

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
September 1, 2015  
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a regular meeting with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Webb; Cazort; Wright; Fortson; Kumpuris; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines and Mayor Stodola. Directors Absent: Richardson and Wyrick. Director Gene Fortson delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DEFERRALS:**

- 3. RESOLUTION:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into annual contract with Bumper to Bumper, as the primary vendor for the purchase of Non-Original Equipment Manufacturer Light-Duty Vehicle Repair Parts for the City's vehicle and equipment fleet units, and Tri-State Enterprises, Inc., as the secondary vendor; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval. (Deferred at staff's request)*  
**Synopsis:** Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bumper to Bumper as the primary vendor for the purchase of Non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Light-Duty Vehicle Repair Parts for City's vehicle and equipment fleet and Tri-State Enterprises, Inc., as the secondary vendor. This APO is for one (1)-year, with an option to renew each year up to two (2) additional years with an annual budget not to exceed of \$500,000.00.

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to defer Item 3. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item 3 was deferred.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 2)**

- 1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,179:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Summit Truck Group, in the total amount of \$197,950.00, for the purchase of one (1) Grapple Truck for the Parks & Recreation Department; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Summit Truck Group in the amount of \$197,950.00, to purchase one (1) Grapple Truck for the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 2. RESOLUTION NO. 14,180:** To authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Comcast for Internet Service for designated City facilities for three (3) years for a total cost of \$196,456.00 plus taxes and fees; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** To authorize City Manager to execute agreements with Comcast Business Communications for Broadband Internet service for various City facilities.

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

## CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Pat Gee, 8409 Dowan Drive: East of Geyer Springs Tour.  
John Gilchrist, 63 Springridge Drive: Invitation to Attend.

## SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 4 - 5)

Mayor Stodola stated that he had not received any cards from individuals wanting to speak on Items 4 or 5; therefore, those items could be grouped and read together.

**4. ORDINANCE NO. 21,093:** To amend Little Rock., Ark., Ordinance No. 20,986 (January 20, 2015) to add two (2) members to the Little Rock Energy Improvement District Board of Directors and to stagger the terms of the members of the Board of Directors; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis: This ordinance expands the members of the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Energy Improvement District (EID) Board by two (2) additional members and to stagger the terms of members so there will never be a situation when the entire EID Board is replaced at the same time.**

**5. ORDINANCE NO. 21,094:** To dispense with the requirement of competitive bidding and authorize the City Manager to enter into a Sole-Source Contract with Unite Private Networks for the purchase of equipment and services for the City to connect to a Fiber-Based Telecommunications Network owned by Unite Private Networks and made available to the City through a Franchise Agreement; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis: This ordinance waives competitive bidding for the purchase of equipment and services to connect to a fiber-based telecommunications network owned by Unite Private Networks (UPN).**

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, 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 Cazort, 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 5 was approved.**

## DISCUSSION (Item 6)

**6. DISCUSSION:** Hinson Road & Pebble Beach Drive Intersection.

Vice-Mayor Hines stated that he did not agree that the project should be removed; however, as a result of public output and sentiment, he was withdrawing his support of the project.

Mayor Stodola stated that many of the e-mails he and the Board had received contained misinformation and had been sensationalized and he thought it would be good for staff

to make a presentation regarding how staff arrived at their recommendation. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that it was important to note that staff did not ever have a specific recommendation; they had only brought forth several options.

Public Works Department Director Jon Honeywell provided an overview of the five (5) public meetings that were held in conjunction with the proposed project. Mr. Honeywell reported that staff had conducted new traffic counts at the following four (4) different locations along Hinson Road: Hinson Road, west of Bear Tree Drive; Hinson Road from Portland Road to El Dorado Drive; Hinton Road, south of Dorado Beach Drive; and Hinson Road from Beckenham Drive to Jennifer Drive. Mr. Honeywell stated that the 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed for the intersections were at, or above, forty (40) MPH and provided the following information regarding the speed study:

Street	Section	Total Vehicles	Greater Than Thirty-Five (35) MPH	Percentage Greater Than Thirty-Five (35) MPH
West of Bear Tree Drive	Eastbound	9,735	9,098	94%
	Westbound	9,072	7,765	85%
Portland Road to El Dorado Drive	Eastbound	9,940	9,011	91%
	Westbound	9,659	6,808	71%
South of Dorado Beach	Eastbound (Twenty-Four (24)-Hour)	4,347	3,232	74%
	Westbound	11,487	5,273	46%
Beckenham Drive to Jennifer Drive	Eastbound	13,823	7,435	54%
	Westbound	13,763	8,425	61%

Mr. Honeywell stated that the large number of individuals exceeding the speed limit was the reason that staff thought the project was important. Mr. Honeywell presented accident data for the previous two (2) years between Bear Tree Drive and Dorado Beach Drive, which indicated that there had been twenty-two (22) total accidents during that time period. Mr. Honeywell stated that staff had analyzed and presented the following options for the Hinson Road & Pebble Beach Drive intersection:

- Existing Four (4)-Way Stop: Three (3) & Four (4)-Lane Section.
- Traffic Signal: Three (3)-Lane Section. Estimated cost of \$500,000.
- Single-Lane Roundabout: Three (3)-Lane Section. Estimated cost of \$500,000.
- Two (2)-Lane Roundabout: Three (3) & Four (4)-Lane Section. Estimated cost of \$1,500,000.

Mr. Honeywell stated that the current four (4)-way stop existed at a Service Level C, which was middle of the road for how an intersection should operate. Mr. Honeywell stated that a single-lane roundabout could be fitted into the current geometry of the intersection and would possibly have minor impact on any of the adjacent property owners; however, the main issue would be the northbound lane from Pebble Beach Drive turning eastbound onto Hinson Road. Mr. Honeywell reported that during the AM

peak hours, there would be enough traffic moving through the roundabout that northbound traffic from Pebble Beach Drive would not see a gap in traffic for long periods of time, which would cause the traffic to stack. Mr. Honeywell stated that the two (2)-lane roundabout would function the most efficiently and raise the intersection to a Service Level A; however, it would have a huge impact on adjacent property owners. Mr. Honeywell stated that as for the traffic signal, with four (4)-lanes, there would be no benefit for traffic calming. Vice-Mayor Hines asked for an explanation of a road diet and for removing a lane a traffic. Mr. Honeywell stated that when there were four (4) lanes and an automobile in the interior lane wanted to make a left-turn, it stopped the flow of traffic in that lane causing the lane to not perform properly. A center-turn lane would move the left-turn movement out of traffic into a dedicated lane. In addition, a reduction from four (4) lanes to three (3) lanes would reduce the width of travel from twenty-two (22) feet for two (2) lanes to eleven (11) feet for one (1)-lane, which would reduce the speed.

City Manager Moore stated that he would bring back a recommendation to the Board regarding how to reallocate the \$250,000 from Ward 4 & Ward 5.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 7)**

Mayor Stodola stated that he was prepared to make a recommendation and that the Board did not need to go into Executive Session.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,181:** To make appointments to the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Act Improvement District Board; and for other purposes.

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to appoint Brady Aldy and Britt Johnson, to serve their first one (1)-year terms, said terms to expire on June 1, 2016. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Director Cazort made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was adjourned.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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**Susan Langley, City Clerk**

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**Mark Stodola, Mayor**