

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
February 7, 2017  
6:00 PM**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Welcome to Vice-Mayor Lee Jong Soo and the Hanam City Delegation

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 10)**

1. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016, Little Rock City Board of Directors Reconvened Meeting; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,495:** To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,167,125.28, for Chicot-Mabelvale Pike Roadway Improvements; 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 the City Manager to execute an agreement with Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., for the Chicot Road and Mabelvale Pike Roadway Improvement Project, Project #13-B-7B, Bid #16032. (Located in Ward 7)

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,496:** To approve the City Manager and City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-of-way and Temporary & Permanent Construction Easements necessary for the construction of the Kanis Road Improvement Project; 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 the City Manager and City Attorney to use eminent domain to complete acquisition of right-of-way and Permanent & Temporary Construction Easements for the Kanis Road Improvement Project (Shackleford to Gamble), Project No. 13-B6a and No. 13-B5d. (Located in Ward 5)

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,497:** To authorize the offering of Capital Improvement Bonds to refund the City's outstanding Capital Improvement Construction Revenue Bonds (Little Rock Zoo, Parks & Recreation Projects), Series 2009A, Capital Improvement Refunding Revenue Bonds (Little Rock Zoo, Parks & Recreation Projects), Series 2009B and Capital Improvement Junior Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2002; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The purpose of the resolution is to authorize the refunding of the outstanding Parks and Recreation and Zoo Bonds, Series 2009A and refunding revenue bonds 2009B, and the Capital Improvement Junior Lien Bonds, Series 2002 in order to achieve debt service savings. The new bonds will be secured by a pledge of the City's franchise fees. In addition, the resolution approves

the selection of Friday Eldredge & Clark, LLP, as Bond Counsel through a competitive request for qualifications process and authorizes the offering of the bonds by Underwriters to achieve an acceptable level of debt service savings.

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,498:** To amend Section 1 of Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 14,494 (January 17, 2017), to add Bridge 2 Success as a City-Wide 2017 Positive Prevention Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** To add one (1) additional provider inadvertently omitted from the previous resolution to fund the 2017 Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Contracts.

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,499:** To transfer title to University District Development Corporation, In-Affordable Housing, Inc., and Better Community Development, Inc., by Warranty Deed for property donated by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** In an effort maximize the Land Bank's revitalization efforts, the Land Bank would like to donate properties to be used for the construction of single-family housing with HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds by local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). **Property Details:** All properties are vacant lots.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,500:** To authorize the City Manager to enter a contract with Rhythm Engineering, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$93,805.00, to provide technical consulting services for the University Avenue Traffic Signal Adaptive Control System; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Rhythm Engineering, LLC, to provide technical consulting services for University Avenue Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System, AHTD Job No. 061468, Federal Aid Project No. STPR-9253(74), Bid No. 16022.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,501:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Vermeer Mid-South, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, for Vermeer Equipment Parts for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vermeer Mid-South for Vermeer Equipment Parts. This APO is for one (1) year, with an option to renew each year up to two (2) additional years.

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 14,502:** To set February 21, 2017, as the date of hearing to hear the petition to form Little Rock Municipal Property Owners' Multipurpose Improvement District No. 2017-324 (Kanis Ridge Estates Project); and for other purposes.

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 14,503:** To authorize the City to enter into a subaward with the Little Rock School District to make certain repairs to Little Rock Central High School pursuant to an African-American Civil Rights Grant; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sole-source subaward with the Little Rock School District as owners of Little Rock Central High School to make certain repairs to the school as provided in a Federal Grant award.

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**

Ross Piazza, 21 Lyric Lane: Reasonable Speed Bump Heights – Leawood.  
Jim Nickels, 1515 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street: AFSCME Negotiation Agreement.  
Angelo Bender: Thanking City Manager & Staff.  
Meredith Martin-Moore, 722 Valmar Street: School Closure.  
Vicki Hatter, 3302 LeHigh Drive: Schools & Homeless – Community Impact Study.  
Gwen Porter-Cole, 2323 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street: Schools Remaining Open.  
Anika Whitfield: Community Impact Studies.  
James Szenher: School Closures.  
Noel Washington, 3003 Chester Street: At-Large Positions.  
Aaron Reddin, 8016 Faulkner Lake Road, North Little Rock, AR: Homelessness.  
Sandra Wilson, 2120 Center Street: Homelessness.  
Sherry Harmon, 8016 Faulkner Lake Road, North Little Rock, AR: Homelessness.  
Courtney Emerson, 7705 Apache Road: Homeless.  
Rev. Carter Ferguson, 6215 Longwood Road: Homelessness.  
Elizabeth Dowell, 106 Willow Grove Court: Homelessness.  
Bernadette Reynolds, 311 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street: Homelessness.  
Tricia Williams, 200 Wildflower Drive, Beebe, AR: Homelessness.  
Harold Wilks, 9201 Kanis Road: Homeless.  
Caleb Alexander-McKinzie: Homelessness in Little Rock.  
Robert Michaels: Homeless Displacement.  
Jesse Dicksous: Homeless.  
Christopher Haynie, 2204-½ Washington Avenue: Homelessness.  
Screech Lowery: Homelessness.

### **GROUPED ITEMS (Items 11 - 13)**

- 11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,362; A-329**: To accept the 3M Company Three (3)-Tract Annexation, to add certain lands to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; to initiate M. Mining District, zoning for Tract 2 of the Annexation; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** The annexation of some 114.4 acres in three areas: 1 Tract 1 generally in the 3000-3200 blocks of Frazier Pike; Tract 2 generally the 5600-5900 blocks of State Highway 365; Tract 3 in the western edge of College Station, generally northwest of the intersection of East 38<sup>th</sup> and West Line Streets. The initial classification of Tract 2 on State Highway 365 to M, Mining District (Z-9188). (Located in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)
- 12. ORDINANCE NO. 21,363; Z-9187**: 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. *Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** The owner of the 0.32-acre property located at 2011/2015 Wilson Road is requesting that the zoning be reclassified from R-2, Single-Family District, to R-4, Two-Family District. (Located in Ward 6)
- 13. ORDINANCE NO. 21,364**: To amend Section 3(a) of Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,329 (November 15, 2016) to more accurately reflect the terms of agreement as to the groundwater on the impacted properties; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 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 13 was approved.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 14)**

**14. ORDINANCE; Z-4923-R:** To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Commercial District titled Shackleford Crossing Lot 1 – Cracker Barrel – Short-Form PCD, located at 2618 South Shackleford Road, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 1 aye; 9 nays; 0 absent; and 1 open position. Staff recommends denial.*

**Synopsis: The applicant is appealing the Planning Commission's denial of a request to revise the previously-approved PCD, Planned Commercial Development, to add temporary storage on the Cracker Barrel site via a storage module. (Located in Ward 6)**

Mayor Stodola opened the public hearing and asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item.

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to read the ordinance a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, 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.

Sherry: Stated that she was the manager of the Cracker Barrel Store and that it was standard practice throughout the Cracker Barrel chain of stores to utilize storage containers to assist with storage of stock for the retail business throughout the holiday seasons. The initial request was to have the storage container onsite for six (6) months; however, the Corporate Office had agreed to change the request from November 1<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>, which was the busiest time of their holiday season shopping. In addition, the Corporate Office was willing to paint the container to meet the official Cracker Barrel colors so that it would blend in better with the building.

Director Wright asked if the item would need to be sent back to the Planning Commission since the applicant had requested the changes. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that the due to the proposed changes, it needed to be sent back to the Planning Commission.

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Hendrix, to refer the item back to the Planning Commission. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the item was referred back to the Planning Commission.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Items 15 – 16)**

Director Hendrix made the motion to conduct the evaluations of the City Manager & City Attorney at the February 21, 2017, meeting. After discussion, Director Hendrix withdrew her motion.

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Board & Commission appointments and for the Annual Evaluation of the City Manager & City Attorney. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

### **15. RESOLUTION NO. 14,504: Appointments to various City Boards and Commissions.**

**Synopsis:** Americans with Disabilities Act Citizen's Grievance Committee (2 positions); Animal Services Advisory Board (6 positions); Arts & Culture Commission (1 position); City Beautiful Commission (2 positions); Civil Service Commission (1 position); Historic District Commission (1 position); Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission (1 position); Little Rock Parks & Recreation Commission (2 positions); Little Rock Zoo Board of Governors (3 positions); Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission (1 position); River Market District Design Review Committee (2 positions); and Sister Cities Commission (2 positions).

American with Disabilities Act Citizen's Grievance Committee: Appointment of Shanielle Cloird to serve her first four (4)-year Individual with Disability Representative term, said term to expire on July 6, 2020. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Animal Services Advisory Board: Appointment of Scott Apana to serve his first three (3)-year Ward 5 Representative term, said term to expire on November 28, 2019. Reappointment of James Downs to serve his second three (3)-year Ward 4 Representative term, said term to expire on November 28, 2019. Reappointment of Dr. Bob Hale to serve his third three (3)-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine term, said term to expire on November 28, 2018. Reappointment of Samuel Macheak to serve his second three (3)-year Ward 6 Representative term, said term to expire on November 28, 2019. Reappointment of Mildred Randolph to serve her second three (3)-year Ward 1 Representative term, said term to expire on November 28, 2019. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Arts & Culture Commission: Appointment of Carol Worley to fill the unexpired At-Large term of Tina Poe Obermeier, said term to expire on April 2, 2019. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the appointment. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Webb voting in opposition, **the appointment was approved.**

City Beautiful Commission: Appointment of Starre Haas to fill the unexpired At-Large term of Becka Webb, said term to expire on October 19, 2018. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Civil Service Commission: Appointment of Obray Nunnley, Jr., to serve his first six (6)-year term, said term to expire on April 1, 2023. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission: Appointment of Jill Floyd serve her first five (5)-year Qualified Elector of Municipality term, said term to expire on December 31, 2021. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Parks & Recreation Commission: Reappointment of Tim Heiple to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2020. Appointment of John Thomas to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on January 31, 2020. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Zoo Board of Governors: Appointment of Brad Cazort to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 16, 2020. Reappointment of Wally Waller to serve his third three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 16, 2019. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission: Appointment of Steve Straessle to serve his first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on March 31, 2020. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

River Market District Design Review Committee: Appointment of Michael McCallum to serve his first three (3)-year Design Professional term, said term to expire on August 16, 2019. Appointment of Daniel Bryant to serve his first three (3)-year Downtown Partnership Representative term, said term to expire on August 6, 2019. Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Sister Cities Commission: Reappointment of Julleah Johnson to serve her second five (5)-year term, said term to expire on January 5, 2022. Appointment of Jing Zhao to serve his first five (5)-year term, said term to expire on January 5, 2022. . Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

## **16. Annual Evaluation of the City Manager and City Attorney**

Mayor Stodola stated that the Board had reviewed City Manager Bruce Moore's overall job performance and that a good report was given and received by the Board regarding City Manager Moore's goals and updates.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to give City Manager Bruce Moore a 1.5% raise. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the motion was approved.**

Mayor Stodola stated that they Board had reviewed City Attorney Carpenter's overall job performance with a variety of issues discussed. Mayor Stodola stated that the Board would continue to evaluate Mr. Carpenter for the next thirty (30) days and asked that a plan be developed for the items that were discussed. Mayor Stodola stated that the Board would meet again in Executive Session in thirty (30) days to discuss those items.

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to reevaluate the City Attorney in thirty (30) days. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the motion was approved.**

Director Hines, 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**