

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
November 17, 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; Richardson; Webb; Cazort; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines and Mayor Stodola. Director Kathy Webb delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Condolence Book for Paris – Mrs. Beatrice Moore, Honorary Consul of France for Arkansas
City of Little Rock Employee Retirement Recognition
Assistant Chief Don Bradley, Little Rock Fire Department

DEFERRALS:

13. ORDINANCE: To grant a franchise for the use of City right-of-way for the placement of restaurant tables and the relocation of a pathway consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act to the owners of Raduno Brick Oven, located at 1318 South Main Street; to set the terms and conditions; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends denial. (Deferred until December 15, 2015, at the applicant's request)*

WITHDRAWALS:

15. RESOLUTION; S-867-CCCCCCC: To rescind the Little Rock Planning Commission's action in denying variances and a request to allow a median cut on Chenal Parkway associated with a preliminary plat for Chenal Valley Tract 4A, 4B and 8 Revised Preliminary Plat, located on the northwest corner of Chenal Parkway and Rahling Road, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from October 20, 2015) Planning Commission: 0 ayes; 11 nays; and 0 absent. Staff recommends denial. (Withdrawn at the applicant's request)*
Synopsis: The applicant, Deltic Timber Corporation, is appealing the Planning Commission's denial of variances associated with a preliminary plat request located on the northwest corner of Chenal Parkway and Rahling Road. The request also includes approval for a median cut on Chenal Parkway. (Located in Ward 5)

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Kumpuris, to defer Item 13 until December 15, 2015, and to withdraw Item 15. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item 13 was deferred until December 15, 2015, and Item 15 was withdrawn.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 9)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 14,236: To award the Banking Services Contract for 2016 and 2017 to First Security Bank; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The resolution awards the Banking Services Contract to First Security Bank for calendar years 2016 and 2017 with the option to extend the Banking Services Contract through December 31, 2022.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 14,237: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for a Governor's Economic Infrastructure Fund Grant in the amount of \$118,130.00; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to sub-award Arkansas Economic Development Commission Grant Funds to Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind to support the creation of forty-four (44) new jobs by providing funding for equipment and for the costs of instruction for training employees.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 14,238: To authorize the Mayor of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept for municipal purposes, permanent Construction Easements and the City Manager to acquire temporary Construction Easement as needed to complete the construction of the Safe Routes to School Harrison Street Sidewalk Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the Mayor to accept for municipal purposes permanent construction easements and right-of-way dedications and the City Manager to acquire temporary construction easements as needed to complete the Harrison Street (14th Street to 22nd Street) Safe Routes to Schools Program. (Located in Ward 1)

4. RESOLUTION NO. 14,239: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to T.D. Sims Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$64,547.10, for Rodney Parham Road at Buff Lane Drainage Easements; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with T. D. Sims Company, Inc., for drainage improvements, Rodney Parham at Buff Lane, Project No. 13-4-105, Bid No. 15-021. (Located in Ward 4)

5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,240: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with The Southern Company, Inc., for the purchase and installation of a Fuel Dispenser System at the Josephine Pankey Station, in the amount of \$69,000.00; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with The Southern Company, Inc., for the purchase and installation of a Fuel Dispenser System at the Josephine Pankey Station in the amount of \$69,000.00.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,241: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with AMR Construction, LLC, to construct additional workspace at the Landfill Maintenance Facility, in the amount of \$261,552.00; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with AMR Construction, LLC, to construct additional workspace at the Landfill Maintenance Facility.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,242: To authorize the City Manager to allow an expenditure increase of 10% contingency on the contracts for the construction of four (4) new units

with the use of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Funds; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval to allow the City Manager authorize and expenditure increase o f10% contingency on the contracts to develop the Neighborhood Stabilization Programs 2 (MSP 2) units.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,243: To authorize an Annual Contract for Non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Light-Duty Vehicle Repair Parts from Bumper to Bumper as a primary vendor and Tri-State Enterprises, Inc., as a secondary vendor; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 14,244: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Museum Arts, Inc., for the design, fabrication and installation of graphics at the new Arkansas Heritage Farm Exhibit at the Little Rock Zoo, in the amount of \$85,000.00, plus 20% contingencies, for a total amount not to exceed \$102,000.00; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Museum Arts, Inc., in the amount of \$85,000, plus 20% for contingencies, for a total amount not to exceed \$102,000. The contract will cover design, fabrication and installation of the interpretative graphics at the new Arkansas Heritage Farm Exhibit.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Director Fortson stated that due to the fact that he was a Director for the financial institution that was involved with the Banking Services Contract, he would recuse himself from voting on Item. 1.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Fortson recusing from Item No. 1, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 10 - 11)

10. ORDINANCE NO. 21,133; Z-4633-B: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Residential District titled Hunters Cove Lot 7R Revised Short-Form PD-R, located at 12719 Hunters Field Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting to amend the previously-approved PD-R, Planned Development – Residential, to allow for the construction of a storage garage as an addition to the existing residence. (Located in Ward 5)

11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,134: To dispense with the requirements of competitive bids and to award Comcast, Inc., a contract to provide Broadband Services to ten (10) locations; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To allow Comcast to complete the broadband infrastructure on ten (10) additional sites needed by the City.

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 11 was approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 12)

12. RESOLUTION: To seek analysis by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Commission of issues for the proposed 30 Crossing Project; and for other purposes.

Director Webb that she appreciated all the work that had been completed to-date in regards to the proposed project; however, she would like to see additional research be conducted to determine the best plan for the City. Vice-Mayor Hines stated that over the past year and a half, there had been over eighty (80) public meetings held across the community to provide information to the citizens and to gather public comment. Vice-Mayor Hines asked that his comments regarding the proposed resolution be written into the record.

Section 1 (a). *Consideration of Metroplan's Imagine Central Arkansas Plan is included. This is Metroplan's Long-Range Transportation Plan and must be considered as part of the Department's development of construction programs. Imagine Central Arkansas does include the 30 Crossing, but without a specific cross section. The development of the plans for 30 Crossing is being coordinated with Metroplan, and amendments to Imagine Central Arkansas will be coordinated with them as needed. It should be noted that much of the proposals in Imagine Central Arkansas (e.g., transit, intersection improvements, improvements to the Regional Arterial Network) are local responsibilities and beyond the Department's authority.*

Section 1 (b). *For transit, the Department's authority is limited to planning and coordinating plans. The responsibility and authority for implementing those plans (i.e., funding the plans) lies with the transit agencies and the local governments. All of the plans for the 30 Crossing are being coordinated with Rock Region.*

Section 1 (c). *More details are needed on this section. Portland, Seattle, Boston, Milwaukee, etc., are all much different cases than downtown Little Rock. However, national urban planners who specialize in transportation issues have been retained to develop options for downtown (which, by the way, is beyond the original scope of the 30 Crossing Project, but are trying to be addressed at the request of the City).*

Section 2.

- *Economic competitiveness – The 30 Crossing proposal is supported by the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce. The proposal provides for less congestion and better access to downtown. According to a Duke University study, a project of this scope would create 13,000 jobs. Also, the economic impact of a project of this scope would be over \$2 billion.*
- *Air quality – The environmental study being conducted for the 30 Crossing includes impacts to air, noise, and water quality.*
- *Health – The safety of the Interstate 30 corridor, which has more than three times the crashes of any other section of Interstate in Arkansas, will be greatly improved. With less congestion, air quality will be improved. Also, improvements will be made to the east-west crossings to allow for enhanced bicycle/pedestrian activity.*
- *Reduction in cars, etc. – This is a local issue that could be addressed by increased transit use or by encouraging/subsidizing carpooling.*
- *Reducing necessary right of way – Very little additional right of way will be needed for the proposed improvements. Also, the footprint of the Highway 10 interchange will be greatly reduced. The development potential within the excess right of way is a local issue. We have suggested that the City contract with an urban planner to develop options for the use of this property.*
- *Slower speeds, increased safety – The collector/distributor system through downtown will operate at slower speeds and allow more time/distance for merging and diverging movements, and will therefore lead to increased safety.*
- *Aesthetics – The Department has already held two (2) Visioning Workshops with stakeholders throughout the corridor. Aesthetics will be specified and will be a required part of the proposal from the design-build teams for the 30 Crossing.*
- *Economic impacts from greater mode choice – Again, this is a local issue on whether to increase investment in other modes to provide those options.*

Other Notes – Previous Metroplan Studies:

- *An Areawide Freeway Study conducted by a consultant recommended a minimum of ten (10) through lanes for Interstate 30, plus a collector/distributor system in the southbound direction.*
- *The Areawide Freeway Study projected that light rail to Cabot would remove 3,715 trips, or just fewer than 2%, of the river bridge traffic in the region. Light rail to Conway would remove 2,161 trips, or 1.2% of the river bridge traffic in the region. The total reduction (for all river bridges in the region) would be 5,876 trips, or a 3% reduction in vehicle trips on the river bridges.*
- *Since 2004, Metroplan's Congestion Management System reports have shown serious to extreme congestion on Interstate 30, with the possible reduction measure of widening to ten (10) lanes (with the caveat that there would have to be an exception/change to current Metroplan policy of limiting freeways to six (6) through lanes).*

Vice-Mayor Hines stated that had serious concerns that there was a long-range jurisdiction that would choke-hold the regional growth of the Interstate system to six (6) lanes.

Director Richardson stated that he would like to extend an invitation to Jim McKenzie, Metroplan Executive Director, to make a presentation to the Board regarding Imagine Central Arkansas.

Director Kumpuris stated that he thought that voting on something and expressing opposition when all the facts were not known was the wrong thing to do.

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to table the item for one (1)-month. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Webb voting in opposition, **Item 12 was tabled for one (1)-month.**

PUBLIC HEARING (Items 14 & 16)

14. ORDINANCE NO. 21,135; G-24-048: To abandon an access easement, located at 12719 Hunters Field Road in Lot 7R Hunters Cove Addition, to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Mr. Mark Pollack is requesting to abandon an access easement located along the northern and western perimeters of his property located at 12719 Hunters Field Road. (Located in Ward 5)

Mayor Stodola opened the public hearing.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Cazort, 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 Cazort, 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 third time.

Mayor Stodola asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Stodola closed the public hearing.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

16. RESOLUTION NO. 14,245: To authorize the Mayor and the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to certify City liens attached on private property for work performed on private property and to forward to the Pulaski County Treasurer's Office for inclusion in the property owners' annual tax bill; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: On occasion, the City attaches liens for work it performs on private property. This lien information must then be compiled and sent to the Pulaski County Treasurer's Office for inclusion in the annual owner's tax bill. This is an effort to recoup some of the costs for that work which the City performs. The City is seeking to certify 389 liens for a total amount of \$114,239.42.

Mayor Stodola opened the public hearing and asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Stodola closed the public hearing.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Ingrid Catillo, 15 Tanya Circle: Devaluing my property.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Mark Stodola, Mayor