

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting  
December 7, 2021  
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; Webb; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Phillips; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Directors Absent: Peck. Director Joan Adcock deliver the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

R.O.C.K. Academy Graduation

**M-1 RESOLUTION:** To set City Ward Boundaries within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be modified as a result of the 2020 Federal Decennial Census; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Vice-Mayor Hines made them motion, seconded by Director Wright, to add Item M-1 to the Separate Items. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **Item M-1 was added to the Separate Items.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 11)**

**1. RESOLUTION NO. 15,566:** To set December 21, 2021, as the date of public hearing regarding the sources and uses of funds provided in the 2021 CDBG, HOME and HOPWA Funds from the United States Government; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** As a regulatory requirement, a public hearing must be conducted regarding the proposed uses of 2022 CDBG, HOME and HOPWA Funding, which the City expects to receive from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**2. RESOLUTION NO. 15,567:** To set December 21, 2021, as the date of public hearing regarding the proposed uses of the HOME-ARP “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021” Funding and the amended sources and uses of funds provided in the 2021 CDBG, HOME and HOPWA Funds from the United States Government; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** As a regulatory requirement, a public hearing must be conducted regarding the proposed uses of HOME-ARP “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021” Funding, which the City expects to receive from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and to amend the sources and uses of 2021 HOME Funds.

**3. RESOLUTION NO. 15,568:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.A. Riggs, in the total amount of \$175,104.21, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar Excavator for the Parks & Recreation Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.A. Riggs for the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar Excavator, Model No. 317GC for the Parks & Recreation Department.

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 15,569:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.A. Riggs, in the total amount of \$127,496.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar Dozer for the Parks & Recreation Department; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.A. Riggs for the purchase of one (1) Caterpillar Dozer, Model No. D2-XL-AAG for the Parks & Recreation Department.

**5. RESOLUTION NO. 15,570:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Clear Creek Golf Car & Utility Vehicles, in the total amount of \$72,218.75, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of seven (7) Club Car Utility Carts for the Little Rock Zoo; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Clear Creek Golf Car & Utility Vehicles for the purchase of seven (7) Club Car Utility Carts for the Little Rock Zoo.

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,571:** To require that the 2021 Audit be performed in accordance with the Guidelines and Format prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the United States Government Accountability Office; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** The resolution requires that the 2021 Audit be performed in accordance with guidelines and formats prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the United States Government Accountability Office.

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,572:** To authorize the use of Omnia Partners as an option for the acquisition of Commodities and Services for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Authorization to allow the City of Little Rock to access contracts with Omnia Partners that are already competitively bid, thus saving time and money during the procurement process.

**8. RESOLUTION NO. 15,573:** To authorize the use of National Purchasing Partners as an option for the acquisition of Commodities and Services for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** Authorization to allow the City of Little Rock to access contracts with National Purchasing Partners that are already competitively bid, thus saving time and money during the procurement process.

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 15,574:** To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Third Amendment to the 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 one (1)-year term and to approve the basic annual rent for the Year 2022 in the amount of \$13,800.00; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**10. RESOLUTION NO. 15,575:** A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a five (5)-year contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc., utilizing the National Purchasing Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$1,205,545.50, plus applicable taxes and fees; for the purchase of 360 Taser-7 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 360 Axon Taser 7 Devices and related equipment for the Little Rock Police Department.

**11. RESOLUTION NO. 15,576:** To appoint Commissioners for the Quapaw Central Business Improvement District No. 5 of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

## CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Loretta Hendrix: Elimination of At-Large Positions.

## SEPARATE ITEMS (Items 12 – 20 and Item M-1)

**12. RESOLUTION NO. 15,577:** To authorize the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Public Service Agreement with the unincorporated town of Cammack Village to provide 911 Emergency Dispatch Services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis: Approval of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to enter into a Public Services Agreement with Cammack Village to provide 911 Emergency Dispatch Services for a period of six (6) years with an option for two (2) renewal terms of one (1)-year each.**

Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the resolution.

Director Adcock asked what the cost would be to the City to provide these services. City Manager Bruce Moore stated that the cost to the Little Rock Fire Department would be approximately \$13,000.00 annually, plus the City would receive approximately \$4,500.00 in Turnback Fees.

Director Adcock stated that she felt that the City's 911 Dispatchers had enough responsibilities with just the City's call volume and that she did not feel like there needed to be added tasks.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Wright and Adcock voting in opposition, **the resolution was approved.**

**13. RESOLUTION NO. 15,578:** To authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Police Services Assistance Agreement with the unincorporated town of Cammack Village to provide Law Enforcement Services; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Cammack Village for each party to provide Law Enforcement Services to each other and to assist each other in the event of emergencies.**

Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to approve the resolution.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Directors Wright and Adcock voting in opposition, **the resolution was approved.**

**14. ORDINANCE NO. 22,070:** To declare it impractical and unfeasible to bid; to authorize the City Manager to extend the contract with the Arkansas Municipal League Municipal Vehicle Program, at a total cost of \$950,000.00, to administer a self-insurance program for the City of Little Rock's Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis:** An ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Arkansas Municipal League Municipal Vehicle Program to administer a Self-Insurance Program for the City of Little Rock's motor vehicles. This allows coverage for Liability, Compensation and Collision Insurance for City vehicles.

The ordinance was read the first time. Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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. Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, 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.**

**15. ORDINANCE:** To provide for and to adopt the 2022 Budget for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, for the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022; to appropriate resources and uses for every expenditure item and fund; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

The ordinance was read the first time.

Mayor Scott stated that to ensure that each of the Board Members had as much time as possible to review the Budget, Item 15 would remain on first reading. Mayor Scott asked Finance Director Sara Lenehan to present a brief overview of the highlights of the 2022 Budget. Ms. Lenehan stated that the total Adopted Budget would be \$288,913,693.00, and of that amount 77%, or \$222,166,164.00, would be for the General Fund; 8%, or \$23,627,260.00, would be for the Street Fund; 8%, or \$23,777,100.00, would be for the Waste Disposal Fund; 5%, or \$14,920,087.00, would be for the Fleet Fund; 1%, or \$2,526,932.00, would be for the Parking Garage Fund; and 1%, or \$1,896,150.00, would be for the Vehicle Storage Fund. Ms. Lenehan stated that the General, Waste Disposal and Fleet Funds were balanced. The Street, Vehicle Storage and Parking Garage Funds were forecasted to have a net income of \$518,822.00, \$109,600.00 and \$743,878.00, respectively. Ms. Lenehan reported that the 2022 Proposed Budget would result in a net income of \$1,372,300.00.

Director Phillips made the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to amend the Budget Ordinance to include optional Healthcare Coverage for the Board of Directors. Due to the fact that the voice vote of the Board was unclear, the request was for the City Clerk to do a Roll Call Vote.

Director Miller stated that he had questions regarding the motion. City Attorney Tom Carpenter stated that because a vote had already been taken and a Roll Call Vote was requested, discussion on the item had ceased.

Director Kumpuris made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to expunge the original voice vote. By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Richardson voting in opposition, **the vote for the motion was expunged.**

Director Miller asked for an explanation regarding the proposed ordinance related to the provision of health care coverage to the Board. City Attorney Carpenter stated that in order to provide coverage to the Board, the Insurance Plan would need to be amended, which would not take Board action. City Attorney Carpenter stated that Healthcare Coverage would be considered compensation; therefore, the question would be how to address the disparity. Mr. Carpenter stated that all the Board Members would have to be compensated at the same level regardless of if they opted to take the Healthcare Coverage or not.

Director Phillips restated the motion, seconded by Director Richardson, to amend the Budget Ordinance to include optional Healthcare Coverage for the Board of Directors.

By roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Phillips. Nays: Miller; Webb; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; and Vice-Mayor Hines. Present: Richardson. Absent: Peck. When asked if he would like to change his Present vote, Director Richardson stated that he would like for his vote to remain as Present. By a vote of one (1) aye; seven (7) nays; one (1) Present; and one (1) absent, **the motion failed**.

**16. ORDINANCE:** To fix and impose the aggregate amount of fees and charges to be paid to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, by Entergy Corporation and the method of payment thereof; to amend Section 9 of Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 11,683 (December 6, 1965); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance levying a Franchise Fee to be paid by Entergy Corporation. This Franchise Fee should remain in effect until otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.**

Mayor Scott stated that as a result of the Budget Ordinance being held on first reading, the ordinances dealing with Franchise Fees would only be read once that evening and would be placed on the December 21, 2021, Agenda for Board action.

The ordinance was read the first time.

**17. ORDINANCE:** To amend Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 11,366 (March 4, 1963) as amended, to provide for levying a Franchise Fee to be paid by CenterPoint Energy ARKLA; to provide for the payment thereof; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance levying a Franchise Fee to be paid by CenterPoint Energy ARKLA. This Franchise Fee should remain in effect until otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.**

The ordinance was read the first time.

**18. ORDINANCE:** To levy Franchise Fees to be paid by all carriers providing Local Access Telephone Services; to provide for the payment thereof; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance levying a Franchise Fee to be paid by all carriers providing local access telephone service. This Franchise Fee should remain in effect until otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.**

The ordinance was read the first time.

**19. ORDINANCE:** To fix and impose the amount of fees and charges to be paid to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, by all companies that provide interstate or intrastate Long Distance Telecommunication Services, and all business incidental to, or connected with, the conducting of such telephone business in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; to amend Section 3 of Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 15,706 (July 5, 1989); and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

**Synopsis: Approval of an ordinance levying a Franchise Fee for companies providing Long Distance Telephone Service in Little Rock for 2022.**

The ordinance was read the first time.

**20. RESOLUTION:** To declare it the Policy of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to assure that City Officials are notified any time a public meeting is held to discuss City topics, and such meetings are convened by the City, hosted by the City or involve City Officials, or Employees; to provide that public notice of such meetings shall be timely posted on the City's Website; and for other purposes. *(Sponsored by Director Wright)*

Vice-Mayor Hines asked if this resolution was to address staff meetings that occurred in the various Wards and if so, who was going to be responsible for notifying the Board. City Attorney Carpenter stated that Section 3 (below) of the proposed ordinance dealt with exemptions of internal meetings.

**Section 3.** The provisions of this resolution do not apply to the following:

- (a) Internal City meetings as to personnel, promotion, demotion, or disciplinary actions, which are held prior to a public hearing before the Civil Service Commission, or any other appropriate City appellate body; and,
- (b) Internal City Staff Meetings, including meetings called which involve less than all City Departments, that are not intended as public meetings; and,
- (c) Meetings to which someone from the City is invited by another entity to attend, but is not a meeting called by the City, and is not otherwise open to the public for attendance.

Director Wright stated that she understood the concerns of her colleagues and as the sponsor of the resolution, she would like to withdraw the resolution from the Agenda.

**M-1 RESOLUTION NO. 15,579:** To set City Ward Boundaries within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be modified as a result of the 2020 Federal Decennial Census; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Vice-Mayor Hines made them motion, seconded by Director Wright, to approve the resolution. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the resolution was approved.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS (Items 21 – 22)**

**21. ORDINANCE NO. 22,075; G-23-479:** To abandon that portion of the West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and alley partial right-of-way, located adjacent to, and within, Block 5, Union Depot Addition, immediately east of the West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & South Battery Street

intersection in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. **(Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent; and 1 open position)** *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** The applicant requests to abandon the fifty (50)-foot wide West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street right-of-way between South Battery Street and the alley right-of-way within Block 5, Union Depot Addition, and the south ninety-one (91) feet of the fourteen (14)-foot wide alley right-of-way within Block 5, Union Depot Addition, immediately east of the West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & South Battery Street intersection. (Located in Ward 3)

Mayor Scott opened the Public Hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 Wright, 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.

Mayor Scott asked if there were any individuals present that wanted to speak for or against the item. There being none, Mayor Scott closed the Public Hearing.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

**22. ORDINANCE NO. 22,076; G-23-480:** To abandon a portion of the Polk Street right-of-way adjacent to 5424 Country Club Boulevard, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. **(Planning Commission: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent; and 1 open position)** *Staff recommends approval.*  
**Synopsis:** The applicant of the residence located at 5424 Country Club Boulevard requests to abandon the east fifteen (15) feet of the Polk Street right-of-way (fifteen (15) feet by 140 feet) located adjacent to Lot 8, Block 9, Newton's Addition to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas. (Located in Ward 3)

Mayor Scott opened the Public Hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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 Vice-Mayor 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.

Mayor Scott asked if there were any individuals present that wanted to speak for or against the item. There being none, Mayor Scott closed the Public Hearing.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinance was approved.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 23)**

Vice-Mayor Hines made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Board & Commission appointments. By

unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session.**

**23. RESOLUTION NO. 15,580:** A resolution to make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

**Synopsis:** Americans with Disabilities Act Citizen Grievance Committee (1 position); Board of Adjustment (1 position); Community Housing Advisory Board (4 positions); Little Rock Citizen's Review Board (2 positions); Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission (1 position); MacArthur Military Museum (3 positions); Museum of Discovery Board of Trustees (4 positions); and Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission (2 positions).

Americans with Disabilities Act Citizen Grievance Committee: Appointment of Becca Bailey to fill the unexpired Individual with Disabilities term of Allene Higgins, said term to expire on July 6, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Board of Adjustment: Appointment of Jeremiah Russell to fill the unexpired Architect term of Katherine Lashley, said term to expire on February 19, 2023. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Community Housing Advisory Board: Appointment of Jessica McDaniel to serve her first three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on June 2, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Citizen Review Board: Appointment of Michal Harris to serve his second three (3)-year Community Representative term, said term to expire on December 17, 2024. Appointment of Maria Smedley to serve her second three (3)-year At-Large term, said term to expire on December 17, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Little Rock Municipal Airport Commission: Reappointment of Jill Floyd to serve her second five (5)-year Qualified Elector of Municipality term, said term to expire on December 31, 2026. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

MacArthur Military History Museum Commission: Appointment of Angelita Faller to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2024. Appointment of William L. Ridgeway, Jr., to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on February 21, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission: Appointment of Sky Brower to serve her first three (3)-year Ward 4 Representative term, said term to expire on March 31, 2024. Appointment of Jodie Carter to serve her first three (3)-year At-Large Representative term, said term to expire on March 31, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Museum of Discovery Board of Trustees: Appointment of Tami Bean to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2024. Appointment of John Burgess to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2024. Appointment of Jeff Hildebrand to serve his first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2024. Appointment of Marie Knox to serve her first three (3)-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2024. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**



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Director Wright made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor 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**