

**Little Rock Board of Directors  
November 1, 2022  
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in Regular Meeting with Vice-Mayor Lance Hines presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Miller; Richardson; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips (enrolled at 6:11 PM); Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Director Virgil Miller gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Peck asked for a point of personal privilege. Director Peck stated with recent events, she felt that her personal integrity had been called into question and she would like to set the record straight. Director Peck stated that she had been contacted by a constituent concerning a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from 2020 regarding a comprehensive development plan for three (3) areas of Little Rock. Director Peck stated that she had no such knowledge of the RFQ and when she questioned City Manager Bruce Moore, he had no knowledge of it either. In addition, she had questioned several fellow Board Members, and they knew nothing about the RFQ. Director Peck stated that the previous Wednesday, she had contacted the Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins and asked that he get a copy of the RFQ and send it to the constituent, and she was told that it would be sent later that afternoon or early the next morning. Director Peck stated that she was told that the RFQ was a Comprehensive Development Plan for three (3) areas of the City: Downtown; Southwest; and the Interstate 630 Corridor, and that it was for Phase 1, which addressed affordable housing in or near War Memorial. Director Peck stated that on Friday, Mr. Collins called her and stated that he felt that the request from the constituent was related to the upcoming election and that the Mayor had told him not to send a copy of the RFQ. Director Peck stated that she contacted City Manager Moore and asked if he could get a copy of the RFQ; however, after making the call to Planning & Development, he received a call from the Mayor advising him that the information would not be sent. Director Peck stated on Saturday, she had contacted several members of the local media and provided them with what little information she had and advised them to make an FOIA Request for a copy of the RFQ. Director Peck stated that as an apparent result of the FOIA Request, the constituent received a copy of the RFQ on Sunday; however, it did not include the actual plan. Director Peck stated that she did not understand would could be so controversial about a two (2)-year old RFQ. Mayor Scott stated that he never instructed Mr. Collins or City Manager Moore to withhold the RFQ, and that the information was received by the constituent on Sunday.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 5)**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 15,812; G-24-061:** To set November 15, 2022, as the date of public hearing on the request to abandon a forty (40)-foot wide Utility and Drainage Easement, located within the Woodlands Park Subdivision (unrecorded), along the east side of Woodlands Trail, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,813:** To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Agile Ticketing Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$126,000.00, for Point of Service Ticketing Software for 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 Agile Ticketing Solutions, LLC, for the purchase of Point of Service Ticketing Software.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,814:** To approve two (2) Operator Permits and sixty-five (65) Taxicab Permits for WHC Little Rock, LLC, d/b/a zTrip and d/b/a Yellow Cab for 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

**Synopsis:** Approval of a resolution authorizing two (2) Operator Permits and sixty-five (65) Taxicab Permits for WHC Little Rock, LLC, d/b/a zTrip and d/b/a Yellow Cab for 2023.

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,815:** To authorize the City Manager to transfer \$5,000,000.00 to the Little Rock Port Authority, for Economic Development and Land Acquisition; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,816:** To ratify and confirm the issuance and sale of City of Little Rock, Arkansas, Library Construction and Refunding Bonds, Series 2022; to ratify and confirm the principal and Interest Payment Schedule for the Bonds and the terms and conditions of the sale of the Bonds; to ratify and confirm the execution and delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement; to prescribe other matters relating thereto; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

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**

Jacquelyn Twillie: Marijuana Drug Legislation.

Jimmie Cavin: Transparency.

Byron Norwood: Citizen Quality of Life.

Luke Skrable: Mayor Campaign.

June Matheny: Support of Capi Peck.

## **SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 6 - 9)**

**6. ORDINANCE NO. 22,185:** To regulate the use of Public and Private Sewers, private sewage disposal, the installation, construction Maintenance and connection of building sewers; the discharge of waters and wastes into the Public Sewer System; providing penalties for the violation thereof; repealing all ordinances and provisions thereof in conflict therewith, including Ordinance No. 17,965 (March 16, 1999), all pertaining to the sewer lines and system within the jurisdiction of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, 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 Vice-Mayor Hines, 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.

Byron Norwood: Stated that he felt that the ordinance would penalize the citizens of Little Rock.

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

**7. ORDINANCE:** To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the participation of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an insurance pool administered by the Arkansas Municipal League, in an amount not to exceed \$478,154.76; for certain litigation costs, expense and coverage; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Arkansas Municipal League for participation by the City of Little Rock in the Municipal League Defense Program for 2023.**

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading.

Director Kumpuris stated that he would like the City Manager to provide information regarding possible sources of coverage other than the Arkansas Municipal League.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, **the motion failed**.

As a result of the motion failing the item will be placed on the November 15, 2022, Agenda for Second Reading.

**8. ORDINANCE NO. 22,186; LU2022-09-01:** To amend the Land Use Plan in the Interstate 630 Planning District at 3301, 3305, 3317 and 3319 Asher Avenue, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, from Mixed Use (MX) to Commercial (C); and for other purposes. *(Deferred from October 18, 2022)(Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: To approve a Land Use Plan Map amendment in the Interstate 630 Planning District at 3301, 3305, 3317 and 3319 Asher Avenue from Mixed Use (MX) to Commercial (C). (Located in Ward 1)**

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, 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 Vice-Mayor Hines, 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.

Carolyn Smith: Stated that she was in support of the application and asked that the Board approve the ordinance.

Director Adcock asked how the buildings would be utilized. Ms. Smith stated that they were apartment buildings where their workers would reside. Ms. Smith stated that the request to change the zoning designation was due to the fact that they had hung a banner on the property.

Miller stated that the owner had erected a sign (banner) above one of the residences and Code Enforcement stated that the signage was too big and that if they wanted to keep the signage, the zoning would have to be changed. Director Miller stated that he had visited with the President of the Goodwill Neighborhood Association and was told that the organization had no issue with the zoning change. In addition, Director Miller had visited with the President of the Love Neighborhood Association and they were supportive of the ministry's programs.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wyrick, to defer the item until November 15, 2022, **the motion failed.**

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

**9. ORDINANCE NO. 22,187; Z-9719:** To reclassify property located in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from October 18, 2022)(Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstention; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** The owner of the 0.97-acre property (four (4) lots), located at 3301, 3305, 3317 and 3319 Asher Avenue, is requesting that the property be rezoned from R-3, Single-Family District, to C-3, General Commercial District. (Located in Ward 1)

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, 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 Wright, 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. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Adcock voting in opposition, **the ordinance was approved.**

Director Phillips 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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**Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**