

**Little Rock Board of Directors
February 15, 2022
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: Miller; Richardson (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Webb (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Peck; Wright; Wyrick (enrolled at 6:02 PM); Kumpuris; Phillips (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Vice-Mayor Lance Hines gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 - 4)

1. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021, October 19, 2021, and the November 2, 2021, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meetings; and the October 13, 2021, and October 26, 2021, Little Rock City Board of Directors Special Called Meetings.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,616; G-25-226-B:** To extend the Third Street Temporary Entertainment District, for approximately thirteen (13) consecutive weeks starting on February 15, 2022, and ending on May 17, 2022; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: The Third Street Merchants Association of Downtown Little Rock is seeking Board approval to extend a Temporary Entertainment District.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,617:** To authorize the City Manager to submit the Amended 2021 Annual Action Plan and the Amended 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution to approve the submission of the Amended 2021 Annual Action Plan and Amended 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,618:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Canvas Community, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, for the Bridge to Work Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the Consent Agenda. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson voting Present, **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 5 – 8)

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 22,094; Z-9615:** To amend Ordinance No. 22,064 (November 16, 2021), approving a Planned Zoning Development that establish a Planned District – Commercial, titled Pit Stop BBQ Private Club PD-C, and approved the action of PIT Stop BBQ, located at 5506 Baseline Road, Little Rock, Arkansas by filing an application with the State for operation during certain hours; amending the Official Zoning Map of the

City of Little Rock, Arkansas; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to amend Ordinance 22,064 (November 16, 2022), to include verbiage specific to the requirements of the Arkansas Beverage Control.

6. ORDINANCE NO. 22,095: To condemn certain structures in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as structural, fire and health hazards; to provide for summary abatement procedures; to direct City Staff to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structures; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Three (3) residential structures are in a severely dilapidated, deteriorated and/or burned condition causing a negative environmental impact on the residential neighborhoods in which they are located. All Notices have been mailed in accordance with Arkansas State Law.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 22,096: To grant a Franchise to SOMA Storefronts, LLC, for the use of the City Right-of-Way, located at 1220 South Main Street, in order to erect a deck, railing and gate for outdoor dining; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to authorize the granting of a Franchise Agreement for encroachments into the right-of-way for SOMA Storefronts, LLC, in order to erect a deck, railing and gate for the placement of tables and chairs for outdoor dining on the sidewalk directly in front of 1220 South Main Street.

8. ORDINANCE NO. 22,095: To amend portions of provisions of Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 28, Article 1 §28-28, (1988), as to the Collection Fees for Bulky Items; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to suspend the rules and place the ordinances on second reading. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson voting Present, the rules were suspended and the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to suspend the rules and place the ordinances on third reading. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson voting 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 approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 6 approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 8 approved.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 9 - 11)

9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,619: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with FAB44, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, to provide a Day Labor Program to the residents of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act)* *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with FAB44 to provide a Day Labor Program in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety within the City of Little Rock.

Executive Director of Strategic Operations Emily Cox stated that on August 3, 2021, the Board approved Resolution No. 15,518, which stated the intended primary uses of a portion of the first tranche of ARPA Funds, and that \$1,500,000.00 was designated for Community Violence Intervention Programs. Ms. Cox stated that the Request for Proposals were issued in December 2021, and as a result, the Board would be voting on Items 9 & 10 at that evening's meeting. Ms. Cox stated that two (2) bids were received for the Day Labor Program Services (Item 9), and staff was recommending that FAB44 be the recipient of the funding. Ms. Cox reported that there were approximately twenty (20) organizations that submitted proposals and staff's recommendation was to move forward with ten (10) of the proposals. Ms. Cox stated that because Federal Funds were being utilized, organizations were required to submit proposals as part of the regular procurement process and they would have to adhere to Federal Standards, in addition to the City's regular program monitoring.

Community Programs Director Dana Dossett stated that the goal of the Day Labor Program Services was to contract with a supplier to operate and manage a Day Labor Program to increase public safety and to curb criminal activity by providing productive economic opportunities to those were most at risk for perpetuating criminal activity. Ms. Dossett stated that the work performed by the day laborers would supplement the City's existing efforts to complete 311 Service Requests. In regards to the Community Violence Reduction Services (Item 10), Ms. Dossett stated that the goal was to provide Community Violence Interventions, such as: Conflict Resolution and Anger Management; Domestic Violence Prevention & Intervention; Hospital-Based Intervention; Prevention of Criminal Activity through Violence Intervention; Life Skills and/or Workforce Readiness; and Mental Health and Wellness, in an effort to prevent violence.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, for the Board to take a five (5)-minute recess. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board took five (5)-minute recess.**

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Miller, to approve the resolution.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Richardson and Adcock. By a vote of eight (8) ayes and two (2) nays, **the resolution was approved.**

10. RESOLUTION NO: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ten (10) organizations, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Programs to the residents of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act)*
Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with ten (10) organizations to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Programs to the residents of Little Rock in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety.

Director Webb made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, that the Board vote on the ten (10) organizations separately. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays:

Richardson and Phillips. By a vote of eight (8) ayes and two (2) nays, **the motion to vote on the ten (10) organization separately was approved.**

10(A) RESOLUTION NO. 15,620: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arkansas Community Dispute Resolution Centers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$199,900.00, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the resolution. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of nine (9) ayes and one (1) Present, **the resolution was approved.**

10(B) RESOLUTION NO. 15,621: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Unity Martial Arts, in an amount not to exceed \$28,500.00, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the resolution.

Tanner Cruz (Via WebEx Teleconferencing): Stated that he was available should there be any questions regarding the application from Unity Martial Arts.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Adcock. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of eight (8) ayes, one (1) nay and one (1) Present, **the resolution was approved.**

10(C) RESOLUTION NO. 15,622: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, in an amount not to exceed \$199,966.50, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the resolution. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of nine (9) ayes and one (1) Present, **the resolution was approved.**

10(D) RESOLUTION NO. 15,623: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Brandon House Cultural Arts, in an amount not to exceed \$44,432.00, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the resolution.

Dr. Pam Bax (Via WebEx Teleconferencing): Thanked the Board for consideration of the contract and stated that the proposed intervention program would serve at promise and opportunity youth.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Phillips; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Kumpuris. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of eight (8) ayes, one (1) nay and one (1) Present, **the resolution was approved.**

10(E) RESOLUTION NO. 15,624: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Restore Hope, in an amount not to exceed \$197,596.00, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the resolution.

Paul Chapman (Via WebEx Teleconferencing): Stated that Restore Hope Arkansas was created by Governor Asa Hutchinson in 2015 in an effort to organize the agencies and community organizations to be able to work together to create outcomes for those impacted from jail and prison, as well as those in the Child Welfare System.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Adcock. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of eight (8) ayes, one (1) nay and one (1) Present, **the resolution was approved.**

10(F) RESOLUTION NO. 15,625: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Boys & Girls Club of Central Arkansas, in an amount not to exceed \$73,788.00, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the resolution.

Cindy Doramus (Via WebEx Teleconferencing): Stated that she was the CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Arkansas and thanked the Board for their thoroughness and due diligence. Ms. Doramus stated that they would be adding a Mental Health Specialist to their staff to provide individual, family and group sessions.

Scott Hamilton (Via WebEx Teleconferencing): Stated that he was a Board Member of the Boys & Girls Club of Central Arkansas and thanked the Board for their consideration.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of nine (9) ayes and one (1) Present, **the resolution was approved.**

10(G) RESOLUTION NO. 15,626: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Our House, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the resolution.

Dan Goodwin (Via WebEx Teleconferencing): Stated that the Our House proposal included adding two (2) full-time Mental Health Professionals that would provide evidence-based mental health and socio/emotional learning services to more than 400 men, women and children over the course of twelve (12) months.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of nine (9) ayes and one (1) Present, **the resolution was approved.**

10(H) RESOLUTION NO. 15,627: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arkansas, in an amount not to exceed \$88,642.00, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the resolution. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Wright; Wyrick; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Webb; Peck; Kumpuris; and Adcock. Present: Richardson. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of five (5) ayes, four (4) nays and one (1) Present, **the resolution failed.**

Mayor Scott stated that he could not vote to break the tie and asked if Director Richardson would like to change his vote. Director Richardson stated that he would like to change his vote. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, a vote could be changed without permission prior to the end of the vote. City Attorney Carpenter stated that the City Clerk had announced the vote; therefore, without unanimous consent of the Board, Director Richardson could not change his vote.

Mayor Scott asked if the Board would give unanimous consent for Director Richardson to change his vote. Directors Miller, Webb, Peck, Wright, Wyrick, Kumpuris, Adcock and Phillips all indicated that they would support Director Richardson changing his vote. Mayor Scott stated that the Board gave unanimous consent for Director Richardson to change his vote and asked if he would like to change his vote. Director Richardson stated that he would like to change his vote from Present to Aye. The final roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Richardson; Wright; Wyrick; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Webb; Peck; Kumpuris; and Adcock. By a vote of six (6) ayes and four (4) nays, **the resolution was approved.**

10(I) RESOLUTION NO. 15,628: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Songbird Multimedia, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the resolution. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Adcock. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of eight (8) ayes, one (1) nay and one (1) Present, **the resolution was approved.**

10(J) RESOLUTION NO. 15,629: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Lessons Learned, in an amount not to exceed \$169,670.00, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Hines, to approve the resolution. By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Adcock. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he wanted his vote to remain registered as Present. By a vote of eight (8) ayes, one (1) nay and one (1) Present, **the resolution was approved.**

11. ORDINANCE NO. 22,098; Z-6815-B: To approve a Planned Zoning Development and establish a Planned Development - Industrial, titled Natural State Concrete Supply PD-I/OS, located at 8806 Mabelvale Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas, amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from January 18, 2022, at the applicant's request) (Deferred from February 1, 2022, at the applicant's*

request) (1st, 2nd and 3rd readings held on February 1, 2022) (Planning Commission: 9 ayes; 0 nays; and 2 absent) Staff recommends approval

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 20.71-acre property, located at 8806 Mabelvale Pike, be rezoned from I-2, Light Industrial District, to PD-I, Planned Development– Industrial, and OS, Open Space District, to allow for the development of a concrete plant. (Located in Ward 7)

Brad Suen (Via WebEx Teleconferencing): Stated that he, along with his wife Jessica, were the applicants and thanked the Board for their consideration of their application. Mr. Suen stated that they had talked with City Staff at length and were working together to develop plan that was good for everyone, including the adjacent neighborhoods. In regards to the sound wall, Mr. Suen stated that the size and height would be determined by City Engineer Staff and their Sound Engineer. Mr. Suen stated that they had given over half of the property to buffer and protect the adjacent neighborhood from any kind of nuisance sound or visual deterrents and were willing to do whatever it took to make the project a sound investment.

Director Wyrick asked if the change to the layout of the property would warrant the item being sent back to the Planning Commission. Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins stated that the internal movement within the project did not change the operation or the use; therefore, it would not need to be sent back to the Planning Commission. Mr. Collins stated that he had reviewed the Sound Study and had visited with the applicant regarding the need to conduct a revised study to include a map indicating where the measurements were taken for the proposed development; a measurement of existing noise levels in order to create a base level; a review summary; and a detailed schematic of the type of sound barriers that would be installed. Mr. Collins stated that the applicant understood the requirements and was working to provide amendments to the Sound Study.

City Attorney Carpenter stated that if the applicant was initiating the amendments, and it was agreed upon by everyone, the information could be added as an additional section within the proposed ordinance. City Attorney Carpenter stated that if the Board preceded to a vote, it would be approving the ordinance as it was written, and if the ordinance failed, it would be one (1)-year before the application could be reconsidered.

Mr. Suen stated that as the applicant, he would offer the amendment and take whatever steps necessary to ensure that the noise levels were acceptable to the City. In addition, Mr. Suen stated that the current dirt road would be built up to City Standards.

Director Phillips made the motion, seconded by Director Webb, to call the question on the vote. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the question to call the vote was approved.**

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, to approve the ordinance as amended by the applicant.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Webb; Peck; Wright; Kumpuris; Phillips; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Nays: Wyrick and Adcock. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson indicated that he would like for his vote to remain as Present. By a vote of seven (7) ayes, two (2)

nays and one (1) Present, **the ordinance was approved as amended by the applicant.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were no cards received from individuals wanting to speak during Citizen Communication.

Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor 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