

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
December 12, 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; Peck; Hines (enrolled at 6:04 PM); Lewis; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Scott (enrolled at 6:33 PM). Directors absent: Richardson. Director Joan Adcock delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS:**

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To establish that Franchise Fees for the use of public rights-of-way by utilities within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, will be continued in the same amount in 2024; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

**M-2 RESOLUTION:** To authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Architect Agreement with Lockeby & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$20,846.29, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$60,846.29, which includes prior-approved reimbursable expenses, for the remodel and renovation of the City of Little Rock's Board Room Chambers; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*  
**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Lockeby & Associates to provide Architectural Design Services for the renovation of the Board of Directors Chambers at Little Rock City Hall.

**M-3 RESOLUTION:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arkansas Public Safety Solutions, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, to replace and install security cameras in various City facilities; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*  
**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arkansas Public Safety Solutions to replace and install security cameras in various City facilities.

**M-4 RESOLUTION:** To authorize the City Manager to execute a five (5)-year installment purchase agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc., utilizing the National Purchasing Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, for a total cost of \$1,769,880.24, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of 372 Axon Taser 10 Devices and related equipment for the Little Rock Police Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*  
**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for the purchase of 372 Axon Taser 10 Devices and related equipment for the Little Rock Police Department.

**M-5 ORDINANCE:** To authorize the entry into an agreement to issue Bonds for the purpose of assisting in the financing of industrial facilities within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be leased to Dassault Falcon Jet Corporation, or its affiliate, pursuant to the authority of the Laws of the State of Arkansas, including particularly Amendment 65 to the Arkansas Constitution and the Municipalities and Counties Industrial Development Revenue Bond Law; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wyrick, to add Items M-1, M-2, M-3 and M-4 to the Consent Agenda and to add Item M-5 to the Separate Items. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Items M-1, M-2, M-3 and M-4 were added to the Consent Agenda and Item M-5 was added to the Separate Items.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 17 and Items M-1, M-2, M-3 & M-4)**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 16,178:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Smart Automotive Group, in an amount not to exceed \$61,199.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Ford F-350 Chassis with a Twelve (12)-Foot Flatbed for the Parks & Recreation Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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**2. RESOLUTION NO. 16,179:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Pierce Custom Velocity Rescue 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 Siddons-Martin Emergency Group for the purchase of one (1) Pierce Custom Velocity Rescue Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 16,180:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Scott Equipment Company in an amount not to exceed \$205,705.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Volvo L70H Wheel Loader for the Fleet Services Vehicle Storage Facility; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Scott Equipment Company for the purchase of one (1) Volvo L70H Wheel Loader for the Fleet Services Vehicle Storage Facility.

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 16,181:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Southern Tire Mart, LLC, in an annual amount not to exceed \$225,000.00, for Tire Retread and Repair Services for the Fleet Services Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Southern Tire Mart, LLC, for Tire Retread and Repair Services for the Fleet Services Department.

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 16,182:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Enterprise FM Trust, in an amount not to exceed \$1,885,000.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for a five (5)-year contract to lease vehicles for the Little Rock Police Department and other City Departments; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Enterprise FM Trust for the leasing of seventy-one (71) vehicles to be utilized by the Little Rock Police Department and other City Departments.

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 16,183:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with SHI, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$70,903.88, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the renewal of the Business Application System provided by Quickbase, Inc., for the Department of Emergency Communication; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with SHI, Inc., for the renewal of the Building Application System provided by Quickbase, Inc., for the Department of Emergency Communications.**

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 16,184:** To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,836 (December 6, 2022), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract extension with three (3) organizations, in a total amount not to exceed \$990,000.00, to provide After-School/Out-of-School Time Positive Prevention Programs for 2024, as endorsed by the Commission on Children Youth and Families; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: A resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,836 (December 6, 2022), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract extension with three (3) organizations to provide After-School/Out-of-School Time Positive Prevention Programs for 2024.**

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 16,185:** To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,863 (January 17, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract extension with two (2) organizations, in a total amount not to exceed \$450,000.00, to provide After-School/Out-of-School Time Positive Prevention Programs for 2024, as endorsed by the Commission on Children Youth and Families; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: A resolution to amend Resolution No. 15,863 (January 17, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract extension with two (2) organizations to provide five (5) After-School/Out-of-School Time Positive Prevention Programs for 2024.**

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 16,186:** To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 15,627 (February 15, 2022), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract extension with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arkansas, in an amount not to exceed \$88,642.00, to provide Community Reduction Services and Activities to reduce Community Violence and increase Public Safety, as endorsed by the Commission on Children Youth and Families; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract extension with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arkansas to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Programs to the residents of Little Rock in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety.**

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 16,187:** To authorize the City Manager to allocate funds for the J.A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School/Out-of-School Time Program, in an amount not to exceed \$143,000.00; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to allocate funds to provide an After School/Out-of-School Time Program at J.A. Fair K-8 Preparatory Academy for the 2023-2024 School Term.**

**11. RESOLUTION NO. 16,188:** To authorize an amendment to Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No. 5,988 (August 9, 1978) and to further amend the Amended and Substituted Lease and Agreement by, and between, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as Lessor, and Savers Federal Savings and Loan Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, as original Lessee, US Able Mutual Insurance Company, d/b/a Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and Little Rock 400 West Capitol Owner, LLC, in substantially the form with substantially the contents set forth below; authorizing the execution and delivery of the Amendment; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: To approve an amendment to Resolution No. 5,988 (August 9, 1978), to further amend the Amended and Substituted Lease authorized under the resolution.**

**12. RESOLUTION NO. 16,189:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau for the continued management of the Little Rock River Market for a twelve (12)-month period beginning January 1, 2024; and for other purposes *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau to manage the Little Rock River Market.

**13. RESOLUTION NO. 16,190:** To authorize the City Manager to execute an Amended and Substituted Lease Agreement with War Memorial Stadium Commission for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents to accomplish an Amended and Substituted Lease Agreement with the War Memorial Stadium Commission, for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.

**14. RESOLUTION NO. 16,191:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Alessi Keys Construction, in an amount not to exceed \$445,706.83, plus applicable taxes and fees, to provide Construction Management Services for the Little Rock Zoo's 2022A Bond Project; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Alessi Keys Construction to provide Construction Management Services for the Little Rock Zoo's 2022A Bond Project.

**15. RESOLUTION NO. 16,192:** To authorize the City Manager to extend the Agreement with DePaul USA, Inc., for a fourth extension, in an amount not to exceed \$380,232.20, to operate the Jericho Way Homeless Day Resource Center; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**16. RESOLUTION NO. 16,193:** To amend Little Rock, Ark., Resolution No 16,151 (November 7, 2023), to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Canvas Community, in an amount not to exceed \$175,537.90, for the Bridge to Work Program; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to amend Resolution No. 16,151 (November 7, 2023) to authorize the City Manager to cancel the Letter Agreement Addendum dated April 6, 2023, between the City and Canvas Community for the Bridge to Work Program in order for the parties to enter into a new agreement for the Bridge to Work Program.

**17. RESOLUTION NO. 16,194:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Fifth Amendment to a Lease Agreement between the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park Board, as Lessors, and the Little Rock School District, as Lessee, to extend the lease for one (1) additional term of one (1)-year effective January 1, 2024, and to approve the basic annual rent for the year 2024 in the amount of \$13,800.00; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize a Fifth Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the City of Little Rock and the Oakland Cemetery Board, as Lessors, and the Little Rock School District, as Lessee, for a one (1)-year the extension of the Lease between the City of Little Rock, Oakland Cemetery Board and the Little Rock School District regarding the Booker School property.

**M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 16,196:** To establish that Franchise Fees for the use of public rights-of-way by utilities within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, will be continued in the same amount in 2024; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

**M-2 RESOLUTION NO. 16,197:** To authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Architect Agreement with Lockeby & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$20,846.29, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$60,846.29,

which includes prior-approved reimbursable expenses, for the remodel and renovation of the City of Little Rock's Board Room Chambers; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

**Synopsis:** To authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Lockeby & Associates to provide Architectural Design Services for the renovation of the Board of Directors Chambers at Little Rock City Hall.

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

#### **SEPARATE ITEM (Item M-5)**

**M-5 ORDINANCE NO. 22,346:** To authorize the entry into an agreement to issue Bonds for the purpose of assisting in the financing of industrial facilities within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be leased to Dassault Falcon Jet Corporation, or its affiliate, pursuant to the authority of the Laws of the State of Arkansas, including particularly Amendment 65 to the Arkansas Constitution and the Municipalities and Counties Industrial Development Revenue Bond Law; **to declare an emergency;** and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval*

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 Director Hines, 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. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.** By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause was approved.**

Mayor Scott recognized Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Jay Chesshir to speak about the significance of the ordinance. Mr. Chesshir stated that earlier that afternoon, Dassault Falcon Jet Corporation announced a new fifty (50)-year

lease that would include an additional \$100,000,000.00 capital investment with a minimum of 800 new jobs.

**UPDATE (Item 18)**

**18. UPDATE:** Food Desert Update.

Vice-Mayor Webb stated that the Food Desert Task Force had been meeting for months and had attended Statewide Summit in September. Vice-Mayor Webb stated that the Task Force had conducted a Food Desert Survey, which was available in both English and Spanish, and that the findings of the survey would be linked on the City's website at [www.littlerock.gov](http://www.littlerock.gov). In regards to the survey, Vice-Mayor Webb reported that 30% of the respondents were over the age of sixty-five (65), with the largest responding group from thirty-five (35) to forty-four (44) years in age.

Acting City Manager Emily Cox stated that several members of the Task Force traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, to experience a Mobile Grocery Store. Acting City Manager Cox reported that the Mobile Grocery Store set-up at the same location each week to provide area residents with fresh fruits and vegetables.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 19)**

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of appointments.**

**25. RESOLUTION NO. 16,195:** To make appointment to City of Little Rock Boards & Commissions.

**Synopsis:** Rock Region Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors (1 position)

Rock Region Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors: Appointment of Phillip Lemley, to serve his first four (4)-year term, said term to expire August 26, 2027. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Shele Smith: Business.

Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Phillips, 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