

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
May 19, 2020
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: Hendrix (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Richardson (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Webb (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Peck; Hines; Wright; Fortson (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Kumpuris; Adcock; and Mayor Scott. Directors Absent: Vice-Mayor Wyrick. Director Joan Adcock delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEFERRALS:

6. RESOLUTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with WatchGuard Video, Inc., for the total amount of \$759,999.23, for the purchase of Body Worn Cameras for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *(Deferred at staff's request until July 21, 2020) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with WatchGuard Video, Inc., to purchase Body Worn Cameras.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - RESOLUTION: A resolution to make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes. *(Deferred at staff's request until July 21, 2020)*

Synopsis: Arts & Culture Commission (3 Positions); Board of Adjustment (1 Position); City Beautiful Commission (1 Position); Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeals (3 Positions); Land Bank Commission (8 Positions); Little Rock Sustainability Commission (1 Position); Little Rock Zoo Board of Governors (1 Position); and Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission (2 Positions).

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to defer Items 6 and 14 until the July 21, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items 6 and 14 were deferred until July 21, 2020.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 5 and Items 7 - 10)

1. MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020, and the May 5, 2020, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meetings; and the April 28, 2020, Little Rock City Board of Directors Reconvened Meeting.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,220: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.A. Riggs Caterpillar, in an amount not to exceed \$199,975.00, for the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar D6 Dozer for the Public Works Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with J.A Riggs Caterpillar for the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar D6 Dozer for the Public Works Department Solid Waste Division.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,221: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Junkin Construction Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$397,794.00, for Sidewalk Construction within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; 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 execute an agreement with Junkin Construction Company, Inc., for Sidewalk Construction within the City of Little Rock.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,222: To authorize the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to enter into a Transfer Agreement for ownership of right-of-way from the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to the Arkansas Department of Transportation; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to execute agreements and deeds for the transfer of ownership of land and rights-of-way from the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT) for the widening and reconstruction of Interstate 30.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,223: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any documents necessary to acquire property located between Hindman and Western Hills Parks that will allow for the construction of a trail to connect the two parks; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents to acquire property located between Hindman and Western Hills Parks that will allow for the construction of a trail to connect the two parks.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,224: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with USABLE to provide Long-Term Disability Benefits to all Non-Uniform Employees of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with USABLE to provide group Long-Term Disability benefits to all non-uniform employees of the City of Little Rock.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 15,225: To authorize the use of up to \$700,000.00, to pay a portion of the principal of and interest on the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, Hotel Gross Receipts Tax Bonds, Series 2018, due on December 1, 2020; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the use, if necessary, of up to \$700,000.00 from the proceeds of the City's share of the Taxes levied and collected prior to the issuance of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas Hotel Gross Receipts Tax Bonds, Series 2018, to make the principal and interest payment due on the Bonds on December 1, 2020.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,226: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau to manager an operate the Little Rock River Market and the First Security Amphitheater for a twelve (12)-month term beginning January 1, 2020; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to extend the agreement with the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau to manage and operate the Little Rock River Market and First Security Amphitheater for an additional twelve (12)-month period.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 15,227: 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.*

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.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 11 - 13)

11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,865; Z-7332-A: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District titled McCune Short-Form PRD, located at 201 Crystal Court, Little Rock Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 6 ayes; 1 nay; 3 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends denial.*

Synopsis: The applicants are seeking to rezone the property from R-3, Single-Family District, to PRD, Planned Residential Development, to operate an existing garage apartment as a short-term rental. (Located in Ward 3)

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 Wright, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended to move the ordinance to third reading.

Wade McCune: Stated that he was the applicant and that he was requesting a zoning change to be able to rent out their garage apartment as an Air BNB. Mr. McCune stated that he wanted to be in compliance with all City requirements, as well so to assure his neighbors and City leaders that he was committed to responsible hosting. Mr. McCune stated that there would be a dedicated parking area and the property would have designated quiet hours. A government ID would be required for all guests and there were lighting in security cameras onsite. In addition, Mr. McCune stated that the guest house was located approximately twenty-five (25) feet from his residence, which would make it easy to monitor.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson voting in opposition, **the ordinance was approved.**

12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,866; Z-9444: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District titled Baillie-Weinkopff Short-Form PRD, located at 205 Crystal Court, Little Rock Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 6 ayes; 1 nay; 3 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends denial.*

Synopsis: The owners are requesting rezoning of the property from R-2, Single-Family District, to PRD, Planned Residential Development, to allow for the short-term rental of a detached cottage in the southeast corner of the backyard. (Located in Ward 3)

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 Wright, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended to move the ordinance to third reading.

Mark Baillie (via WebEx Teleconferencing): Stated that he was the applicant and that he was requesting a zoning change to be able to rent out a one (1) bedroom cottage, which was located in his back yard, as an Air BNB.

With respect to both Items 11 and 12, Director Kumpuris asked if the approval for the zoning change would be for the current applicant/owner, or would it go with the property for perpetuity. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that because it was a Planned Development, it would be attached to the property.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson voting in opposition, **the ordinance was approved.**

13. ORDINANCE NO. 21,867: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapters 15, 23, 29, 30, 31 and 36 (1988); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 Wright, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended to move the ordinance to third reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Russ Racop: Turmoil at LRPD.

John Gilchrist: Spending.

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:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor