

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
August 3, 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: Richardson (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Phillips; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Directors Absent: Hendrix and Kumpuris. Director Ken Richardson delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS:**

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To encourage the Arkansas General Assembly to reconsider the provisions of Act 1002 of 2021 to permit appropriate health guidelines to be followed by City Local Governments to protect their citizens from potentially fatal infectious diseases; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**M-2 RESOLUTION:** To express the willingness of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to apply for, and utilize, Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program Grant Funds for the construction of the Jonesboro Drive Trail; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designated representative, to apply for and if received, execute agreements with the Arkansas Department of Transportation and Metroplan for a Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant for the construction of the Jonesboro Drive Trail. (Located in Ward 2)

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to add Items M-1 and M-2 to the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1 and M-2 were added to the Consent Agenda.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 9 and Items M-1 – M-2)**

**1. MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021, March 16, 2021, April 6, 2021, April 20, 2021, and May 4, 2021, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meetings; and the April 27, 2021, Little Rock City Board of Directors Special Called Meetings.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,508:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with G&W Diesel Service, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,386,000.00, for the purchase of one (1) Pierce Mid-Mount Aerial Truck and three (3) Pierce Pumper Trucks, 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 G & W Diesel Service Inc., for the purchase of three (3) Pierce Pumper Trucks and one (1) Pierce Mid-Mount Aerial Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,509:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cromwell Architects Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$77,900.00, for Design and Engineering Services for the Kanis Park Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cromwell Architects & Engineers to provide Design and Engineering Services for the Kanis Park Improvement Projects, to include Basketball Courts, Trail, Parking Maintenance and ADA Improvements. (Located in Ward 6)

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,510:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cunningham Recreation, in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.00, for the purchase and installation of a Gametime Fully-Inclusive Playground at MacArthur Park; for other purposes. *(A portion of the 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 Gametime for the purchase and installation of a Gametime Fully-Inclusive Playground, Shade Structures, as well as accessible poured in place rubber surfacing. (Located in Ward 1)

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,511:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Township Builders, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$64,350.00, for construction repairs to the West Central Community Center Parking Lot; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Township Builders, Inc., to perform construction repairs to the West Central Community Center Parking Lot. (Located in Ward 6)

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,512:** To authorize the Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to sell approximately fifteen (15) acres of land, located on Zeuber Road, to Amazon; and for other purposes.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,513:** To authorize the Mayor to accept a donation of approximately 337 acres of land from WB Isgrig and Sons, LLC, for use by the Little Rock Port Authority; and for other purposes.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 15,514:** To authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Traci A. Fischer, for the purchase of approximately three (3) acres of land, for use by the Little Rock Port Authority for Economic Prospect Recruitment; and for other purposes.

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,515:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with EPA Demolition and Construction Services, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$136,500.00, for the demolition and clean-up of an unsafe commercial building located at 1717 North Mississippi Street, Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with EPA Demolition and Construction Services, LLC, for the demolition of an unsafe commercial building located at 1717 North Mississippi Street. (Located in Ward 3)

**M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 15,517:** To encourage the Arkansas General Assembly to reconsider the provisions of Act 1002 of 2021 to permit appropriate health guidelines to be followed by City Local Governments to protect their citizens from potentially fatal infectious diseases; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**M-2 RESOLUTION NO. 15,516:** To express the willingness of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to apply for, and utilize, Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program Grant Funds for the construction of the Jonesboro Drive Trail; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designated representative, to apply for and if received, execute agreements with the Arkansas Department of Transportation and Metroplan

for a Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant for the construction of the Jonesboro Drive Trail. (Located in Ward 2)

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Webb, to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Vice-Mayor Hines voting in opposition to Item M-1, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

## CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Luke Skrable: Sales Tax Campaign.

Reverend Benny Johnson: Violence.

Mary Jones: Elder Abuse at Parkview Towers.

Lott Johnson: Speed Bumps.

Michael Tappin: Speed Bumps.

## GROUPED ITEMS (Items 10 - 15)

**10. ORDINANCE NO. 22,017; A-339**: To accept the Cypress Bend Kanis Annexation, to add certain lands to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 Open Position*) *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To accept the annexation of some 32.3 acres, at west of Rahling Road and north of Kanis Road (in the 18000 thru 18600 blocks of Kanis Road) to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas. (Located within the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

**11. ORDINANCE NO. 22,018; Z-9585**: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District Rosemary Villas at Chenal PRD, located at the northwestern corner of Rahling Road and Kanis Road, in the 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 Open Position*) *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The applicant is requesting that the thirty-seven (37)-acre property, located near the northwest corner of Rahling Road and Kanis Road be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, to PRD, Planned Residential District, to allow a 219-unit multifamily development for persons ages fifty-five (55) years and older. (Located within the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

**12. ORDINANCE NO. 22,019**: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Central Arkansas Library System, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, to provide programming coordination, meetings and applications for the Be Mighty Summer Meals Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a sole-source agreement with the Central Arkansas Library System to provide coordination of programming, meetings and application for the Summer Meals Program.

**13. ORDINANCE NO. 22,020**: To create a No-Wake Zone for a segment of the Little Maumelle River, located within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** An ordinance to establish a No-Wake Zone on the Little Maumelle River.

**14. ORDINANCE NO. 22,021**: To authorize the issuance and sale of Water Reclamation System Refunding Revenue Bonds; to provide for the payment of the

principal of and interest on the Bonds; prescribing other matters relating thereto; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**15. ORDINANCE NO. 22,022:** To call a special election in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, on November 9, 2021, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the City, the question of an increase of continuing the Annual Ad Valorem Property Tax levied for the purpose of paying for the maintenance and operation of the City's Public Libraries, operated by the Central Arkansas Library System from the existing rate of 3.30 Mills to the new rate of 3.80 Mills on the dollar of assessed valuation of taxable property in the City; prescribing other matters relating thereto; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, to suspend the rules and place the ordinances on second reading. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Webb, 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 ordinances were approved**. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 14 was approved**. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 15 was approved**.

#### **SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 16)**

**16. RESOLUTION NO 15,518:** To state the primary intended uses of a portion of the first tranche of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas', allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval. (Revised)*

**Synopsis: A resolution to state the intent to use the American Rescue Plan Act Funds to address the COVID-19 Pandemic and its subsequent impacts.**

City Manager Bruce Moore stated that after listening the Board of Directors following the American Rescue Plan Act presentation that was made at the July 27, 2021, Board of Directors Agenda Meeting, staff felt that the items included in the resolution were the areas the needed immediate focus. City Manager Moore stated that in the area of Critical Information Technology Upgrades and Cybersecurity Infrastructure, the vendor had guaranteed the price through August 15, 2021. In addition, City Manager Moore stated that staff recommended moving forward with the purchase of an Aerial Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department, an allocation for Community Violence Intervention Programs, an allocation to increase COVID Mitigation and Prevention and a one (1)-time pay for City Employees that have worked throughout the COVID Pandemic.

Director Peck made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to change to date for those employees eligible for the one (1)-time pay from those hired no later than July 1, 2021, to those hired no later than March 1, 2021. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Phillips voting in opposition, **the motion was approved**.

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Director Phillips made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the resolution as amended. By voice vote of the Board Members present, **the resolution was approved as amended.**

Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Susan Langley, City Clerk**

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**Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**