

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution authorizing the temporary use of the R-6 high-rise residential zoned property located on the east side of the 1600 block of Chester Street for student housing for Philander Smith College. (Z-9163)</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Planning & Development Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>Philander Smith College is requesting approval for the temporary use of the R-6, High-Rise Residential, zoned property located on the east side of the 1600 Block of Chester Street for student housing.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>Philander Smith College, located at 900 Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive, has experienced an increase in student enrollment, resulting in a shortage of on-campus student housing. As a result, a good number of students are being housed in an area hotel. The college finds this situation to be undesirable and has approached the City with a temporary solution that would provide a more suitable, campus-like housing option for those students.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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The college is proposing to develop a portion of the former Village Square property located in the 1600 Block of Chester Street as a temporary student housing campus. The development is proposed to contain six (6) multi-sectional manufactured homes with gravel parking and drives. Each home will have six (6) bedrooms. The housing campus will be enclosed by fencing and will be under the College's security.

The proposal is to allow the temporary use to occupy the property for a period of approximately two (2) years, through June 1, 2018. The College has previously-approved plans to construct additional student dormitories on the main campus. At the end of the temporary use period, the homes and parking will be removed and the property restored.

This temporary use will allow the College to address its current student housing shortage while allowing them time to move forward with a permanent solution.