

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
June 5, 2018
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; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Stodola. Absent: Hines. Vice-Mayor Kathy Webb delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Working Together in the Community/Arkansas Driving Laws in Spanish Presentation
Housing Study Update

Director Kumpuris stated that the Board would be going into Executive Session at the end of the meeting for the purpose of making Board & Commission appointments. Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Fortson, to include the Annual Evaluation of the City Manager to the Board's Executive Session. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the motion was approved.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 5 and Items 7 - 12)

Mayor Stodola stated that he had received a card from an individual that wanted to address the Board regarding Item 6 and that it would be read separately.

1. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meetings.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,788:** To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Lumatec, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$68,544.00, for the purchase of LED Light Fixtures to upgrade the light fixtures along Interstate 630; and for other purposes.
Staff recommends approval
Synopsis: Authorizes the purchase of LED fixtures, for the 2018 Light Fixtures Upgrade Project for Interstate 630, Bid No. 18136.
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,789:** To authorize the City Attorney to use of Eminent Domain on the Chateaus Lane Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax) Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: Authorizes the City Attorney to use Eminent Domain to complete acquisition of right-of-way, Permanent and Temporary Construction Easements for the Chateaus Lane (Ward 7) Improvement Project.
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,790:** To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to JCON Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$440,976.00, for the Wakefield Community Sidewalks Project; 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 JCON Construction, Inc., for the Wakefield Community Sidewalks Project, Project No. 16-2-SW-158, Bid No. 18-014. (Located in Ward 7)

5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,791: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$744,586.80, Whitmore Circle Street and Drainage Improvements; 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 Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., for Whitmore Circle Improvements, Project No. 16-6-ST-1, Bid No. 18-013. (Located in Ward 1)

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,792: To authorize the City Manager to allocate an additional \$55,000.00 in Contingency Funds to complete a contract with Morris Beck Construction Services for a total amount not to exceed \$1,552,883.05, for the renovation of the HVAC System and Exterior Porches of the U.S. Arsenal Building located in MacArthur Park; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to allocate an additional \$55,000 in contingency funds to pay Morris Beck Construction Services for renovation of the exterior porches and upgrade of the HVAC System at the City of Little Rock's U.S. Arsenal Building located in MacArthur Park.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,793: To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Casco Industries, Inc., for the total amount of \$125,075.00, for the purchase of twenty-five (25) Thermal Imaging Cameras for the Little Rock Fire Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: The Little Rock Fire Department is requesting approval to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with CASCO Industries, Inc., for the purchase of twenty-five (25) Thermal Imaging Cameras.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 14,794: To certify local government endorsement of Georg Fischer Harvel, LLC, a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Georg Fisher, LTD, located at 7777 Sloane Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program (as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003); and for other purposes.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 14,795: To authorize the payment of \$20,373.89, to the Little Rock-Pulaski Drainage District No. 2, as assessments for the operation, improvement and maintenance of a levee system to protect various City properties; and to direct that the annual assessment figure, which is currently \$15,706.00, be made a part of the City Budget beginning on January 1, 2019; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: To authorize payments of assessments and fees for property owned by the City in Little Rock—Pulaski Drainage District No. 2.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 14,796: To authorize the City Manager to reimburse The First Tee of Central Arkansas, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, for the cost of the HVAC System at the Jack Stephens Youth Golf Academy; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*
Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to reimburse The First Tee of Central Arkansas for the cost of an HVAC System.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 14,797: To authorize the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement by and between Jefferson Comprehensive Care Systems, Inc., and the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for a maximum of twenty (20) years, to provide a Medical Clinic to

serve the homeless at Jericho Way, the City's Homeless Day Resources Center, located at 3000 Springer Boulevard; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: Authorizes the Mayor to enter into a ten (10)-year lease agreement, that may be extended for two (2) additional five (5)-year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties, with Jefferson Comprehensive Care Systems, Inc., for space at Jericho Way to be remodeled and utilized as a Community Health Center site designated for the homeless. The lease term will be May 11, 2018, through May 10, 2038.

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,800: To authorize the City Manager to execute a two (2)-year contract with ShotSpotter, Inc., (d/b/a SST, Inc.), in a total amount not to exceed \$290,000.00, for the purchase of a Wide Area Gunshot Detection Services for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with ShotSpotter, Inc., d/b/a SST, Inc., for the purchase of a Gunshot Detection System.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the resolution.

Russ Racop, 301 Alamo Drive: Stated that he had conducted his own research and that he did not feel that the City should utilize tax dollars or grant dollars to purchase the system.

Vice-Mayor Webb stated that she had recently read an article regarding how the City of Chicago had experienced a down-turn in crime and that they were very complementary of the ShotSpotter System. Little Rock Police Chief Kenton Buckner stated that the system was being funded through a grant and that no tax dollars were being spent. Chief Buckner stated that the system was an acoustic piece of equipment that would pinpoint locations where shots had taken place. Chief Buckner stated that currently approximately 30% of the shots fired are actually called in and reported. ShotSpotter would allow the Police to obtain more accurate information as to where the shots were being fired and would allow them to retrieve the casings more quickly in order to analyze them, which would assist Police in making link analysis to other locations, other weapons seized and other individuals to determine where those crimes were occurring.

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to call the question on the vote. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the question to vote was called.**

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Dorothy Avance, 6510 Mabelvale, Cut-Off: Bella Vista

Lakinda Williams, 6510 Mabelvale Cut-Off: Talk about Bella Vista

Valencia White, 6510 Mabelvale Cut-Off: Bella Vista Apartments Conditions

Edmond Davis, 14 Churchill Drive: City Board Term Limits
Marilyn Todd, 2917 Scott Street: Jericho Way/Depaul USA – Status of Development in Ward 1
Ruby Jean Jeffries, 1305 West 28th Street: Jericho Way Duplex House
Carl Farr, 1010 Wolfe Street: Jericho Way
Ryan Dickerson, 3104 Gaines Street: Jericho House
Gerald Gregory, 3107 South Gaines Street: Southend Halfway House
Kim Harris, 1121 West 34th Street: Halfway House
Joyce Dixon, 2600 South Battery Street: Homeless House and Halfway House in Southend
Leola Sabb, 3315 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive: Halfway House
Annie Abrams: Wright Avenue Neighborhood Issue
Ronya Byrd: Wright Avenue Neighborhood Issue
Sheila Miles, 2209 Battery Street: Wright Avenue Neighborhood Issue
Shalonda Michelle, 4812 West 13th Street: Lack of Businesses and the Food Desert in my Community
Johnny Hasan, 1218 West 21st Street: Over Policing/Community Policing
Vincent Toliver, 1510 South Ringo Street: Whitmore Neighborhood Association & Homelessness
Kathy Gray, 28 Whitmore Circle: Whitmore Circle Neighborhood Association

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 13 - 14)

Mayor Stodola stated that he had received a card from an individual that wanted to address the Board regarding Item 15 and that it would be read separately.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 21,586: 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: Six (6) residential structures are in a severely dilapidated, deteriorated and/or burned condition causing a negative environmental impact on the residential neighborhoods in which it is located. All Notices have been mailed in accordance with Arkansas State Law.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 21,587: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to extend a one (1)-year Sole-Source Agreement with City Year, Inc., and the City Year AmeriCorps, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, relative to the City's Educational Initiative for use by the Little Rock School District; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: To authorize City Manager to enter into an Agreement with City Year, Inc., to establish an educational program whereby City Year AmeriCorps Members provide single-point solutions to address a school or student's needs and designed to meet students' academic and social-emotional needs by providing support at the individual student, classroom, and whole-school levels and to create school-wide learning environments.

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.**

15. ORDINANCE: To amend § 1(2) Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 21,561 (March 20, 2018), to remove the property located at 2901 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive from the Demolition List; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: Amending Ordinance No. 21,561 removing the structure located at 2901 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive from the Demolition List.

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.

James Duffy, 10 Clifton Drive: Stated that he was the Chairman of the Trustee Board of Greater Rose of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church, which was located at 2823 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, and they were in favor of demolishing the structure. Mr. Duffy stated that he had spoken at the March 20, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting regarding the property located at 2901 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive. Mr. Duffy stated that at the March 20, 2018, meeting, the property had been condemned and he thought it would have already been demolished. Mr. Duffy stated that he understood that the owner, Ms. Jeffries, had committed to removing the rear of the building so that it would no longer be an eyesore. Mr. Duffy stated that the building was still an eyesore and remained dangerous and unsafe for the neighborhood. Mr. Duffy reported that Ms. Jeffries had stated that she had spoken with the Pastor of the Greater Rose of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church and that he had been supportive of the removing of the rear of the structure. Mr. Duffy stated that Ms. Jeffries had in fact never spoken with the Pastor. Mr. Duffy asked that the Board keep the property on Demolition List and proceed with removing the structure.

Planning & Development Director Jamie Collins stated that staff had raised concerns with the owner concerning the structural integrity of the rear of the building, which was where the previous fire damage had been contained. Mr. Collins stated that staff had received an Environmental Study that identified approximately 1,200 square-feet of asbestos-containing floor tile material that would need to be removed; however, it could not be removed until the building was structurally sound.

Belinda Jeffries: Stated that she was the owner of the building and that the rear of the building that was dilapidated had been removed. Ms. Jeffries stated that the remainder of the building was sound.

Kwendeche: Stated that he had been retained as the architect for the building and the intent was to bring in a Structural Engineer to assess the structure.

City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that the ordinance would remove the structure from the Demolition List; however, it contained the following provisions to provide the City with an update regarding the renovations:

Section 2. *This repeal is made at the request of The Helen Williams Jeffries Revocable Trust, the owner of the building; however, it will be reviewed by the Board of Directors no later than the meeting on September 4, 2018, to determine what progress has been made on the restoration of the structure, and of the acquisition of sufficient resources to complete the restoration project.*

Section 3. *The Helen Williams Jeffries Revocable Trust shall execute an appropriate document that waives notice of further action of the City to demolish this structure, except for one mailed notice to the Trust, if both restoration and finances for the restoration are not provided; further, substantial restoration needs to be completed before August 21, 2018, which at a minimum brings the structure into compliance with all relevant City Building, Fire, and other Code Provisions.*

Section 4. *The Helen Williams Revocable Trust shall take all actions, and execute all documents, deemed necessary by the City Attorney to permit inspection upon reasonable notice of all parts of the building during the restoration work allowed by this ordinance.*

Section 5. *To accommodate the work called for in this ordinance, the City shall provide appropriate permits for this restoration work which will expire no later than September 3, 2018, and shall remain in effect while work is underway and, as necessary, inspected and approved by City Staff.*

Section 6. *If at any time after August 1, 2018, work on the restoration of the structure at 2901 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive ceases for a continuous period of five (5) consecutive calendar days, not to include any holiday weekend, then any other provisions of this ordinance notwithstanding, this matter may be placed back on the agenda for the Board of Directors to approve demolition of this structure.*

Director Wright stated that based on the amount of work that needed to be completed on the structure, she didn't think there was any way that the owner would be able to meet all of the deadlines as indicated in the ordinance. Ms. Jeffries stated that she never thought the work would be completed in three (3) months, which was the reason that she spoke to the Board at the March 20, 2018, regarding removing the structure from the Demolition List. Kwendeche stated that it was not feasible time frame in order to complete the needed repairs.

Director Hendrix stated that the structure had been vacant and in its current condition for years. Director Hendrix stated that the owner should have presented the Board with a Rehabilitation and Financial Plan. Ms. Jeffries stated that she intended to fund the project with grant money and revocable trust money that was on-hand. Director Fortson asked if she was financially prepared to begin the work without knowing if she would receive any grant funding. Ms. Jeffries stated that she was just beginning to look into grants and she would not be able to start before the September deadline.

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Hendrix, to call the question on the vote. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the question to vote was called.**

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Richardson and Kumpuris, voting in support, **the ordinance failed.**

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, for the Board to take a twenty (20)-minute recess. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board took a twenty (20)-minute recess.**

SEPARATE ITEMS (Item 16)

16. ORDINANCE: To declare it the policy of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to make investigation, citation, arrest or seizure of Misdemeanor Marijuana Offenses by Adults the lowest law enforcement priority; and for other purposes. *(Sponsored by Director Ken Richardson)*

The ordinance was read a first time. Director Richardson 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 Richardson 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.

Director Richardson asked for Chief Buckner to make a presentation regarding why the Little Rock Police Department (LRPD) was not supportive of the proposed ordinance. Chief Buckner stated that the Department agreed that marijuana offenses should be categorized as Misdemeanors due to the fact that something that minor should not be a priority given the challenges that Officers faced on a day-to-day basis within the City. Chief Buckner stated that currently those offenses are low priority due to the fact that jail space was limited with only 1,210 beds in the Pulaski County Detention Facility. Chief Buckner stated that there were not any individuals that were being sent to jail due to a sole marijuana offense. Chief Buckner stated that in practice, LRPD was already doing what the proposed ordinance called for; however, he was opposed to the ordinance due to the fact that he did not want to create a lax atmosphere that indicated that it was open for individuals to do what they wanted to do. Director Richardson stated that if LRPD was currently practicing the policy of low priority for marijuana offenses, he did not understand why it should not be put in writing via the proposed ordinance. Director Richardson read a letter from State Senator Joyce Elliott expressing her support of the proposed ordinance.

Shalanda Michelle, 4812 West 13th Street: Stated that she was not advocating for anyone to use marijuana; however, she felt it was a racial equality issue and urged the Board to support the ordinance.

Glenn McCracken, 1324 Main Street: Stated that he had been affected by a marijuana misdemeanor conviction and asked that the Board to support the ordinance.

Johnny Hasan, 1215 West 21st Street: Stated that the policy had more to do with humanizing individuals that had a medical and/or social addiction and urged the Board to support the ordinance.

Saboor Salaam, 2700 Izard Street: Stated that he was supportive of the ordinance and asked that the Board approve the ordinance.

Rachel Borne, 204 Thayer Street: Stated that she was currently a member of the Racial & Diversity Commission and was present that evening representing the Commission to voice their support of the proposed ordinance. Ms. Borne stated that she worked with the Re-Entry Program at Our House and asked the Board to pass the ordinance.

Russ Racop, 301 Alamo Drive: Urged the Board to support the proposed ordinance.

Omari Shukur, 1723 South Broadway Street: Stated that he was in support of the ordinance and asked the Board to pass the ordinance.

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to call the question on the vote. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Wright voting in opposition, **the question to vote was called.**

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Richardson and Vice-Mayor Webb. Nays: Hendrix; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; and Adcock. Present: Peck. Absent: Hines. When asked if she would like to change her Present vote, Director Peck indicated that she would like her vote to remain as Present. The final roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Richardson and Vice-Mayor Webb. Nays: Hendrix; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Fortson; and Adcock. Present: Peck. Absent: Hines. By a vote of two (2) ayes, six (6) nays, one (1) Present and one (1) absent, **the ordinance failed.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 17)

17. RESOLUTION NO. 14,798: To approve the sources and uses of the projected 2018 CDBG, HOME and HOPWA Funds for inclusion in the City's Annual Plan; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: Approval of the sources and uses of projected 2018 CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA Funds is required prior to completion of the City's Annual Plan, which must be submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by July 20, 2018.

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.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 18)

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wyrick, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments to Boards and Commissions and for the Annual Evaluation of the City Manager. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments to Boards and Commissions and for the Annual Evaluation of the City Manager.**

18. RESOLUTION NO. 14,799: A resolution to make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: Arkansas Arts Center Board of Trustees (7 Positions) and Commission on Children, Youth and Families (1 position).

Arkansas Arts Center Board of Trustees: Reappointment of Isabel Anthony to her second four (4)-year term, said term to expire June 30, 2022. Reappointment of Merritt Dyke to his third four (4)-year term, said term to expire on June 30, 2022. Appointment of Stanley Hastings, Sr., to his first four (4)-year term, said term to expire on June 30, 2022. Appointment of Gordon Silaski to his first four (4)-year term, said term to expire on June 30, 2022. Appointment of Melanie Taylor to fill the unexpired term of Mike Maulden, said term to expire on June 30, 2020. Appointment of LaRand Thomas to her first four (4)-year term, said term to expire June 30, 2022. Reappointment of Patricia Wilson to her second four (4)-year term, said term to expire June 30, 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.**

Commission on Children Youth and Families: Appointment of Lisa Donovan to fill the unexpired At-Large term of Brendan Quirk, said term to expire on May 31, 2020. Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Wyrick, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Mayor Stodola stated that the Board had conducted the Annual Review of City Manager Bruce Moore including his goals and aspirations for the future. Mayor Stodola stated that the Board was quite satisfied with City Manager Moore's performance and agreed that he had done a fine job. Mayor Stodola stated that the Board voted to provide City Manager Moore with a 1% raise, which was consistent with what other City Employees had received on January 1, 2018. Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Adcock, to provide City Manager Moore with a 1% raise, which was consistent with what other City Employees had received. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the motion was approved.**

Director Fortson made the motion, seconded by Director Hendrix, 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