

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
July 6, 2021  
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; Richardson (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Phillips; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Directors Absent: Kumpuris. Director Joan Adcock delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS:**

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To endorse Sequaretek, Inc., for participation as authorized by the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003; to specify that the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to make appropriate refunds in accordance with the Act to Sequaretek, Inc.; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**DEFERRALS:**

**21. ORDINANCE; Z-1528-A:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Bark Avenue, LLC, PCD, located at 7820 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from June 1, 2021) Planning Commission: 5 ayes; 6 nays; and 0 absent) Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The applicant, Regan Ellis, is appealing the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial of the Bark Avenue, LLC, PCD, located at 7820 Cantrell Road. (Located in Ward 3)

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to add Item M-1 to the Consent Agenda and to defer Item 21 until July 20, 2021, at the applicant's request. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item M-1 was added to the Consent Agenda and Item 21 was deferred until July 20, 2021.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 16 and Item M-1)**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 15,479; G-23-478:** To set July 20, 2021, as the date of public hearing on the request to abandon that portion of the West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Right-of-Way, located between South Monroe and Jonesboro Drive in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,480; G-25-224-B:** To extend the Hillcrest Temporary Entertainment District, for three (3) days on August 5, 2021, September 2, 2021, and October 7, 2021; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The Historic Hillcrest District of Little Rock is seeking board approval to extend a Temporary Entertainment District to support outdoor dining areas not adjacent to the associated restaurant facility. (Located in Ward 3)

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,481:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gene Summers Construction Company, in an amount not to exceed \$245,803.20, for the Gamble Road Improvement Project, Phase 3; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds) Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Gene Summers Construction, Inc., for the Gamble Road Improvement Project, Phase 3, Project No. 5-17-ST-224B, Bid No. 1256. (Located in Ward 5)

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,482:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cisneros Family Construction Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$161,953.68, for the Riverfront Drive at Rebsamen Road Culvert Repair Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Cisneros Family Construction Corp., for the Riverfront Drive at Rebsamen Park Road Improvement Project, Culvert Repair, Bid No. 1250. (Located in Ward 3)

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,483:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with BMD Builders, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$281,881.00, for Construction Services for Grounds and Animal Facility improvements in the Veldt area of the Little Rock Zoo; 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 enter into a contract with BMD Builders, LLC, for Grounds and Animal Facility improvements in the Veldt area of the Little Rock Zoo. (Located in Ward 6)

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,484:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rogue Trails, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$137,962.00, to construct Mountain Bike Trails in Boyle Park; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rogue Trails, LLC, to construct Mountain Bike Trails in Boyle Park. (Located in Ward 6)

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,485:** To express the willingness of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funds; to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute any and all necessary agreements and contracts for its administration; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution authorizing a grant application with the Arkansas Department of Transportation to resurface approximately 7,700 linear-feet of a heavily-used portion of the Arkansas River Trail in the City of Little Rock's portion of Two Rivers Park. (Located in Ward 4)

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 15,486:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Teeco Safety, in the total amount of \$306,500.00, for the purchase of Ballistic Vests for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Teeco Safety, for the purchase of replacement Ballistic Vests for the Little Rock Police Department.

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,487:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Galls, Inc., in the total amount of \$250,000.00, for the purchase of Uniforms and Uniform Accessories for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a renewal contract with Galls, Inc., for the purchase of Uniforms and Uniform Accessories for the Little Rock Police Department.

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 15,488:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Precision Delta Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$68,742.00, for the

purchase of Practice Ammunition for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Precision Delta Corporation, for the purchase of Practice Ammunition for the Little Rock Police Department.

**11. RESOLUTION NO. 15,489:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., in the total amount of \$83,296.85, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of Portable and Mobile Radio Systems for the Little Rock Fire Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the purchase of ten (10) Portable Radios and five (5) Mobile Radios for the Little Rock Fire Department.

**12. RESOLUTION NO. 15,490:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Smart Automotive Group, in an amount not to exceed \$96,474.00, for the purchase of three (3) Ford ¾-Ton Trucks for the Public Works Department Street Operations Division; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Smart Automotive Group for the purchase of three (3) Ford ¾-Ton Trucks for the Public Works Department Street Operations Division.

**13. RESOLUTION NO. 15,491:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Smart Automotive Group, in an amount not to exceed \$61,966.00, for the purchase of two (2) Ford ½-Ton Trucks for the Public Works Department Street Operations Division; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Smart Automotive Group for the purchase of two (2) Ford ½-Ton Trucks for the Public Works Department Street Operations Division.

**14. RESOLUTION NO. 15,492:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Tiger Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$101,532.80, for the purchase of one (1) Trailkat Flex-Wing Tractor with Mower for the Public Works Department Street Operations Division; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Tiger Corporation for the purchase of one (1) Trailkat Flex-Wing Tractor with Mower for the Public Works Department Street Operations Division.

**15. RESOLUTION NO. 15,493:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with CHI St. Vincent, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, to provide Pre-Employment Screenings, Random Drug or Alcohol Testing and Post-Accident Drug or Alcohol Testing; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CHI St. Vincent as the provider for all Pre-Employment Screenings, as well as random testing and Post-Accident Screenings.

**16. RESOLUTION NO. 15,494:** To set July 20, 2021, as the date of public hearing to satisfy Federal Tax Rules in connection with Charter School Revenue Bonds benefitting LISA Academy; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to set July 20, 2021, as the date of public hearing to satisfy Federal Tax Rules in connection with Charter School Revenue Bonds benefitting the LISA Academy facilities located within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

**M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 15,495:** To endorse Sequaretek, Inc., for participation as authorized by the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003; to specify that the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to make appropriate refunds in accordance with the Act to Sequaretek, Inc.; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson voting in opposition, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Luke Skrable: 1% Sales & Use Tax.

Lott Johnson: Speed Bumps.

Tracy Shollmier: COVID Mandates & HOMES Act.

Jonathan Kazumj: Donuts and Loud Mufflers.

Delores Collier: Sales Tax.

Brock Thompson: Tax/Crime/Fire/Section 8.

Emily Brown: Small Business/COVID.

### **SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 17 - 19)**

**17. RESOLUTION NO. 15,496; G-25-266:** To create the Third Street Temporary Entertainment District, for approximately thirteen (13) consecutive weeks, starting on July 7, 2021, and ending on October 6, 2021; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from May 18, 2021) (Deferred from June 1, 2021) Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The Third Street Merchants Association of Downtown Little Rock is seeking Board approval for the creation of a Temporary Entertainment District. (Located in Ward 1)

Director Adcock stated that when the item was deferred from an earlier meeting, the reason for the deferral was so that the applicant could visit with area residents to address any concerns that they might have concerning the Temporary Entertainment District. Director Adcock asked if there was any outcome of the neighborhood meetings. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that the applicant had met with both of the residential associations in the area and they had voted to support the Temporary Entertainment District.

Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the resolution. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the resolution was approved.**

**18. ORDINANCE NO. 22,012:** To authorize the issuance of a Promissory Note to provide short-term financing under Amendment No. 78 to the Arkansas Constitution for the acquisition, construction and installation of real property and tangible personal property; prescribing other matters pertaining thereto; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, 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 and the ordinance was read a third time. 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.**

**19. ORDINANCE; Z-9562:** To reclassify property located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from April 20, 2021) (Planning Commission: 11 ayes; 0 nays; and 0 absent) (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading held on June 15, 2021) Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** The owner of the 3.74-acre property located at 5804/5808 Baseline Road is requesting that the property be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to C-3, General Commercial District. (Located in Ward 2)

The ordinance was read the third time.

Pamela Bingham: Stated that she was the President of the Upper Baseline/Windemere Neighborhood Association and that they were in opposition to the proposed project. Ms. Bingham stated that they had met with the Developer on two (2) separate meetings and that the Developer had mentioned a convenience store with gas pumps and an apartment complex with a laundromat. Ms. Bingham stated that to-date there were eight (8) convenience stores – seven (7) with gas pumps, three (3) laundromats and six (6) apartment complexes on Baseline Road.

Tashan O'Neal: Stated that she was the President of the Chicot Neighborhood Association and that they were in opposition to the application. Ms. O'Neal stated that they had attempted to meeting with the Developer for transparency purposes; however, they had been unable to obtain anything concrete.

Jackie Dismuke: Stated that she was a Southwest Little Rock and a member of the Upper Baseline Neighborhood Association and she was in opposition to the proposed rezoning.

Director Wyrick stated that it was her hope that the Board would vote to maintain the R-2, Single-Family District, zoning in the area in question.

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 20)**

**20. ORDINANCE NO. 22.013; G-23-476:** To abandon a portion of the Cottondale Lane right-of-way located west of Riverfront Drive, more specifically west of the existing trail crossing in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** The applicant proposes to abandon the current Cottondale Lane right-of-way (cul-de-sac), located west of Riverfront Drive. The right-of-way is located entirely within Tract H-3 of the Riverdale Addition. (Located in Ward 3)

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, 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 and the ordinance was read a third time.

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

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

Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Board & Commission appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 22)**

**22. RESOLUTION NO. 15,497:** A resolution to make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

**Synopsis:** Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts (3 Positions); Little Rock Advertising & Promotion Commission (1 Position); and the Little Rock Port Authority (1 Position).

Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts: Appointment of Rebecca Smith to serve her first four (4)-year term, said term to expire on June 30, 2025. Appointment of Mary Olive Stevens to serve her first four (4)-year term, said term to expire on June 30, 2025. Appointment of Mike Marquez to serve his first four (4)-year term, said term to expire on June 30, 2025. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Advertising & Promotion Commission: Reappointment of Rajesh Mehta to service his second four (4)-year term, said term to expire on May 1, 2025. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Port Authority: Appointment of Keith Harvey to serve his first five (5)-year term, said term to expire on July 6, 2026. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Susan Langley, City Clerk**

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**Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**