

**Little Rock Board of Directors
September 6, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in Regular Meeting with Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Miller; Richardson; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips (enrolled at 6:02 PM); Adcock (enrolled at 6:02 PM); Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Director B.J. Wyrick gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hunger Action Month Proclamation

DEFERRALS:

10. RESOLUTION: To authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Rickey Evans, Sr., for the purchase of 3.53-acre tract located at 3101 West 32nd Street, to develop a Micro Home Village and Emergency Shelter; and for other purposes (*Targeted Community Development Initiative*) *Staff recommends approval. (Deferred until September 20, 2022, at staff's request)*

Synopsis: In an effort to end homelessness in the City of Little Rock, staff recommends purchasing the 3.53-acre tract with an 8,040 square-foot commercial building, located at 3101 West 32nd Street, to develop a Micro Home Village and Emergency Shelter. (Located in Ward 1)

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to defer Item 10 until September 20, 2022. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item 10 was deferred until September 20, 2022.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 9 and Items 11 - 27)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 15,756: To express the willingness of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to partner with the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the transfer of the Cumberland Street Right-of-Way, south of President Clinton Avenue; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager or Mayor to execute agreements and accept the transfer of the Cumberland Street right-of-way from the Arkansas Department of Transportation.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,757: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$67,312.93, to resurvey the Hillcrest National Register Historic District; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager enter into a contract with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc., to resurvey the Hillcrest National Register Historic District.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,758: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bill's Fence Company, in an amount not to exceed \$59,827.00, for Perimeter Fence Replacement Services at the Little Rock Zoo; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bill's Fence Co., Inc., to replace the six (6)-foot Perimeter Wood Fence located behind the Little Rock Zoo Maintenance Shop.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,759: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Arkansas Regional Commission, in an amount not to exceed \$117,125.00, for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Funding, for a one (1)-year term; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Arkansas Regional Commission for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Funding.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,760: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Pulaski County Community Services, in an amount not to exceed \$422,114.99, for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Funding, for a one (1)-year term; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Pulaski County Community Services for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Funding.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,761: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Little Rock School District, in the amount of \$150,000.00, to implement the Blue & You Foundation Grant awarded to the City of Little Rock to serve the students at the Little Rock Community Schools and their families; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Little Rock School District to implement the Blue & You Grant and a Memorandum of Understanding with the District for one (1) Social Worker as specified in the contract.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,762: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions in the total amount of \$52,470.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of Redactive Video and Audio Redaction Software for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Motorola for the Little Rock Police Department Professional Standards Division to purchase Redactive Video and Audio Redaction Software.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 15,763: To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with FUSUS, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$128,937.00 plus applicable taxes and fees, to purchase a Software Management System for the Little Rock Police Department Real Time Crime Center; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Fusus, LLC, for the purchase of FususONE Enterprise Software for the Little Rock Police Department Real Time Crime Center.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,764: To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with ABM Supply in an amount not to exceed \$61,950.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of Binocular Night Vision Devices for the Little Rock Bomb Squad and the Little Rock Police SWAT team; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contact with ABM Supply for the purchase of Binocular Night Vision Devices for the Little Rock Fire Bomb Squad and Little Rock Police SWAT Team.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 15,765: To transfer the title of the property located at 1218 West 23rd Street, from the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to Vickery Construction, LLC,, to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *(Land Bank Commission: 5 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; 1 abstention; and 3 open positions) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: In an effort by the Land Bank to maximize the City's revitalization efforts, staff would like to transfer the 4,600 square-foot residential lot located at 1218 West 23rd Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Vickery Construction, LLC. (Located in Ward 1)

12. RESOLUTION NO. 15,766: To repeal Resolution 15,189 (March 17, 2020), amending certain parts of the City of Little Rock's Parks and Recreation Master Plan of July 17, 2001; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

13. RESOLUTION NO. 15,767: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Wittenberg Delony & Davidson Architects, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$82,637.50, to provide Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the expansion and renovation of the Little Rock Animal Village Facility; 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 enter into Architectural Services Contract with Wittenberg Delony & Davidson Architects, Inc., to design plans for the intake addition at the Little Rock Animal Village.

14. RESOLUTION NO. 15,768: To authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with The Thomas Residential and Farm Trust, in the amount of \$112,000.00, for the purchase of approximately three (3) acres of land and a residential structure, located at 12600 Frazier Pike Road, for use by the Little Rock Port Authority for Economic Prospect Recruitment; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

15. RESOLUTION NO. 15,769: To authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Samuel Lanier Raines, Twilla Anne Raines and Barbara Duty, in the amount of \$90,000.00, for the purchase of approximately forty (40) acres of land adjacent to the Port of Little Rock, for use by the Little Rock Port Authority for Economic Prospect Recruitment; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

16. RESOLUTION NO. 15,770: To amend Resolution No. 15,678 (May 3, 2022) in order to authorize the Little Rock Port Authority to enter into a contract with Delta Dental Plan of Arkansas, Inc., in the amount of \$2,200,000.00, for the purchase of approximately five (5) acres of land and a 40,000 square-foot building, for use by the Little Rock Port Authority for Economic Prospect Recruitment; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

17. RESOLUTION NO. 15,771: To amend Resolution 15,238 (June 16, 2020) to increase the Annual Contract with Southern Tire Mart, LLC, to include an additional \$141,600.00, to cover the expenses for the final renewal term; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To amend Resolution 15,238 (June 16, 2020) to include an increased budgeted amount for the final renewal term for Tire-Related Services for the Fleet Services Department.

18. RESOLUTION NO. 15,772: To set September 20, 2022, as the date for a Public Hearing to form and lay off Little Rock Municipal Property Owners Improvement District No. 2022-003; (Crystal Valley Subdivision); and for other purposes.

19. RESOLUTION NO. 15,773: To set September 20, 2022, as the date for a Public Hearing to form and Lay off Little Rock Municipal Property Owners Improvement District No. 2022-004; (Woodlands Park Recreation District); and for other purposes.

20. RESOLUTION NO. 15,774: To set September 20, 2022, as the date for a Public Hearing to form and Lay off Little Rock Municipal Property Owners Improvement District No. 2022-005; (Woodland Park Subdivision); and for other purposes.

21. RESOLUTION NO. 15,775: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Aflac for Voluntary Group Accident Insurance for a twelve (12)-month period, effective January 1, 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to approve an extension of the contract with Aflac for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for Group Accident Insurance for City Employees and their dependents. This is a voluntary benefit for the City of Little Rock employees and therefore are held solely at the expense of the employee.

22. RESOLUTION NO. 15,776: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Delta Dental Insurance, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, to provide Administrative Services for a period beginning January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an Administrative Services Agreement with Delta Dental Insurance for the City's Self-Insured Dental Plan for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

23. RESOLUTION NO. 15,777: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Lincoln Financial, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00, for Group Life, Group AD&D, and Long-Term Disability Insurance for a twelve (12)-month period, effective January 1, 2023; to include a clause which permits the City to renew the Contract at its option for five (5) additional years; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to approve an extension of the contract with Lincoln Financial for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for Group Life, Group AD&D, and Long-Term Disability Insurance for City Employees and their dependents.

24. RESOLUTION NO. 15,778: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Lincoln Financial for Voluntary Group Life, Group AD&D, and Group Critical Illness Insurance for a twelve (12)-month period, effective January 1, 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to approve an extension of the contract with Lincoln Financial for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for Voluntary Group Life, Group AD&D and Group Critical Care Insurance for City employees and their dependents. These are voluntary benefits for City of Little Rock employees and are therefore held solely at the expense of the employee.

25. RESOLUTION NO. 15,779: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Transamerica for Voluntary Cancer Insurance for a twelve (12)-month period, effective January 1, 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Transamerica for Voluntary Cancer Insurance for City employees and their dependents. These are voluntary benefits for City of Little Rock employees and therefore are held solely at the expense of the employee.

26. RESOLUTION NO. 15,780: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Transamerica for Voluntary Group Universal Life Insurance for a twelve (12)-month period, effective January 1, 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to approve an extension of the contract with Transamerica for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, for Voluntary Group Universal Life for City employees and their dependents. These are voluntary benefits for City of Little Rock employees and therefore are held solely at the expense of the employee.

27. RESOLUTION NO. 15,781: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with VSP, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00, to provide Administrative Services for the Self-Funded Vision Plan for a period beginning January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an Administrative Services Agreement with VSP for the City's Self-Insured Vision Plan for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

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.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Jimmie Cavin: FOIA Procedures.

Luke Skrable: Mayor's ACT Plan.

Malik Marshall: South End Community.

Kathy Wells: Facial Recognition Software Usage.

Autumn Raines: Facial Recognition Software Usage.

Marshall Poole: John Barrow Community.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 28 - 32)

28. ORDINANCE NO. 22,166; A-341: To accept the Thibault Zeuber Annexation, to add certain lands to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and to zone said land to I-3, Heavy Industrial District; and for other purposes. (*Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 open position*) *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To accept the annexation of some twenty-three (23) acres, at the northwest corner of Thibault Road and Zeuber Road, in the 5200 block of Thibault Road, to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and to zone the area to I-3, Heavy Industrial District.

29. ORDINANCE NO. 22,167: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to execute a Sole-Source Agreement with World Services for the Blind, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, to promote Long-Term Housing Security for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, as well as Blindness; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Agreement with World Services for the Blind, Inc., to complete the renovation of congregate housing for blind persons who have lost their primary caregivers due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

30. ORDINANCE NO. 22,168: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$97,812.00, plus applicable taxes and

fees, for the Annual Software Subscription and Maintenance Renewal; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize City Manager to dispense with competitive bids and enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc.(formerly known as Socrata), for the Annual Software Renewal and Maintenance for the City's Data Hub and Citizen Connect sites.

31. ORDINANCE NO. 22,169: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to issue a Sole-Source purchase order to Forge Institute, in an amount not to exceed \$139,500.00; for the purchase of one (1) Cyber Security Strike Team Training Course for use by the Information Technology Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Forge Institute for the purchase of one (1) Cyber Security Strike Team Training Course for use by the Information Technology Department.

32. ORDINANCE NO. 22,170: Providing for the Issuance and sale of a Series of Library Construction and Refunding Bonds for the purpose of funding acquisition, construction, and equipping of Library Capital Improvement Projects; refunding an outstanding series of Library Construction and Refunding Bonds; pledging Library Tax Revenues and Special Tax Collections sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds; Authorizing the execution and delivery of a trust indenture and other documents authorizing the accomplishment of the Projects; approving an official statement; 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 Vice-Mayor 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 Wright, 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 32 was approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 33 - 35)

33. RESOLUTION NO. 15,782: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cigna Insurance for the City's 2023 Group Health Plan; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Cigna Insurance for Group Health Insurance for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

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

34. RESOLUTION NO. 15,783: To state the primary intended uses of a portion of the second tranche to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery

Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act; and for other purposes. (*Sponsored by Director Wright*)

Director Webb made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to amend the resolution to add \$1,000,000.00 to address food deserts, particularly in the Targeted Community Development area. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Richardson and Phillips voting in opposition, **the motion was approved.**

Director Phillips made the motion, seconded by Director Miller, to amend the resolution to add \$1,000,000.00 for economic development in the Targeted Community Development area. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Richardson; and Phillips. Nays: Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. By a vote of three (3) ayes and seven (7) nays, **the motion failed.**

Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, for the Board to come back in ninety (90) days, to review the unallocated funds. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson voting in opposition, **the motion was approved.**

Director Webb made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the resolution as amended. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Richardson and Phillips. By a vote of eight (8) ayes and two (2) nays, **the resolution was approved as amended.**

35. RESOLUTION: To state the intended uses of the second tranche to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, allotment of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: A resolution to state the intent to use the second tranche of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

Mayor Scott stated that he would amend the resolution so that all the items included in Item 34 be removed from Item 35 which would leave the remaining amount of \$5,500,000.00 in unallocated funds.

Director Phillips made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve amendment. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Richardson and Phillips. Nays: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Present: Wright. When asked if she would like to change her Present vote, Director Wright indicated that she would like for her vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of two (2) ayes, seven (7) and one (1) Present, **the motion failed.**

Director Phillips made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the resolution as amended. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Richardson and Phillips. Nays: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. By a vote of two (2) ayes and eight (8) nays, **the resolution as amended failed.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 36)

36. RESOLUTION NO. 15,784: To authorize the City Manager to execute the Little Rock Police Department Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application and the Memorandum of Understanding with Pulaski County; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

The resolution was read.

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.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the resolution. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson voting Present, **the resolution was approved.**

PRESENTATIONS (Item 37)

37. PRESENTATION: Homeless Presentation Follow-Up.

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Phillips, 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