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2 **ORDINANCE NO. _____**
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4 **AN ORDINANCE TO DISPENSE WITH COMPETITIVE QUOTES DUE**
5 **TO AN EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION; TO AWARD AN AGREEMENT**
6 **FOR A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AUDIT BY THE ASSOCIATION**
7 **OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIALS,**
8 **INTERNATIONAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND,**
9 **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$22,100.00); TO DECLARE AN**
10 **EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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12 **WHEREAS**, periodic review of the Communication Center’s organizational structure, programs and
13 procedures is essential to efficient, professional operation of the Center as new technology develops and as
14 public needs change; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, an independent audit of the Little Rock Emergency Communications Center’s operations
16 performed by a public safety communications expert would help to identify equipment, staffing and training
17 needs and to pinpoint any performance issues that need to be addressed; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, the emergency dispatch operational standards adopted by the City were developed by the
19 Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, International (APCO), a public safety
20 communications standards developer accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI); and,

21 **WHEREAS**, it would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest to hire any consultant other
22 than an APCO consultant to determine whether the APCO operational and training standards have been
23 met at the Little Rock Communications Center and, in light of that evaluation, to provide communications
24 managers with advice on any issues surrounding effective and efficient operations; and,

25 **WHEREAS**, the Little Rock Board of Directors feels that this is a unique situation which makes
26 competitive bidding impracticable and contrary to the best interest of the City.

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY**
28 **OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

29 **Section 1.** The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Association of
30 Public-Safety Communications Officials, International for a communications audit and associated
31 consulting services in the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$22,100.00) plus
32 applicable taxes.

1 **Section 2.** Because of the critical need to utilize the City’s current public safety communications
2 standards as efficiently and effectively as possible by requesting that the developer of those standards
3 identify any procedural or technical shortfalls, the Board declares that it is impractical and unfeasible to
4 submit this matter to a competitive bid process, and, therefore, waives competitive bidding.

5 **Section 3.** Funds for this service are available in the Little Rock Police Department’s Seized Asset
6 Forfeiture Funds.

7 **Section 4. Severability.** In the event any portion of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid
8 or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this
9 ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or
10 unconstitutional were not originally a part of this ordinance.

11 **Section 5. Repealer.** All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which are in conflict with any
12 provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

13 **Section 6. Emergency Clause.** *It is essential to the public health, safety, and welfare to determine*
14 *whether the APCO operational and training standards are met by the Little Rock Communications Center*
15 *and to address any issues that are identified with respect to effective and efficient operation of the Center;*
16 *an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and*
17 *after the date of its passage.*

18 **PASSED: May 19, 2015**

19 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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22 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

Mark Stodola, Mayor

23 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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26 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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