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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: Miller; Peck; Hines; Lewis; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips (enrolled at 6:58 PM); Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. Directors absent: Richardson. Director Andrea Lewis delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

National League of Cities Milestone Award National Day of Racial Healing Proclamation Parkview High School 2023 5A State Football Champions

ADDITIONS:

M-1 <u>**RESOLUTION**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with The Griffin Group, Inc., for Demolition Services of the structure located at No. 2 Overlook Circle, Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.* Synopsis: Approval to allow the City Manager to enter into a contract with Griffin Group, Inc., to demolish the structure. The Griffin Group, Inc., was the most responsive bidder for the Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event #2365. This emergency demolition project will remove a residential structure that is severely dilapidated causing a negative environmental impact on the residential neighborhood in which it is located. (located in Ward 3)

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to add Item M-1 to the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item M-1** was added to the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 15 and Item M-1)

1. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,205**</u>: To authorize the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to enter into a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants with Women & Children First and the Arkansas Development Finance Authority; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The Parks & Recreation Department has leased park property to the Women & Children First: Center Against Family Violence, who has secured a grant from the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA). As a condition of receiving the grant, ADFA is requiring that the City of Little Rock execute a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

2. <u>RESOLUTION NO. 16,206</u>: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Sitescapes, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$116,100.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of 108 trash receptacles for the Downtown Little Rock area; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Sitescapes, Inc., to provide 108 trash receptacles for the Downtown Little Rock area.

3. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,207**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., for Construction Material Testing and Engineering Consultation for projects contracted by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., for Construction Material Testing and Engineering Consultation for projects contracted by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

4. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,208**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$227,500.00, for a Pavement Condition Assessment of City Streets within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., for Construction Material Testing and Engineering Consultation for projects contracted by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.

5. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,209**</u>: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,034 (August 6, 2019), to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract amount with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$76,100.00, for Engineering and Design Services for the Markham Street Pedestrian and Safety Improvements Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to amend to Resolution No. 15,034 (August 6, 2019), to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., to develop the final plans and related work meeting the requirements of the grant conditions for Markham Street Pedestrian and Safety Improvements Project.

6. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,210**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Microsoft, in an amount not to exceed \$98,375.65, plus applicable taxes and fees, to provide on-site support and training for the cloud infrastructure; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Microsoft securing Professional Services, Support and Training for the City's Cloud Infrastructure.

7. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,211</u>**: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with River City Hydraulics, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$201,624.48, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Thirteen (13)-Yard Rear-End Loader for the Public Works Department Solid Waste Division; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*</u>

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with River City Hydraulics for the purchase of a Thirteen (13)-Yard Rear-End Loader for the Public Works Department Solid Waste Division.

8. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,212</u>**: To amend Resolution No. 16,179 (December 12, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, in an amount not to exceed \$1,560,533.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Pierce Custom Velocity Rescue Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*</u>

Synopsis: A resolution to amend to Resolution No. 16,179 (December 12, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group to reflect the total cost for the purchase of one (1) Pierce-Custom Velocity Rescue Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department.

9. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,213**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ACS Playground Adventures, in an amount not to exceed \$92,000.00, for the repair

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of the Fitlot structure at Murray Park that was damaged as a result of the March 31, 2023, EF-3 Tornado; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ACS Playground Adventures for the repair of the Fitlot structure at Murray Park, that was damaged as a result of the March 31, 2023, EF-3 Tornado. (Located in Ward 3)

10. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,214</u>**: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Byrne & Jones Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.00, for the repair of the Reservoir Park Tennis Courts and Pavilion that were damaged as a result of the March 31, 2023, EF-3 Tornado; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*</u>

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Byrne & Jones Construction for the repair of Reservoir Park Tennis Courts and Pavilion that were damaged as a result of the March 31, 2023, EF-3 Tornado. (Located in Ward 4)

11. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,215**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with MNK, Inc., in the amount of \$65,000.00, for the purchase of the property located at 7020 Colonel Glenn Road, to be used as park property for the construction of the Tri-Creek Greenway; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with MNK, Inc., to purchase the property located at 7020 Colonel Glenn Road, for the construction of the Tri-Creek Greenway Project. (Located in Ward 6)

12. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,216**</u>: To express the willingness of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to apply for, and utilize, Federal-Aid Recreational Trail Program Funds from the Arkansas Department of Transportation for Kanis Park Improvements; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the Mayor or City Manager to apply for, and if received, execute grant agreements with the Arkansas Department of Transportation for Kanis Park Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail and ADA Improvements. (Located in Ward 6)

13. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,217; Z-9829</u>:** To set February 6, 2024, as the date of hearing on the appeal of the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial for a Conditional Use Permit titled Bowden Manufactured Home Conditional Use Permit, located at 1701 East 21st Street, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.</u>

14. <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,218; Z-9834</u>:** To set February 6, 2024, as the date of hearing on the appeal of the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial for a Planned Zoning District titled LR River View Retreat STR-2 PD-C, located at 12040 Rivercrest Drive, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.</u>

15. RESOLUTION NO. 16,219; Z-9835: To set February 6, 2024, as the date of hearing on the appeal of the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial for a Planned Zoning District titled Kovalchuk STR-2 PD-C, located at 13810 Marina Drive, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

M-1 <u>**RESOLUTION NO. 16,220**</u>: To authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with The Griffin Group, Inc., for Demolition Services of the structure located at No. 2 Overlook Circle, Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval to allow the City Manager to enter into a contract with Griffin Group, Inc., to demolish the structure. The Griffin Group, Inc., was the most responsive bidder for the Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event #2365. This emergency demolition project will remove a residential structure that is

severely dilapidated causing a negative environmental impact on the residential neighborhood in which it is located. (located in Ward 3)

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, to approve the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 16 - 32)

16. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,352; Z-3218-B:**</u> To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development – Commercial titled Haddock 1 STR-2 PD-C, located at 1001 McMath Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position)* Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.24-acre property, located at 1001 McMath Avenue, be rezoned from UU, Urban Use District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

17. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,353; Z-3218-C</u>:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development – Commercial titled Haddock 2 STR-2 PD-C, located at 1003 McMath Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval.</u>

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.24-acre property, located at 1003 McMath Avenue, be rezoned from UU, Urban Use District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

18. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,354; Z-7500-J</u>:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Commercial Development titled Hamilton Station Phase II Revised PCD, located north of 14524 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position)* Staff recommends approval. Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 5.71-acre property, located north of 14524 Cantrell Road, from POD, Planned Office Development, to PCD, Planned Commercial Development, to allow for a mini-warehouse development. (Located in Ward 4)</u>

19. ORDINANCE NO. 22,355; Z-8061-C: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Southern Magnolia House ST-R PD-C, located at 1301 South Cumberland Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position)* Staff recommends approval. Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.17-acre property, located at 1301 South Cumberland Street, be rezoned from R-4A, Low Density Residential District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the use of an existing carriage house as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

20. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,356; Z-9293-A</u>:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Carman ST-R PD-C, located at 523 East 6th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) *Staff recommends approval.*</u>

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.21-acre property, located at 523 East 6th Street, be rezoned from R-4A, Low Density Residential District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

21. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,357; Z-9849:**</u> To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Larkowski STR-2 PD-C, located at 917 South Elm Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.12-acre property, located at 917 South Elm Street, be rezoned from R-4A, Low Density Residential District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 3)

22. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,358; Z-9851</u>:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Pendleton PD-R, located at 1908 State Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval.</u>

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.17-acre property, located at 1908 State Street, be rezoned from R-4, Two-Family District, to PD-R, Planned Development – Residential, to allow for a two (2) lot single-family residential development. (Located in Ward 1)

23. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,359; Z-9852:**</u> To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled McDonald STR-2 PD-C, located at 2205 West 13th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position)* Staff recommends approval. Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.16-acre property, located at 2205 West 13th Street, be rezoned from R-3, Single-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

24. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,360; Z-9856:**</u> To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Celebrate! Maya Project PD-P, located at 1722 Wolfe Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position)* Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.17-acre property, located north of 1722 Wolfe Street, be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-O, Planned Development – Office, to allow for the operation of the Maya Angelou House and Celebrate! Maya Project Headquarters. (Located in Ward 1)

25. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,361; Z-9860:**</u> To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Matthews 1 STR-2 PD-C, located at 1001 West Charles Bussey Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.34-acre property, located at 1001 West Charles Bussey Avenue, be rezoned from R-4, Two-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

26. <u>ORDINANCE NO. 22,362</u>; Z-9860-A: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Matthews 2 STR-2 PD-C, located at 1003 West Charles Bussey Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.34-acre property, located at 1003 West Charles Bussey Avenue, be rezoned from R-4, Two-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1) **27.** <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,363; Z-9860-B**</u>: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Matthews 3 STR-2 PD-C, located at 1005 West Charles Bussey Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval. Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.34-acre property, located at 1005 West Charles Bussey Avenue, be rezoned from R-4, Two-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

28. <u>ORDINANCE NO. 22,364</u>; Z-9860-C: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Matthews 4 STR-2 PD-C, located at 1011-A West Charles Bussey Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval. Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.17-acre property, located at 1011-A West Charles

Bussey Avenue, be rezoned from R-4, Two-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

29. ORDINANCE NO. 22,365; Z-9860-D: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Matthews 5 STR-2 PD-C, located at 1011-B West Charles Bussey Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval. Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.17-acre property, located at 1011-B West Charles Bussey Avenue, be rezoned from R-4, Two-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

30. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,363; Z-9860-E</u>:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Matthews 6 STR-2 PD-C, located at 2004/2006 South Chester Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval. Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.34-acre property, located at 2004/2006 South Chester Street, be rezoned from R-4, Two-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)</u>

31. <u>ORDINANCE NO. 22,367; Z-9860-F</u>: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Matthews 7 STR-2 PD-C, located at 2010 South Chester Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; and 1 open position*) Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.34-acre property, located at 2010 South Chester Street, be rezoned from R-4, Two-Family District, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 1)

32. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,368**</u>: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 22,223 (March 7, 2023); to authorize the City Manager to amend the Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., and to increase the contract amount to \$227,422.42, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the City's Radio Infrastructure Equipment utilized by the Emergency Communications Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 22,233 (March 7, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract amount with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the City's Radio Infrastructure Equipment used by the Emergency Communications Department.

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, 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 Hines, 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 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 rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a third time. 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 rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a third time. 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.

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 33)

33. <u>**ORDINANCE NO. 22,369; Z-9837</u>:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and to establish a Planned Development - Commercial titled Bole STR-2 PD-C, located at 2008 North Harrison Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 3 absent; and 1 open position*) *Staff recommends approval.*</u>

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.16-acre property, located at 2008 North Harrison Street, be rezoned from R-2, Single-Family District, to PD-O, Planned Development – Office, to allow for the use of the property as a Short-Term Rental (STR-2). (Located in Ward 3)

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wyrick, 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 Peck, 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 second time.

<u>Jamar Moore</u>: Stated that he was the owner of Moore Handy Co., and was supportive of the application.

<u>Jodi P. Bole</u>: Stated that she was the applicant and that she had remodeled the 1930 home in the Heights and would only rent to two (2) – three (3) individuals, with a maximum of four (4) individuals. Ms. Bole asked that the Board consider and approve the application.

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

Director Hines stated that in regard to Item M-1, a representative from First Community Bank, which held the title to the property, had been present; however, they were not aware that a card to speak was required. Director Hines stated that the bank was against the condemnation and that they had filed a Claim of Interest in Court that morning. Director Hines asked for clarification as to if there was a legal interest in the property, which the City condemned. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that they desired to preserve said property. City Attorney Carpenter stated that if the bank wanted to preserve and rehabilitate the property, they could seek an injunction to keep the City from moving forward with the demolition. Laura Brissey: Stated that she was Legal Counsel for First Community Bank and that in 2023, the bank had filed a complaint asking to enjoin the City from proceeding with demolition. Ms. Brissey stated that the complaint was filed on December 19, 2023, and the City had filed an answer that morning (January 23, 2024), disclaiming lien or interest. Ms. Brissey stated that the relief sought in the complaint was an injunction from condemnation and demolition.

City Attorney Carpenter asked if the bank was going to repair the property and ensure that it was safe. Ms. Brissey submitted copies of a Structural Engineering Report, dated January 20, 2024, stating that the overall structure of the residence was intact. Ms. Brissey stated that the bank would ensure that the property was cleaned up and that repairs would be made under the supervision of a Structural Engineer and Architect. City Attorney Carpenter stated that Acting City Manager Emily Cox could direct the Planning & Development Department to issue a Special Building Permit to rehabilitate the structure.

Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins stated that the property had been condemned in 2023. Mr. Collins stated that once condemnation had been approved, the Housing & Neighborhood Programs took the project to bid, and the resolution that had been passed earlier, approved the contract from demolition. Mr. Collins stated that notifications for the proposed condemnation and the subsequent public hearing, had been issued, per State requirements, to all property owners and interested parties, which included First Community Bank. Mr. Collins stated that in order to issue a Special Building Permit, the original condemnation ordinance would need to be amended. City Attorney Carpenter stated that First Community Bank could either work with the City immediately they could seek an injunction from the Court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 34)

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

34. <u>**RESOLUTION**</u>: To make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little or Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

The Board returned from Executive Session and the Mayor stated that no appointments were made at that time.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Becca Green: Markham Diet.

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Webb, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was adjourned.**

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Prepared by: Susan Langley

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Allison Segars, Acting City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor