

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
November 7, 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. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Miller; Richardson; Peck; Hines; Lewis; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips (enrolled at 6:09 PM); Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott. Director Andrea Lewis delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Block by Block

**ADDITIONS:**

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To rename in memory of City Manager Bruce T. Moore, that portion of Arch Street that extends from Fourth Street to Markham Street and past the Little Rock City Hall Compound, located at 500 West Markham Street, as Bruce T. Moore Way; and for other purposes.

Mayor Scott stated that there was one (1) building owned by the Federal Government located on that portion of Arch Street, and due to notification, the item would need to be sent to the Planning Commission. As a result, the item would be placed on a future agenda for Board action.

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 10)**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 16,144:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Jackson Brown Palculict Architects, in an amount not to exceed \$373,750.00, to provide Architectural Design Services to rebuild Fire Station No. 9, located at 1324 North Shackleford Road; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Jackson Brown Palculict Architects for Architectural Design Services to rebuild Fire Station No. 9, located at 1324 North Shackleford Road. (Located in Ward 4)

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 16,145:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,459,575.00, for the construction of the Southeast Trail Project, Phase 1; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., for the Southeast Trail Project, Phase 1.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 16,146:** To amend Resolution No. 15,957 (April 11, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to modify the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., for an additional amount of \$200,000.00, for Monitoring Services of debris collection related to disaster recovery from the March 31, 2023, EF-3 Tornado; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to modify the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc., for Monitoring Services of debris collection related to disaster recovery from the March 31, 2023, EF-3 Tornado.

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 16,147:** To repeal Resolution No. 16,122 (October 2, 2023), that authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Casco Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$56,250.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of a Draeger X-AM 280 Gas Monitor for the Little Rock Fire Department Hazmat Team; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to repeal Resolution No. 16,122 (October 17, 2023), that authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Casco Industries, Inc., for the purchase of a Draeger Z-AM 280 Gas Monitor for the Little Rock Fire Department Hazmat Team.

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 16,148:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Northside Sales Company, in an amount not to exceed \$54,894.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of a Draeger Z-AM 280 Gas Monitor for the Little Rock Fire Department Hazmat Team; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Northside Sales Company for the purchase of a Draeger Z-AM 280 Gas Monitor for the Little Rock Fire Department Hazmat Team.

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 16,149:** To amend Resolution No. 14,908 (December 18, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with FORVIS, LLP, formerly BKD, LLP, in an amount not to exceed \$309,000.00, to provide Certified Public Accounting Services to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the 2023 Audit; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to amend Resolution No. 14,908 (December 18, 2018), to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with FORVIS, LLP, formerly BKD, LLP, to provide Certified Public Accounting Services to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the 2023 Audit.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 16,150:** To amend Resolution No. 16,036 (June 20, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Travelers Insurance Company to provide for a total revised premium for \$1,857,314.00, for Property and Casualty Insurance for City Facilities for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract amount with Travelers Insurance Company to provide Property Insurance for City Facilities for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 16,151:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Canvas Community, in an amount not to exceed \$178,537.90, for the Bridge to Work Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 16,152:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with ZMD Lawn Service, in an amount not to exceed \$129,113.40, plus applicable taxes and fees, to provide Lawn Mowing and Grounds Maintenance Services for Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to award a contract to ZMD Lawn Service to provide Lawn Mowing and Grounds Maintenance Services for Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park.

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 16,153:** To amend Resolution No. 16,076 (August 15, 2023), to authorize an amendment to the Economic Development Consulting Services Contract with the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, in the amount of \$178,000.00, for

a targeted program to attract talented individuals and companies to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; to ratify any actions taken to date as part of such a project; and for other purposes.

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

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Luke Skrable: Tax Mismanagement.

Johnny L. Miller: The on-going issue with Metropolitan Housing concerning property that is essential to the entry and exit to my property.

Charles McNulty: Robinson Campus Traffic.

Blake Parker: Traffic – Robinson Schools.

Anne McPherson: School Zone Traffic Study.

## **GROUPED ITEMS (Items 11 - 12)**

**11. ORDINANCE NO. 22,330**: To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Arkansas Municipal League, in an amount not to exceed \$478,154.76, for the participation of the City of Little Rock, Municipal League Defense Fund for certain litigation costs, expenses and coverage; ***to declare an emergency***; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis: An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Arkansas Municipal League for participation by the City of Little Rock in the Municipal League Defense Program for 2024.**

**12. ORDINANCE NO. 22,331**: To dispense with the requirement of competitive bids and to authorize the City Manager to enter into a sole-source contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for a total contract amount not to exceed \$850,520.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of Cloud Video Storage for Motorola Body Worn Cameras and Mobile Video Vehicle Recorders utilized by the Little Rock Police Department; ***to declare an emergency***; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis: A sole-source ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc., for the purchase of Cloud Video Storage for Motorola Body Worn Cameras and Mobile Video Vehicle Recorders utilized by the Little Rock Police Department.**

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 Hines, 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 voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Kumpuris voting in opposition, **the ordinances were approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 11 was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 12 was approved.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 13)**

**13. ORDINANCE NO. 22,332:** 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 June 20, 2023)(Deferred from September 19, 2023)(Deferred from October 2, 2023)(Deferred from October 17, 2023)*

Mayor Scott opened the Public Hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Peck, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. By Roll Call, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller; Hines; Lewis; and Phillips. Nays: Peck; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Webb. Present: Richardson. When asked if he would like to change his vote of Present, Director Richardson stated that he would like to change his vote of Present to Nay. By a vote of four (4) ayes and six (6) nays, **the motion to place the ordinance on second reading failed.**

Mayor Scott stated that by not taking action on the item, the Board was in potential violation of a pending lawsuit; therefore, a Special Called Meeting would be held on November 14, 2023, for the Board to take action.

Mayor Scott closed the Public Hearing.

**DISCUSSIONS (Item 14)**

**14. DISCUSSION:** 2024 Budget.

Mayor Scott stated that there had been a lengthy Budget discussion held on October 31, 2023, and that as a result, a tremendous amount of information had been distributed as follow-up to the various inquiries made. Mayor Scott stated that there would be a rough draft of the 2024 Budget presented to the Board on November 14, 2023, for review.

Mayor Scott asked if the Board had any additional questions regarding the 2024 Budget. Director Phillips asked if the Union negotiations would be complete and included in the rough draft. Mayor Scott stated that an estimate would be included; however, the negotiations were not complete.

Director Richardson 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:**

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Susan Langley, City Clerk

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Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor