

**Little Rock Board of Directors Special Called Meeting
April 27, 2021
4:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a Special Called Meeting with Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., presiding. Deputy City Clerk Allison Segars called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Richardson; Webb; Peck; Wright; Wyrick; Phillips; Kumpuris (enrolled at 4:09 PM); Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Director Antwan Phillips delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEFERRALS:

1. **ORDINANCE:** To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid for the selection of an entity to develop a Pilot Project to address youth violence a crisis in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *(Sponsored by Director Doris Wright) (1st Reading held on April 20, 2021) (Deferred to May 18, 2021, at the request of the sponsor)*

AGENDA (Items 2 – 4)

2. **ORDINANCE:** To call a special election in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for July 13, 2021, on the question to levy a 1% Sales and Use Tax within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to provide that they levy shall commence on January 1, 2022; to prescribe other matters that pertain to the election; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval (1st Reading held on April 20, 2021)*

The ordinance was read for a second time.

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Phillips, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. By voice vote of the Board Members present, **the motion failed and the ordinance was held on 2nd Reading.**

Mayor Scott stated that the ordinance would be placed on the May 4, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for the 3rd and final reading.

3. **ORDINANCE:** To levy a 1% Sales and Use Tax within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; to provide that the levy will commence on January 1, 2022; to prescribe other matters that pertain to the election; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval (1st Reading held on April 20, 2021)*

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Mallory Jayroe: Stated that she was supportive of the Little Rock Zoo and was in support of the proposed sales tax.

Dawn Jeffrey: Stated that the violence issue was just as much of a state of emergency as was the proposed sales tax.

Natalie James: Stated that she was in support of the proposed sales tax and anything that would rebuild Little Rock.

Lauren Landers: Stated that the Little Rock Zoo was important in the lives of her family and was very supportive of the proposed sales tax. p

Rev. Corey Anderson: Stated that he had previously worked as a Gang Intervention Specialist and asked the Board to invest in the people in the community as they were considering the proposed sales tax.

Jackie Smith: Stated that if the sales tax were approved, she hoped that some of the Community Centers would be reopened.

Kim Allen: Asked the Board to approve programs that would curtail the violence that the City was experiencing.

Yolanda Dreher (via e-mail): Stated that she was in support of all the agenda items.

4. RESOLUTION: To state the uses of the 1% Rebuild the Rock Sales and Compensating Use Tax Funds upon approval of the Tax Levy by the voters at an election to be held July 13, 2021; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Mayor Scott stated that the resolution would be placed on the May 4, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.

Vice-Mayor 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:

Allison Segars, Deputy City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor