

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
April 2, 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: Richardson; Webb; Peck; Hines (enrolled at 6:03 PM); Wright; Fortson; Kumpuris; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wyrick; and Mayor Scott. Directors absent: Hendrix. Director Kathy Webb delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 4)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,963; Z-6535-A: To set April 16, 2019, as the date of public hearing on the appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of a Planned Zoning Development, titled Sky Bar Private Club Short-Form PD-C, located at 10305 Arch Street Pike, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 14,964: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arkansas Regional Commission, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) for a one (1)-year term; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to enter into contract for Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Funding to the Arkansas Regional Commission in a total amount not to exceed \$90,000 for one (1)-year. The City will have the option to renew the term two (2) times in one (1)-year increments with the right to terminate the agreement upon completion of the Federally-Funded Housing Programs.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 14,965: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Harris Construction Management in an amount not to exceed \$265,248.00, for sidewalk construction 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, Harris Construction Management, for sidewalk construction within the City of Little Rock.

Rohn Muse: Stated that when some of their sidewalks were replaced in the neighborhood, asphalt was utilized. Mr. Muse stated that once he notified staff, the sidewalks were replaced correctly.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 14,966: To clarify Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 14,897 (November 20, 2018) to establish a new date for an agreement between the City and First Tee of Central Arkansas as to the operations and funding of the Jack Stephens Youth Golf Academy; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: To extend the date for an agreement to April 30, 2019, and to allow a one-time \$40,000.00 appropriation extension for First Tee operations for April 2019.

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.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Rohn Muse, 822 Lewis Street: Jump Start Branding Committee.

Dale Pekar, 1010 Rock Street: LRFD Coverage of Cammack Village.

Luke Skrable:

John Huggler:

Rohn Muse, 8252 Lewis Street: Voice Vote without Roll Call.

Dale Charles: Southend Neighborhood Association.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 5 - 6)

5. ORDINANCE NO. 21,712: To authorize the City Manager to dispense with the requirement of competitive bidding and enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Socrata, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$94,404.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the annual software subscription and maintenance renewal; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize City Manager to dispense with competitive bids and enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Socrata, Inc., for the Annual Software Renewal for the City's Open Data, Citizen Connect and Open Performance Sites.

6. ORDINANCE NO. 21,713: To dispense with the requirement of competitive bidding and to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Extension Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., to combine the Cloud Hosting and Case Management of the 311 PremierOne Customer Service Reporting System, the Premier One Citizen Mobile Applications and the PremierOne CSR Mobile Application for Code Enforcement for a five (5)-year term in a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,275,560.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the five (5)-year term; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a new five (5)-year sole-source agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., which will combine three (3) separate Motorola services into one agreement extension. Services provided include Cloud hosting and case management of the 311 PremierOne CSR, PremierOne Citizen Mobile application and the PremierOne CSR Mobile application for code enforcement. Combining these three (3) service agreements creates a more streamlined billing and payment structure.

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 Wright, 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 ordinance was approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 7)

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,968: To authorize the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to execute all documents necessary to enter into an Agreement of Understanding between the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Arkansas Department of Transportation; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement of Understanding between the City of Little Rock and the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) relative to the design and construction of ArDOT Job CA0602, Interstate 530 – Highway 67 (Widening & Reconstruction) (Interstate 30 & Interstate 40) in the City of Little Rock.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the resolution.

Rohn Muse: Stated that he was against the widening of Interstate 30.

Dale Pekar, 1010 Rock Street: Asked that the Board deny the Agreement of Understanding with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT).

Susie May: Stated that she lived in the Downtown Little Rock area and did not want to see the widening of Interstate 30 destroy the walkability of the area.

Patricia Blick: Stated that she was the Executive Director of the Quapaw Quarter Association (QQA) and their mission was to preserve Greater Little Rock's historic places. Ms. Blick stated that former Mayor Stodola had asked QQA to bring together a group of design professionals and subject area experts to make recommendations for the I-30 Crossing Agreement between the City and ArDOT. Ms. Blick stated that the recommendations were shared with Mayor Stodola, City Manager Bruce Moore, ArDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. Ms. Blick stated that the recommendations were guided by the desire to knit the east and west sides of Interstate 30 back together, and to create safe spaces for pedestrians and bicyclist. Ms. Blick stated that the proposed agreement did include several of the committee's recommendations.

Barry Haas: Urged the Board to defer action on the agreement until it was confirmed that the project would actually be built, and to not sign away any rights until it was determined what had been approved

Paul Dodds: Stated that he lived in the Central High Neighborhood and urged the Board to use caution in entering into the agreement. Mr. Dodds stated that the agreement obligated the City to support the Design Build Process and to indemnify ArDOT if there was any reason that the proper support was not provided.

Melissa Bond: Stated that she was the Chairman of the River Market Tower Property Owner's Association (POA), in addition to owning a business in the downtown area. Ms. Bond stated that the POA had concerns regarding the ramifications of the current project and would like to see the process slowed down so that everyone could learn more about the proposed project.

John Hedrick: Commended the City for identifying enhancements that could make the project better; however, he thought it was premature to enter into such an agreement that would commit funds.

Nate Coulter: Stated that he was the Executive Director of the Central Arkansas Library System and felt that the City needed to remain involved in the process as it moved forward. Mr. Coulter stated that as Interstate 30 was currently designed, it did not provide for walkability to the east and the proposed plan provided a much needed improvement.

Due to a medical episode within the Board Chambers, the Board went into recess and individuals were asked to leave the Chambers.

Mayor Stodola called the meeting back to order.

Tom Fennell: Stated that he felt that the resolution was premature and could prove to be expensive for the City in the long run. Mr. Fennell stated that due to recent cost estimates, the project would not be able to be built as designed. Mr. Fennell stated that the current plan was exactly like the initial plan that ArDOT presented

Director Webb stated that the current estimate was a 58% higher cost and that she felt the City was being premature in entering into such agreement and urged the Board to vote against the agreement. Director Wyrick asked for a status update regarding the proposed project. Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins stated that ArDOT was in the process of negotiating a price with a design build firm; however, to-date, it had not been fully executed. Mr. Collins stated that to-date, the City had not been part of the initial design process; however, the proposed agreement allowed the City to become a part of the process. Mr. Collins stated that it was not the City's process and that they did not have direct control over the project. Mr. Collins stated that the estimate of \$3.8 million was provided by ArDOT. Director Wyrick asked how the \$3.8 million would be spent. Mr. Collins stated that according to the proposed resolution, the City would be responsible for: the planting of trees in excess of the maximum number to be provided by the Department as designated; bridge width and elements for the 6th and 9th Street overpasses that were beyond what the Department would typically provide at Department expense; costs associated with providing a smooth bottom effect to bridge superstructures; pedestrian scaled lighting on the frontage roads in areas where lighting does not currently exist or in areas not included in the specifications for safety as developed by the Design-Builder; the cost to upgrade lighting beyond the requirements included in the Technical Provisions; and any other elements not currently contemplated and requested by the City. Director Kumpuris stated that while the proposed plan was not perfect; it was a good plan. Director Kumpuris stated that it was not the same plan that ArDOT initially presented and that there were five (5) exit ramps, instead of one (1), that would dispense traffic into the downtown area. Director Kumpuris stated that due to the efforts of Studio Main and QQA, several changes had been incorporated into the design.

Director Kumpuris 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 call the vote failed.**

Director Peck stated that she was concerned about the amount of money and was not supportive of the agreement.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Webb and Peck voting in opposition, **the resolution was approved.**

Mayor Scott recognized Pulaski County Quorum Court Member Judy Green who was in the Chambers. Ms. Green stated that she would like to address the Board regarding the properties recently purchased by the City adjacent to the Jericho Way Day Resource Center. Ms. Green stated that several of her neighbors had told her that a halfway house would be built on the property. Ms. Green stated that she supported housing for

homeless; however, it should be located in a commercial area and not a residential area. Ms. Green asked that the Board reconsider the action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 8)

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,966: A resolution to make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from March 19, 2019)*

Synopsis: Americans with Disabilities Act Citizen Grievance Committee (1 position); Animal Services Advisory Board (1 position); Arts and Culture Commission (3 positions); Board of Adjustment (1 position); Civil Service Commission (4 positions); Midtown Redevelopment District No. 1 Advisory Board (5 positions); and Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission (3 positions).

Americans with Disabilities Act Citizen Grievance Committee: appointment of Stephanie Martin to serve her first four (4)-year Service Provider term, said term to expire on July 6, 2023.

Animal Services Advisory Board: Appointment of Laura Gocio to serve her first three (3)-year Ward 3 Representative term, said term to expire on October 19, 2021.

Arts and Culture Commission: Appointment of Charles Cliett to serve his first three (3)-year Cultural Institution term, said term to expire on April 2, 2022. Appointment of Leron McAdoo to serve his first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on April 2, 2022. Appointment of Crystal Mercer to serve her first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on April 2, 2022.

Board of Adjustment: Appointment of Joe Justus to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 19, 2022.

Civil Service Commission: Appointment of Maxine Allen to serve her first six (6)-year term, said term to expire on April 1, 2025. Appointment of Cara Boyd-Connors to serve her first six (6)-year term, said term to expire on April 1, 2025. Reappointment of Paula Gray Stitz to serve her second six (6)-year term, said term to expire on April 1, 2025.

Midtown Redevelopment District No. 1 Advisory Board: Reappointment of Kirk Meyers to serve his second three (3)-year Residential Representative term, said term to expire on March 31, 2022. Appointment of Shalonda Riley to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on March 31, 2022.

Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission: Appointment of Westley Ashley to fill the unexpired At-Large term of Travis Rowan, said term to expire on March 31, 2021. Appointment of Kiral Gunter to serve her first three (3)-year Ward 2 Representative term, said term to expire on March 31, 2022. Appointment of Hosea Long to serve his first three (3)-year Ward 7 Representative term, said term to expire on March 31, 2022.

Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointments and reappointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments and reappointments were approved.**

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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:

Allison Segars, Deputy City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor