

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JANUARY 16, 2018 AGENDA**

| Subject: | Action Required: | Approved By: |
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| <p>An ordinance authorizing the Purchase of Wetland Mitigation Credits from the NRI Group for the Plantation Pickett Drainage Project.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Public Works Department</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> | <p>An ordinance authorizing the purchase of Wetland Mitigation Credits from the NRI Group Cadron Creek for the Plantation Pickett Drainage Project and to waive competitive bidding requirements of formal bids and to allow for the acceptance of quotes.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> | <p>Funding for this project is from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales and Compensating Use Tax Funds and the 2013 Capital Improvement Bonds for Streets and Drainage as authorized by Resolution No. 13,699 and amended by Resolution No. 14,269. Amount of the purchase is \$39,940.65.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> | <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p> | <p>The Plantation Pickett Drainage Improvement Project requires a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct. The draft permit requires the mitigation of wetland loss through either construction of new wetlands at a nearby location in the same watershed or to purchase mitigation credits from an entity (mitigation bank) that has already constructed new wetland areas. Competition is limited and credits can only be purchased from Corps-approved sources.</p> | |

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In accordance with Section 2-242(d) the Board of Directors may waive the requirement of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where such procedure is not feasible. This waiver is requested.

The City received quotes from the three (3) Wetland Credit Banks of which the selected had the lowest price.