Program.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 16,001: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dell Technologies, in an amount not to exceed \$316,170.91, plus applicable taxes and fees, to upgrade Desktops and Laptops for City Departments for the Information Technology Department; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dell Technologies to upgrade Desktops and Laptops for City Departments.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 16,002: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Crafton Tull & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$68,500.00, for Design Services for improvements to the West Central Ballfield Complex; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Crafton Tull & Associates for Design Services for improvements to the West Central Ballfield Complex. (Located in Ward 6)

6. RESOLUTION NO. 16,003: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arkansas Regional Commission, in an amount not to exceed \$112,468.87, for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), for a one (1)-year period; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dell Technologies to upgrade Desktops and Laptops for City Departments.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 16,004: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with JHL Builders, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$56,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, to clear lots in preparation for housing development in the Euclid Place Neighborhood, Little Rock, Arkansas, utilizing HOME Investment Partnership Funds; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with JHL Builders, Inc., to clear seven (7) lots to prepare for the development of seven (7) single family affordable housing units located in the Euclid Place neighborhood to be sold to an eligible low-to-moderate income buyer. (Located in Ward 6)

8. RESOLUTION NO. 16,005: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Construction Contract with Platinum Drywall, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$624,000.00, for the development of three (3) new properties located at 4701, 4705 & 4707 Charles Bussey Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, utilizing HOME Investment Partnership Funds; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Platinum Drywall, Inc., for the development of three (3) single family new construction properties located at 4701, 4705 & 4707 Charles Bussey Avenue. (Located in Ward 1)

9. RESOLUTION NO. 16,006: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Construction Contract with Platinum Drywall, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$410,000.00, for the development of two (2) new properties located at 4403 and 4407 Bowers Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, utilizing HOME Investment Partnership Funds; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Platinum Drywall, Inc., for the development of two (2) single family new construction properties located at 4403 & 4407 Bowers Street. (Located in Ward 6)

10. RESOLUTION NO. 16,007: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Construction Contract with Carson & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$334,875.00, for the rehabilitation of the Jericho Way Day Resource Center, located at 3000 Springer Boulevard, Little Rock, Arkansas, using Emergency Services Grant Match Investment Partnership Program Funds; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Construction Contract with Carson & Associates, Inc., for the rehabilitation of the Jericho Way Day Resource Center, located at 3000 Springer Boulevard.
(Located in Ward 1)

11. RESOLUTION NO. 16,008: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Carahsoft Technologies Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$235,681.60, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of a Digital Onboarding Automated Supplier Management System for the City of Little Rock Finance Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Carahsoft Technologies Corporation, for services of supplier onboarding for secure, compliant and optimized business payment.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 16,009: To authorize the Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to convey approximately five (5) acres of land to the Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority for the construction of a Wastewater Lift Station; and for other purposes.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 16,010: To request Central Arkansas Water to participate in the extension of water service for economic development purpose at the Port of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

14. RESOLUTION NO. 16,011: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,518 (August 3, 2021), Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,524 (August 17, 2021), Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,662 (April 5, 2022), and Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,783 (September 6, 2022), to change the allocations for three (3) primary intended uses of a portion of the first tranche and one (1) primary use of a portion of the second tranche of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,662 (April 5, 2022) regarding the estimated total funding for COVID Mitigation and Prevention.

15. RESOLUTION NO. 16,012: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,539 (September 21, 2021), to state that the total cost of the U.S. Bank Contract for the purchase of prepaid U.S. Bank Visa Rewards Cards shall not exceed \$237,182.00, plus applicable taxes and fees; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,539 (September 21, 2021) to state that the total cost of the U.S. Bank Contract for the purchase of prepaid U.S. Bank VISA Rewards Cards.

16. RESOLUTION NO. 16,013; G-25-226-E: To extend the Third Street Temporary Entertainment District, for approximately fifteen (15) consecutive weeks starting on June 6, 2023, and ending on September 12, 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The Third Street Merchants Association of Downtown Little Rock is seeking Board approval to extend a Temporary Entertainment District.

17. RESOLUTION NO. 16,014; G-25-225-C: To extend the South Main (SOMA) Temporary Entertainment District, for the dates of June 6, 2023, July 7, 2023, August 4, 2023, September 1, 2023, October 6, 2023, and November 3, 2023, and ending on December 1, 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The South Main (SOMA) District of Downtown Little Rock is seeking Board approval to extend a Temporary Entertainment District to support outdoor dining areas not adjacent to the associated restaurant facility.

18. RESOLUTION NO. 16,015: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vulcan, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of Sign Sheeting Material for the Public Works Department Street Operations Division; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vulcan, Inc., for the purchase Sign Sheeting Material for the Public Works Department Street Operations Division.

19. RESOLUTION NO. 16,016: To authorize a three (3)-year extension of the Interlocal Agreement for Ambulance Service between the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the City of Cabot, Arkansas, which grants the Little Rock Ambulance Authority, d/b/a Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (MEMS), an Exclusive Franchise to provide Ambulance Services to the City of Cabot, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

20. RESOLUTION NO. 16,017: To authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the City of Sheridan, Arkansas, granting the Little Rock Ambulance Authority, d/b/a Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (MEMS), and Exclusive Franchise to provide Ambulance Services to the City of Sheridan, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Karen Dykes: Big Country.

Byron Norwood: Planning & Destruction.

Robin Reynolds: Thank You for Tornado Relief.

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 21)

21. ORDINANCE NO. 22,264: To amend Ordinance No. 22,019 (August 3, 2021), to declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to amend the agreement with the Central Arkansas Library System, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, to provide programming coordination, meetings and applications for the Be Mighty Summer Meals Program; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Webb, 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 Hines, 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.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause was approved.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 22)

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Board & Commission Appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of Board & Commission Appointments.**

22. RESOLUTION NO. 16,021: To make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: **Age-Friendly Little Rock Commission (7 positions); Central Arkansas Water Board of Commissioners (1 position); Commission on Children, Youth and Families (4 positions); Community Housing Advisory Board (1 position); Little Rock Planning Commission (1 position); Oakland and Fraternal Historic Cemetery (2 positions); and Sister Cities Commission (1 position).**

Age-Friendly Little Rock Commission: Appointment of Odessa Darrough to serve her first Ward 2 Representative term, said term to expire on May 21, 2027. Reappointment of Joan Diehl to serve her second At-Large Representative term, said term to expire on May 21, 2027. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Central Arkansas Water Board of Commissioners: Reappointment of Jay Hartman to serve his third term, said term to expire on June 30, 2030. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Commission on Children, Youth and Families: Reappointment of Chrissy Chatham to serve her third At-Large Representative term, said term to expire on May 31, 2026. Reappointment of Dr. Chenia Eubanks to serve her second At-Large Representative

term, said term to expire on May 31, 2026. Appointment of Stacey McAdoo to serve her first At-Large Representative term, said term to expire on May 31, 2026. Reappointment of Marcovous Williams to serve his fourth At-Large Representative term, said term to expire on May 31, 2026. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Community Housing Advisory Board: Appointment of Zachary Johnson to fill the unexpired At-Large Representative term of Eric Bailey, said term to expire on June 2, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Planning Commission: Appointment of Steven Person to fill the unexpired term of Harold B. Betton, said term to expire on November 1, 2025. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Oakland and Fraternal Historic Cemetery: Appointment of Rita Benafield Henard to fill the unexpired term of Jeanne Kumpuris Spencer, said term to expire on June 1, 2025. Appointment of Frances Ross to serve her fifth term, said term to expire on June 1, 2026. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Sister Cities Commission: Appointment of Esperanza Crane to serve her first term, said term to expire on January 5, 2028. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor