

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
October 2, 2023
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. Assistant City Clerk Shaqueena McDowell called the roll with the following Directors present: Miller; Richardson; Peck; Hines; Lewis; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips (enrolled at 6:04 PM); Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. City Attorney Tom Carpenter delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEFERALS:

19. ORDINANCE: To establish and lay off City of Little Rock Property Owners' Multipurpose Improvement District No. 2023-003 of Little Rock Arkansas (Carter Lane Improvement District); **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from September 19, 2023) (Deferred until October 17, 2023, at staff's request)*

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to defer Item 19 until October 17, 2023, at staff's request. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item 19 was deferred until October 17, 2023.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 15)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 16,120: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Escamilla Excavating, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$301,823.10, for the Zion Street Extension Project, from 37th Street to 38th Street; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the Manager to enter into a contract with Escamilla Excavating, LLC, for the Zion Street Extension Project, 37th Street to 38th Street. (Located in Ward 6)

2. RESOLUTION NO. 16,121: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with All Service Electric, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$119,880.00, for the Kanis Road at Woodlands Trail Traffic Signal Installation Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and 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 All Service Electric, Inc., for the Kanis Road at Woodlands Trail Traffic Signal Installation Project. (Located in Wards 6 & 7)

3. RESOLUTION NO. 16,122: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Casco Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$56,250.00, to purchase a Draeger X-AM 2800 Gas Monitor, for the Little Rock Fire Department Hazmat Team; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the Manager to enter into a contract with Casco Industries, Inc., to purchase a Draeger X-AM 2800 Gas Monitor, for the Little Rock Fire Department Hazmat Team.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 16,123: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Redstone Construction Group, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for

additional improvements to the Interstate Park Roadway Construction Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Redstone Construction Group for additional improvements to the Interstate Park Roadway Construction Project.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 16,124: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vivian Ann Poole, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00, for the purchase of a residential lot located at 4419 John Barrow Road, to be used as park property for future development at West Central Park; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vivian Ann Poole, to purchase a residential lot located at 4419 John Barrow Road, to be used as park property for future development at West Central Park. (Located in Ward 6)

6. RESOLUTION NO. 16,125: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,763 (September 6, 2022), to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Fusus, LLC, in the amount of Fifty Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$50,245.00), plus applicable taxes and fees, for the annual FususONE Enterprise Software Services Agreement for the Little Rock Police Department's Real Time Crime Center; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Fusus, LLC, for the annual FususONE Enterprise Software Service Agreement the Little Rock Police Department Real Time Crime Center.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 16,126: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,881 (February 7, 2023); to authorize the City Manager to enter into a twelve (12)-month contract extension with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Arkansas, in an amount not to exceed \$88,642.00, to provide Community Reduction Services and activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a twelve (12)-month contract extension with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Arkansas, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 16,127: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,886 (February 7, 2023); to authorize the City Manager to enter into a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Arkansas Community Dispute Resolution Centers, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$199,900.00, to provide Community Reduction Services and activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Arkansas Community Dispute Resolution Centers, Inc., to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 16,128: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,885 (February 7, 2023); to authorize the City Manager to enter into a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Brandon House Cultural and Performing Arts, in an amount not to exceed \$44,432.00, to provide Community Reduction Services and activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Brandon House Cultural and Performing Arts, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 16,129: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,880 (February 7, 2023); to authorize the City Manager to enter into a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Songbird Media, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, to provide Community Reduction Services and activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Songbird Media, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 16,130: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,884 (February 7, 2023); to authorize the City Manager to enter into a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Unity Martial Arts, in an amount not to exceed \$28,500.00, to provide Community Reduction Services and activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Unity Arts, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 16,131: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,888 (February 7, 2023); to authorize the City Manager to enter into a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Lessons Learned, in an amount not to exceed \$169,670.00, to provide Community Reduction Services and activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a twelve (12)-month contract extension with Lessons Learned, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 16,132: To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,889 (February 7, 2023); to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3)-month contract extension with Our House, to provide Community Reduction Services and activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a three (3)-month contract extension with Our House, to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Activities to the residents of the City of Little Rock.

14. RESOLUTION NO. 16,133: A resolution to amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 16,083 (September 5, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Cromwell Architects and Engineers, in an amount not to exceed \$23,011.00, to provide Engineering Design Services for work to be conducted at various Little Rock Fire Department Stations; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act) Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Cromwell Architects and Engineers for Engineering Design Services to design drawings and specifications for concrete driveway replacement and to construct a pad at Central Fire Station (624 South Chester Street), Fire Station 15 (8915 Kanis Road) and Fire Station 21 (17000 Chenal Valley Road).

15. RESOLUTION NO. 16,134; Z-5981-A: To set October 17, 2023, as the date of public hearing on the appeal of the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial for a Planned Zoning Development titled Sampson Auto Service PCD, located at 8315 Colonel Glenn Road, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Nathan Huffmaster: Loose Dogs/Speeding.

Norma Huffman: APEX.

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 16 - 18)

16. ORDINANCE NO. 22,314: To amend Ordinance No. 21,862 (July 23, 2019), to extend the boundaries of the Permanent River Market Entertainment District pursuant to the Entertainment District Ordinance; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

17. ORDINANCE NO. 22,315: To condemn the structure located at #2 Overlook Circle, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as a structural, fire and health hazard; to direct City Staff to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structure; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The residential structure located at #2 Overlook Circle has become run-down, dilapidated, unsightly, dangerous and detrimental to the public welfare of the citizens of the City of Little Rock. (Located in Ward 3)

18. ORDINANCE NO. 22,316: To create the Little Rock Public Safety Commission; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *(Deferred from September 19, 2023)*

Synopsis: An ordinance to create the Little Rock Public Safety Commission.

The ordinances were read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, 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 Wyrick, 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.

Director Adcock asked to vote on the items separately. Mayor Scott stated that the ordinances had been read three (3) times and that if they were to have been read separately, there should have been a motion prior to the readings. City Attorney Carpenter stated that during the vote, if a Board Member was opposed to one of the items, they should state after the vote which ordinance they were voting in opposition.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Hines and Adcock voting in opposition on Item 18, **the ordinances were approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 17 was approved.** By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Hines and Adcock voting in opposition, **the emergency clause for Item 18 was approved.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 19)

19. ORDINANCE: To establish and lay off City of Little Rock Property Owners' Multipurpose Improvement District No. 2023-003 of Little Rock Arkansas (Carter Lane Improvement District); ***to declare an emergency;*** and for other purposes. *(Deferred from September 19, 2023)*

Director Phillips made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was adjourned.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Shaqueena McDowell, Assistant City
Clerk**

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor