

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
March 5, 2019
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; Webb; Peck; Hines; Wright; Kumpuris; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Wyrick; and Mayor Scott. Directors absent: Fortson. Director Erma Hendrix delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

National Merit Recognition

Mayor Scott recognized Director Hines for a point of personal privilege. Director Hines stated that he would like to withdraw Item 19, which was the resolution that he requested be added to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 10)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,946: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with GW Van Keppel Company, in the total amount of \$584,897.00, for the purchase of one (1) BOMAG Compactor for the Public Works Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with GW Van Keppel Company for the purchase of a BOMAG Compactor for the Public Works Department.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 14,947: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mark McLarty Ford, in the total amount of \$84,361.20, for the purchase of one (1) Ford F-750 Dump Truck for the Public Works Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mark McLarty Ford for the purchase of one (1) Ford F-750 Dump Truck for the Public Works Department.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 14,948: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Tymco, in a total amount of \$274,325.00, for the purchase of one (1) Model 500x Air Sweeper for the Public Works Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Tymco for the purchase of a Model 500x Air Sweeper for the Public Works Department.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 14,949: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Altec, in the total amount of \$221,850.00, for the purchase of one (1) Hydraulic Bucket Truck for the Public Works Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Altec for the purchase of a Hydraulic Bucket Truck for the Public Works Department.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,950: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with G & W Diesel, in the total amount of \$648,617.00, for the purchase of one (1) Pierce Velocity Pumper Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department; and for other purposes. *(A portion of the 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 G & W Diesel for the purchase of one (1) Pierce Velocity Pumper Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,951: To authorize an increase to the authorized contract with Development Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$19,200.00, for additional Professional Engineering Consultant Services for the 2019 to 2021 Capital Improvement Program; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes an increase in the authorized contract amount with Development Consultants, Inc., for Professional Engineering Consultant Services for the design of the Ward 7 Sidewalks Improvement Project.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,952: To authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Public Service Agreement with the unincorporated town of Cammack Village, to provide Emergency Police Dispatch Services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Public Services Agreement with Cammack Village to provide Emergency Police Dispatch Services for a period of one (1)-year with an option for two (2) renewal terms of one (1)-year each.

Luke Skrable: Stated that he was concerned that the City did not have an adequate number of Call Takers to handle the additional load of calls.

Mayor Scott stated that he had visited with Little Rock Police Department Staff and that there was adequate staffing to handle the extra calls, which were estimated to be one (1) – two (2) calls per day.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,953: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Superior, LLC, to provide False Alarm Tracking and Billing Services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Superior, LLC, to provide False Alarm Tracking and Billing Services.

Luke Skrable: Questioned why the City would be using a third-party to provide the false alarm tracking and billing services.

Treasury Manager Scott Massanelli stated that the company, Superior, LLC, had been providing the same services for the past three (3) years. Mr. Massanelli stated that since 2015, the number of false alarms had decreased approximately 35%.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 14,954: To authorize the Mayor to enter into an Option to Purchase Agreement with Entergy Arkansas, Inc., for the purchase of approximately thirty-eight (38) acres of land, by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for use by the Little Rock Port Authority; and for other purposes.

Luke Skrable: Asked why the City needed all the land and how was it benefiting the taxpayers.

Mayor Scott stated that approximately \$10 million dollars was designated to the Little Rock Port Authority through the 2012 Sales Tax Initiative.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 14,955: To certify Local Government Endorsement of Southwest Power Pool, Inc., located at 201 Worthen Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program, as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003; and for other purposes.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Luke Skrable: Clarity Please for the Comments from the 2-5-19 BOD Meeting.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 11 - 17)

11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,701; Z-3396-B: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Industrial District titled Romero's Enterprises Short-Form PID, located at 12,300, 12,320 and 12,340 Chicot Road, 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 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is proposing to rezone the property from PID, Planned Industrial Development, to Revised PID to allow for the addition of several additional uses to be permitted to occupy space within the existing buildings. (Located in Ward 7)

12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,702; Z-8445-B: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Office District titled Medical Hearing Associates of Arkansas Revised Short-Form PD-O, located at 5910 C Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is proposing to rezone the property from POD, Planned Office District, to Revised PD-O to allow for the use of the existing building for an audiology clinic. (Located in Ward 3)

13. ORDINANCE NO. 21,703; Z-9120-A: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Rebel Kettle Revised Short-Form PCD, located at 822 East 6th Street, 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 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is proposing to rezone the property from PCD, Planned Commercial District, to Revised PCD to allow for the addition of a twenty (20)-foot x twenty (20)-foot storage building and the removal of previously-required screening walls. (Located in Ward 1)

14. ORDINANCE NO. 21,704; Z-9384: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District titled Wilson Short-Form PD-R, located at 423/4258 Colonial Court and 498 Ridgeway Drive, 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 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is proposing to rezone these properties from R-3 Single-Family District, to PD-R, Planned Residential – District, to allow for the re-platting of the lots, taking twenty (20) feet off of the rear of the Colonial Court lot and adding to the side of the Ridgeway Drive lot. (Located in Ward 3)

15. ORDINANCE NO. 21,705: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to issue a Sole-Source Purchase Order to G&W Diesel, in an amount not to exceed an Annual Budget of \$185,000.00, for an annual contract for Pierce Fire Truck Parks and Service for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: Approval of a Sole-Source Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with G & W Diesel for Pierce Parts and Service.

16. ORDINANCE NO. 21,706: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to issue a Sole-Source Purchase Order to J.A. Riggs, in an amount not to exceed an annual budget of \$145,000.00, for an annual contract for Caterpillar Parts and Service for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: Approval of a Sole-Source Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.A. Riggs for Caterpillar Parts and Service.

17. ORDINANCE NO. 21,707: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to issue a Sole-Source Purchase Order to River City Hydraulics, in an amount not to exceed an annual budget of \$240,000.00, for an annual contract for Heil Parks and Service for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: Approval of a Sole-Source Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with River City Hydraulics for Heil Parts and Service.

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to read the ordinances a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, 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 third time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinances were approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 18)

18. ORDINANCE NO. 21,708: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Crafton Tull & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00, to develop a Branding Program for the 12th Street Corridor; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. (*Deferred from February 19, 2019*) *Staff recommends approval.*

Frederick Gentry, 1612 South Commerce Street: Stated that he served on the 12th Street Jump Start Branding Committee. Mr. Gentry stated that the funds were the result of a grant that was written in 2014 and were intended to be utilized for the establishment of the Jump Start Plan and Implementation. Mr. Gentry stated that there had been mention of a possible 'pocket park'; however, that concept was not included in the grant implementation strategies. Mr. Gentry stated that the next major step was to create a Branding and Marketing Plan for the 12th Street Corridor.

Rohn Muse, 822 Lewis Street: Mr. Muse stated that he was the Community Chair of the Branding Subcommittee and a member of the Jump Start Steering Committee. Mr. Muse reported that in late summer of 2017 the Branding Subcommittee, as well as the other Subcommittees of the Jump Start Steering Committee, began their assignments. Mr. Muse stated that they began with surveys that were distributed to everyone along the corridor, as well as to individuals visiting the Willie L. Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center and the Brandon House Community for Youth Program. Mr. Muse stated that the Committee agreed that the area needed to be rebranded and after consultation, narrowed the list down to six (6) names. Mr. Muse stated that on National Night Out, residents of the area were given the opportunity to vote for their choice. Mr. Muse stated that the name would be revealed at the next Branding Steering committee, which was scheduled for the last week of March. Mr. Muse stated that Crafton Tull & Associates was an engineering/architectural firm and he felt that the Committee needed to be guided by a marketing firm to use their expertise to make the already voted and decided upon brand to become a household name. Mr. Muse asked that the Board pull the ordinance from the agenda to provide the Committee with additional time to select a marketing firm to market the brand.

Director Adcock asked if the ballot boxes were still in the possession of the City. Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins stated that the unopened ballot boxes were in the Planning Offices. Director Adcock asked what the Committee would have to market after the \$52,000.00 was spent. Mr. Collins stated that along with the brand name, logos, graphical representation, etc., were typically a part of the process.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to read the ordinances a second time. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Adcock voting in opposition, the ordinance was read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Adcock voting in opposition, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a third time.

Director Hines asked if the work that the Branding Subcommittee would be included in the work the Crafton Tull completed. Mr. Collins stated that yes, all work to-date would be utilized. Director Webb stated that she remained unclear as to why it was not practical to bid out the contract. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that the challenge to declare something impractical and unfeasible to do a sole-source under Arkansas State Law was difficult. City Attorney Carpenter stated in that particular case, all the money was not coming from the City. City Attorney Carpenter stated that Crafton Tull was chosen by the groups that previously provided the money and they remained supportive, which is where the impractical and unfeasible came from. Director Adcock stated that the grant was given to the community. City Attorney Carpenter stated that he

had been told that there were different groups that had given money that were the basis of the grant and they were the ones that had approved Crafton Tull when they were initially chosen. Mr. Gentry verified that the grant came through Metroplan.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Wyrick and Adcock voting in opposition, **the ordinance approved.** By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Wyrick and Adcock voting in opposition, **the emergency clause was approved.**

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a personnel matter. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

The Board returned from Executive Session.

Mayor Scott stated that during Executive Session, the Board had made a decision regarding City Manager Bruce Moore's Employment Agreement that was voted on in December 2018. Mayor Scott reported that there were several discrepancies in City Manager Moore's Employment Agreement and in order to align his agreement with the City Attorney's, City Manager Moore was now on par with 1,040 hours, and a portion of 500 hours would be distributed incrementally over 2019.

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, 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