

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
July 11, 2023
4:00 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; Peck (enrolled at 4:05 PM); Hines (enrolled at 4:05 PM); Lewis; Wyrick; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. Directors absent: Kumpuris and Phillips. Director Virgil Miller delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS:

M-1 RESOLUTION: To support Substance Abuse Program for diversionary treatment operated in the Little Rock State District Court, First Division; to declare that the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, will fulfill its obligations to the Court; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to add Item M-1 to the Consent Agenda. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item M-1 was added to the Consent Agenda.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 8 and Item M-1)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 16.037: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cranford Construction Company, in an amount not to exceed \$2,718,080.40, for street resurfacing within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cranford Construction for the 2023 Street Resurfacing Program within the City of Little Rock.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 16.038: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cromwell Architects Engineers, in amount not to exceed \$64,850.00, for Architecture & Engineering Services for the Landfill Truck Washing Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cromwell Architects Engineers for Architecture & Engineering Services for the Landfill Truck Washing Project.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 16.039: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with G & W Diesel Service, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$8,394,186.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of seven (7) Pierce Pumper Trucks and one (1) Pierce Ladder Tiller Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with G & W Diesel Service, Inc., for the purchase of seven (7) Pierce Pumper Trucks and one (1) Pierce Ladder Tiller Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 16,040: To amend Resolution No. 15,800 (October 3, 2022) and to authorize the City Manager to modify the contract with Gulf State Distributors, to increase the contract purchase amount of \$103,340.30, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of additional Service Weapons for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to modify the contract with Gulf State Distributors for the purchase of additional Service Weapons for the Little Rock Police Department.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 16,041: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Block by Block, an SMS Holdings Company, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, for the Downtown Ambassador Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Block by Block, an SMS Holdings Company, for the Downtown Ambassador Program.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 16,042: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Carahsoft Technologies Corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, to facilitate the purchase of Exterro FOIA Software; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Carahsoft Technologies Corporation to provide the City a Master Services Agreement and Project Plan with Exterro to provide a FOIA Software Package.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 16,043: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vines Media, LLC, d/b/a Vines/Brookshire, in an amount not to exceed \$302,400.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, to provide Media and Marketing Services 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 Vines Media, LLC, d/b/a Vines/Brookshire, for Marketing and Public Relations Services for the Little Rock Zoo.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 16,044: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Landscape Structures, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$730,000.00, for Construction Services of a new playground in Boyle Park; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Landscape Structures, Inc., for Construction Services of a new playground in Boyle Park. (Located in Ward 6)

M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 16,045: To support Substance Abuse Program for diversionary treatment operated in the Little Rock State District Court, First Division; to declare that the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, will fulfill its obligations to the Court; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Marvin Bogar: Housing.

Raven Fitzpatrick: Housing.

Annette Ireland:

Luke Skrable: How Does Ignoring Elected Directors Code of Ethics and Oaths of Office Benefit Little Rock Taxpayer/Voters?

Sholanda Woods: Living Conditions.

Norma Huffman: Big Country Chateau.

Sharon Woods: Auxora Arms.

Kendrick Franklin: Improper Drainage in our Community.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 9 - 14)

9. ORDINANCE NO. 22,276: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 8, Article I, § 8-2(a)(1) (1988), to provide for the adoption by reference of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume I (Fire) with Arkansas Amendments; and for other purposes.

Staff recommends approval.

Synopsis: An ordinance to adopt the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume I (Fire). Currently the City is enforcing the 2012 Edition and the adoption of this Code would bring the City up-to-date with the most current Code. The State of Arkansas formally adopted this Code in 2022 with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

10. ORDINANCE NO. 22,277: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 8, Article I, § 8-2(a)(2) (1988), to provide for the adoption by reference of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume II (Building) with Arkansas Amendments; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to adopt the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume II (Building). Currently the City is enforcing the 2012 Edition and the adoption of this Code would bring the City up-to-date with the most current Code. The State of Arkansas formally adopted this Code in 2022 with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

11. ORDINANCE NO. 22,278: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 8, Article I, § 8-2(a)(3) (1988), to provide for the adoption by reference of the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume III (Residential) with Arkansas Amendments; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to adopt the 2021 Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, Volume III (Residential). Currently the City is enforcing the 2012 Edition and the adoption of this Code would bring the City up-to-date with the most current Code. The State of Arkansas formally adopted this Code in 2022 with an effective date of January 1, 2023.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 22,279: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 8, Article I, § 8-2(a)(9) (1988), to provide for the adoption by reference of the 2021 International Existing Building Code; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to adopt the 2021 International Existing Building Code. Currently the City is enforcing the 2012 Edition and the adoption of this Code would bring the City up-to-date with the most current Code.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 22,280: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to execute a sole-source agreement with the Pulaski County Imagination Library, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, to promote Early Childhood Literacy; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a sole-source agreement with the Pulaski County Imagination Library to promote Early Childhood Literacy.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 22,281: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 32, Article VI, § 32-318 (1988), Stopping, Standing, Parking of Buses, within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes.

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Webb, 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 Richardson, 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 14 was approved**.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 15)

15. ORDINANCE NO. 22,275; G-23-488: To abandon the east fifteen (15) feet of the Polk Street Right-of-Way, located adjacent to Lot 7, Block 20, Newton's Addition at 5423 Country Club Boulevard, 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: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 4 absent; and 1 open position) Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: The applicant requests to abandon the east eight (15) feet of the Polk Street Right-of-Way (fifteen (15) feet by 140 feet), located adjacent to Lot 7, Block 20, Newton's Addition at 5423 Country Club Boulevard, in the City of Little Rock. (Located in Ward 3)

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director 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 Webb, 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 Scott asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item. There being none present, Mayor Scott closed the public hearing.

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

Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Webb, 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