

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
October 21, 2014
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a regular meeting with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Richardson; Hurst (enrolled at 6:13 PM); Cazort; Hines; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wright; and Mayor Stodola. Director B.J. Wyrick delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Stodola recognized Boy Scout Troop No. 27 from Holy Souls who were present in the audience working on their Citizenship in the Community Badge.

PRESENTATIONS

City Beautiful Commission Landscape Awards

DEFERRALS

9. RESOLUTION: To amend Resolution No. 13,892 (May 20, 2014) to authorize the City Manager to execute a revised Memorandum of Understanding with Theresa Hoover United Methodist Church; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval. (Deferred at staff's request until November 18, 2014)*

Synopsis: The Little Rock Police Department seeks approval to authorize the City Manager to execute a revised Memorandum of Understanding with Theresa Hoover United Methodist Church, which revision specifies the time provide additional parking for the 12th Street Station; to authorize a twenty-five (25)-year lease from Theresa Hoover United Methodist Church for certain parcels of land near the 12th Street Station; to authorize the purchase of Lot 6, Block 6, W.B. Worthen's Addition; and to authorize the sale of Lot 1, Block 5, W.B. Worthen's Addition.

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to defer Item 9 until November 18, 2014. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item 9 was deferred until November 18, 2014.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 8 and 10 - 11)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 13,985; G-23-452: To set the date of November 18, 2014 as the date of hearing to abandon undeveloped West 31st Street from John Barrow Road, east 107.55 feet to a platted north/south alley; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

2. RESOLUTION NO. 13,986: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Historic Preservation Easement for the Oakland Mausoleum located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to the State of Arkansas, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The resolution will authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Historic Preservation Easement on the structure at the Oakland & Fraternal Historic Park that is known as the Oakland Mausoleum, to the State of Arkansas, acting by and through the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

Director Hendrix stated that she was not aware of the project and that she would like to receive additional information regarding the item.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 13,987: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dell, Inc., for the purchase of 130 Desktop Computers, utilizing the Arkansas State Purchasing Contract; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To purchase 130 desktop computers to replace devices on the City's network that will not support current operating systems and software.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 13,988: To authorize the City Manager to move forward with third-year contract extensions for Neighborhood-Based Afterschool/Out-of-School Time Programs, Youth Intervention Programs, Citywide Enhancement Programs and Services, Technical Assistance Services and Re-Entry Services to Little Rock Residents; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval. (Deferred from October 6, 2014)*

Synopsis: Authorizing the City Manager to move forward with third-year contract extensions for Prevention and Intervention Neighborhood-Based Afterschool/Out-of-School Time Programs; Youth Intervention Programs (YIP); Citywide Enhancement Programs and Services; Re-entry Services; and Technical Assistance Services.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 13,989: To authorize the City Manager to extend contracts with one (1) organization to provide Neighborhood-Based Afterschool/Out-of-School Time Expanded Youth Programs Services to Little Rock Youth ages six (6) – eleven (11); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval. (Deferred from October 6, 2014)*

Synopsis: Authorizing contract extensions with one (1) organization to provide Neighborhood-Based/Out-of-School Time Expanded Youth Programs to youth ages six (6) – eleven (11).

Director Richardson stated that due to his employment with New Futures, he would need to abstain from voting on Items 4 & 5.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 13,990: To authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Construction Management Services Agreement with Flynco, Inc., for the construction of, and complete Construction Management Services for the West Central Community Center Project; to approve the final Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$5,273,350, plus a 5% contingency for the project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax Funding) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Construction Management Services Agreement with Flynco, Inc., for the construction of, and complete Construction Management Services for, the West Central Community Center Project and to approve the final Guaranteed Maximum Price for the project in the amount of \$5,273,350.00, plus a 5% contingency. The final Guaranteed Maximum Price plus \$900,000.00 in soft cost will make total project cost of \$6,173,350.00

7. RESOLUTION NO. 13,991: To authorize the City Manager to execute a second amendment to the current contract with the architectural firm of Roark, Perkins, Perry & Yelvington to reflect the actual construction cost for the 12th Street Station Project and the revised fee estimate for architectural services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The Little Rock Police Department is requesting approval to allow the City Manager to amend the current contract with the architectural firm of Roark, Perkins, Perry & Yelvington to reflect the actual construction cost and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Services for the 12th Street Station.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 13,992: To adopt the Pulaski County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Adoption of a Hazard Mitigation Plan presents many benefits to the City of Little Rock and its residents. By identifying problems and possible solutions in advance of a disaster, Little Rock will be in a better position to obtain pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding. Adoption of this hazard mitigation strategy will also increase Little Rock's eligibility for assistance from FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. Little Rock will also gain additional credit points under FEMA's Community Rating System Program, which provides discounts on National Flood Insurance Program flood insurance premiums for residents of communities that voluntarily participate in this program.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 13,994: To amend Resolution No. 13,957 (September 2, 2014) to correct the total contract amount for a Web-Based Training Component to provide in-service training for the Little Rock Fire Department for a total cost of \$179,181.85, payable over a sixty (60)-month period; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The resolution amends Resolution No. 13,957 to correct the total contract amount for a Web-Based Training Component which will increase the Little Rock Fire Department's ability to deliver more in-service training opportunities for the men and women who carry out the Department's mission.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 13,995: To authorize the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed from Archer-Daniels-Midland Company accepting title for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to certain lands situated in Pulaski County, Arkansas; and to further authorize the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed of the City's interest in certain property situated in Pulaski County, Arkansas, to Archer-Daniels-Midland Company; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Hendrix voting Present and Director Richardson abstaining on Items 4 & 5, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 12 - 15)

12. ORDINANCE NO. 20,942: To repeal Chapter 36, Article V, Division 13, Section 36-434.16, known as Hillcrest Design Overlay District Exceptions Section (Ordinance No. 20,223); and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; and 3 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To approve changes to the Hillcrest Design Overlay District to modify Sec. 36-434.16 Exceptions.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 20,943; Z-1718-D: To repeal Ordinance No. 20,800 (October 1, 2013) titled MacArthur Commons Short-Form PCD, located in the 400 Block of East Capitol Avenue between River Market Avenue and Rock Street and revoking a Planned Zoning District; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The request is a revocation of the existing PCD, Planned Commercial Development, zoning and the restoration of the previously-held UU, Urban Use Zoning District.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 20,944; Z-7723-D: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled 4624 West 12th Street Revised Short-Form PCD, located at 4624 West 12th Street, 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.*

Synopsis: The request is to revise the site plan for Lot 2R to allow for the construction of a parking lot to serve a proposed restaurant with take-out service only on Lot 1R.

15. ORDINANCE NO. 20,945: To establish the rate of taxation of property for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be collected in the year 2014 for various funds of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Adoption of an ordinance levying property taxes to be paid on real and personal property located within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to suspend the rules and place the ordinances on second reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, to suspend the rules and place the ordinances on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a third time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinances were approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 15 was approved.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 16)

16. ORDINANCE NO. 20,946: To establish and lay off City of Little Rock Municipal Property Owners' Multipurpose Improvement District No. 2014-316 (I Street Project); **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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 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.

Mayor Stodola opened the public hearing and asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Stodola closed the public hearing.

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.**

DISCUSSION (Item 17)

17. DISCUSSION: Health Care Update

City Manager Bruce Moore stated that over the past several months, staff had spent a great deal of time researching the various options in regards to Health Care for City Employees. City Manager Moore stated that Kirk Knickrehm with Regions Insurance would make a presentation regarding the various options researched. Mr. Knickrehm provided a review of the 2014 Medical Plan that included 1,477 single employee and 432 family coverage. The project cost for 2014 was \$11,200,000, or \$5,847 per employee. Mr. Knickrehm stated that the options reviewed included: Municipal League Self-Funded Plan; a narrow St. Vincent provider network; self-funding with major medical; higher deductible plans with tax preferred account; and multiple fully-insured alternative plan design options.

Mr. Knickrehm stated that the recommendation for 2015 was a dual plan option approach with there being no change in the City Budget from the 2014 projected amount. In addition, the employee would have the choice of having a monthly premium contribution of \$48.00/month to buy-up and keep the current plan, or have a higher deductible with no monthly cost.

Paul Young, Arkansas Municipal League (AML) Finance Director, Pat Planek, AML Health Fund Director, and Chris Bradley, AML Legal Counsel, provided an overview of the AML Self-Funded Plan. Mr. Young stated that the AML self-insurance pool existed solely for the benefit of the participating member cities and the objective was to reduce the cost of the health care costs for those member cities. Mr. Young stated that AML had a consistent history and it was a stable operation that was well-secured by both primary and supplemental reserves. Ms. Planek stated that the three (3) levels of deductibles were \$500, \$1,200 and \$2,000, and the quote for the City had included the \$1,200 and \$500 deductible. Mayor Stodola stated that according to correspondence that he had received from AML, if the deductible was reduced from the present deductible of \$1,000 to \$500, it would save the City approximately \$1.6 Million Dollars, and if the deductible remained at \$1,000, the City would save approximately \$2.6 Million Dollars.

Mr. Knickrehm was asked to provide the Board with his opinion regarding the AML Self-Funded Plan. Mr. Knickrehm stated that there were many differences between the AML Plan and a Major Medical Plan. Mr. Knickrehm stated that staff had looked at the AML Plan a number of times and the plan was getting much closer, in terms of the benefit structure, to what a Major Medical Plan offered. Mr. Knickrehm was asked to further research the feasibility of the City adopting the AML Plan versus a Major Medical Plan.

Richard Morehead, IAFF: Voiced his concerns regarding the various Health Care Plans currently being considered.

Jim Nickels: Mr. Nickels stated that he was representing AFSCME and voiced his concerns regarding the various Health Care Plans currently being considered.

After Board discussion, Mayor Stodola stated that there were several options on the table and asked City Manager Moore to study the various plan and provide feedback and options for the Board to consider in making a decision based on the timeline.

CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION

Celia Martin, 3 Canterbury Court: Highway 10 Design Overlay District – Safety.
Grey Williams, 6 Thomas Park Circle: Highway Department Coordination.

Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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