

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 2019
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. Deputy City Clerk Allison Segars called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Richardson; Webb; Peck; Wright; Fortson; Kumpuris; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wyrick; and Mayor Scott. Directors absent: Hines. Director Ken Richardson delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 8)

1. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019, and February 19, 2019, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meetings.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,956:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Construction Contract with Redstone Construction Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$4,538,141.56, for street resurfacing within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; 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 an agreement with the low bidder, Redstone Construction Group, Inc., for asphalt resurfacing within the City of Little Rock.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,957:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Construction Observation Contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, for the 2019 Street Resurfacing Program; 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 contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., for Construction Observation Services for the 2019 Street Resurfacing Program.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,958:** To authorize an increase to the contract amount for Terracon Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00, for additional Professional Engineering Consultant Services for the design of the Cell 4 partial closure of the Class I Landfill; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Authorizes an increase in the contract amount with Terracon Consultants, Inc., for Professional Engineering Consultant Services for the design of the Cell 4 Partial Closure of the Class 1 Landfill.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,959:** To authorize an increase to the contract amount for Terracon Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$33,500.00, for additional Professional Engineering Consultant Services for the design of the River Trail Slope Stabilization Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Authorizes an increase in the contract amount with Terracon Consultants, Inc., for Professional Engineering Consultant Services for the design of the River Trail Slope Stabilization Project.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,960:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ZMD Lawn Services, LLC, and Jewel of a Lawn, in a total amount of \$71,000.00, for

mowing services at Riverfront Park and areas around Interstate 30; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to contract with ZMD Lawn Service, LLC, in the amount of \$57,000 and with Jewel of a Lawn in the amount of \$14,000 to provide mowing of various areas in and around Riverfront Park and areas around Interstate 30.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,961: To certify Local Government Endorsement of Simmons Bank, located at 601 East 3rd Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program, as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003; and for other purposes.

Steve Massanelli: Stated that he was the Executive Vice-President, Chief Administrative Officer and Investor Relations Officer for Simmons First National Corporation. Mr. Massanelli stated that on behalf of the Simmons Organization, he would like to thank the Board for their support.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,962: To authorize the City Manager to reimburse to the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau, in an amount not to exceed \$250,370.74, for the purchase and installation of a new HVAC System in the River Market Ottenheimer Hall; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution to reimburse the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau for the purchase and installation of a new HVAC System in the River Market Ottenheimer Hall.

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

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GROUPED ITEMS (Items 9 - 12)

9. ORDINANCE NO. 21,708; LU18-001: To amend the Land Use Plan in the area east of Interstate 530 and the Union Pacific Rail Line within the City's Planning Jurisdiction; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To make various changes to the Land Use Plan in the area east of Interstate-530/Union Pacific RR Line within the City's Planning Area to make the Land Use Plan more representative of the likely future development in the near and mid-time range. (Located in Ward 1 and in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

10. ORDINANCE NO. 21,709; Z-9386: To reclassify property located in the Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The owner of the 0.63-acre property located at 18609 Colonel Glenn Road is requesting that the property be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, and C-3, General Commercial District, to R-2. (Located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,710: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to award a Maintenance Agreement to Motorola Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$122,423.54, to provide 4th Quarter 2018 Maintenance for the City's 800 MHz Radio System

Infrastructure, Portable and Mobile Radios; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The Little Rock Police Department is requesting approval to enter into a Sole-Source Maintenance Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the 4th Quarter 2018 Maintenance for the City's 800 MHz Radio System Infrastructure.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,711: To authorize the Mayor or City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Canvas Community Church, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, for the Persons Experiencing Homelessness Pilot Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a six (6)-month pilot project with Canvas Community Church to provide work opportunities for the homeless to pick-up litter in areas throughout the City.

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, to read the ordinances a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Vice-Mayor Wyrick, 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 to be read a third time.

Rev. Paul Atkins, 320 Valmar Street: Stated that he was an Associate Pastor at Canvas Community Church and they were excited about the pilot project. Rev. Atkins stated that in addition to the work opportunities, they planned on offering life coaching, side-by-side mentoring and assistance in connecting individuals to the services and service providers already offered in the City.

Director Adcock asked how many individuals would benefit from the work opportunity. Rev. Atkins stated that they would operate three (3) days a week and each day they would have the capacity of utilizing eight (8) to ten (10) individuals, for a total of twenty-four (24) per week. Director Richardson asked how the success of the pilot program would be determined. Assistant City Manager James Jones stated that the success would be determined by the amount of debris picked-up, the number of individuals that participated and became engaged with the services provided.

Rev. Gail Brooks, 1111 West 7th Street: Stated that she was the Lead Pastor at Canvas Community Church and they were in hopes that the pilot program would prove to be an effective way to help the City, as well as to help individuals to see the benefit of having regular employment and accessing the various services that were available.

Russ Racop, 301 Alamo Drive: Stated that there needed to be guidelines set forth that ensured that the program was a government program, not a religious program.

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

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

The ordinances were actually only read twice; however, according to City Attorney Tom Carpenter, because the vote to take the ordinances to third reading was unanimous, that would indicated that the Board was unanimous in their support.

Mayor Scott stated that he was going to take a Chairman's point of personal privilege and move Citizen Communication before the Executive Session. Mayor Scott stated that due to the amount of cards turned in for Citizen Communication, he was going to take another Chairman's point of personal privilege, and allow every one the opportunity to speak and would be extending the time for Citizen Communication past the allotted thirty (30) minutes.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Dino Davis, 4611 West 29th Street: Shooting of Bradley Blackshire.
Rizelle Aaron, P.O. Box 582: Criminal Justice Community Relationship.
Dawn Jeffrey: Body Cameras (Accountability).
Malik Saafir: Justice for Bradley Blackshire.
Davin Axsom, 109 Barton Street: Justice for Bradley.
Montrell Ussery, 1108 J.L. Hawkins Street: Justice for Bradley.
Kim Blackshire Lee, 15 Lehigh Court: Justice for Bradley Blackshire.
DeAngelo Lee, #15 Lehigh Court: Bradley Blackshire.
David Coleman: Police Brutality.
Rod Talley: Police Above the Law.
Shalonda Michelle: Justice for Bradley Blackshire.
Dominique Bailey, 17 Rugby Drive: Bradley Blackshire.
Sara Riley: Justice for Bradley Blackshire.
Jessica Schieckhise:
Vernita McFadden, 9300 Treasure Hill Road: Bradley Blackshire.
Robin Jefferson, 14 Westward Road: Bradley Blackshire.
Unvonna Williams, 7801 West 25th Street: Bradley Blackshire.
Ashante Carter: Justice for Bradley.
Brenda Woods: Justice for Bradley.
Timikia Jckson, 11021 Bodare Lane, North Little Rock: Justice for Bradley Blackshire.
Ms. Malak Hussian, 4118 West 26th Street: Rock Regional Metro: Deleting of Surveillance Footage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 13)

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, for the Executive Session to be deferred for two (2) weeks until April 2, 2019. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the motion was approved.**

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Allison Segars, Deputy City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor