

**Little Rock Board of Directors Meeting
July 18, 2017
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in a meeting with Mayor Mark Stodola presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Hendrix; Richardson; Hines; Wright; Wyrick; Kumpuris; Adcock; Vice-Mayor Webb; and Mayor Stodola. Director absent: Peck and Fortson. Vice-Mayor Kathy Webb delivered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Neighborhoods USA

Mayor Stodola recognized Hunter Carlton, a Boy Scout with Troop 18 of First United Methodist Church, who was present in the audience working on his Communications and Citizenship in the Community Merit Badges.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 9)

1. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017, and May 2, 2017, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meetings; and the April 25, 2017, Little Rock City Board of Directors Reconvened Meeting.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,596:** To transfer title to Greater Paradise Covenant Church via Warranty Deed for property sold by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: In an effort maximize the Land Bank's revitalization efforts, the staff and Land Bank Commission would like sell the property located at 3023 West 11th Street for \$1,000.00. The property was purchased 2011 and the City has maintained the property since that time. The Greater Paradise Covenant Church is one (1)-block from this property. **Property Details:** The 7,100 square-foot vacant lot is buildable and is zoned for residential use.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,597:** To transfer title to Carl Akins, Jr., via Warranty Deed for property sold by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: In an effort maximize the Land Bank's revitalization efforts, the staff and Land Bank Commission would like sell the property located at 1224 West 13th Street for \$1,500.00 to Carl Akins, Jr. The property was purchased in 2010 and the City has maintained the property since that time. Mr. Akins lives across the street from this property and intends to build a single-family residence on the property. **Property Details:** The 6,969 square-foot vacant lot is buildable and is zoned for residential use.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 14,598:** To accept title to property donated to the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, by Quitclaim Deed, to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: In an effort maximize the Land Bank's revitalization efforts, the Land Bank Commission and staff would like to accept the donation of properties located at the following: 4021 West 23rd

Street (2,500 square-foot vacant ½-lot - 34L1640003500); Abt 2420 South Cross Street (3,500 square-foot vacant ½-lot - 34L2030012700); and Abt. 2424 South Cross Street (2,240 square-foot vacant ½-lot - 34L2030012800). **Property Details:** The South Cross Street lots are adjacent to each other, and the 23rd Street lot is adjacent to a City-owned ½-lot.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 14,599: To transfer title to Greater Trinity Church of God in Christ via Warranty Deed for property sold by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be used for Neighborhood Revitalization Programs; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: In an effort maximize the Land Bank's revitalization efforts, the staff and Land Bank Commission would like sell the property located at 2318 Wright Avenue for \$1,500.00. The property was purchased 2012 and the City has maintained the property since that time. The Greater Trinity Church of God in Christ owns the adjacent property. **Property Details:** The 6,240 square-foot vacant lot is buildable and is zoned for commercial use.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 14,600: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement contract with Optiv, in an amount not to exceed \$80,016.40, plus applicable taxes, for License Renewals and Support for CheckPoint Next Generation Firewalls, to assist with the security of the City's network locations; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To purchase from Optiv the License Renewals and Support for CheckPoint Next Generation Firewalls to assist with the security of the City's network locations.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 14,601: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Redstone Construction Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$132,520.32, for the Fox Chapel Cul-de-Sac Drainage Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds)* *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Redstone Construction Group, Inc., for constructing the Fox Chapel Cul-de-Sac Drainage Improvements, Bid No. 17013, Project No. 16-5-DR-14. (Located in Ward 5)

8. RESOLUTION NO. 14,602: To authorize the City Manager to award a contract to Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$107,217.60, for the Gunpowder Road Drainage Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 2012 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the 2013 Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds)* *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Burkhalter Technologies, Inc., for constructing the Gunpowder Road Drainage Project, Bid No. 17015, Project No. 16-4-DR-7. (Located in Ward 4)

9. RESOLUTION NO. 14,603: To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with USABLE to provide Long-Term Disability Benefits to all Non-Uniform Employees of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Approval to allow USABLE to provide group Long-Term Disability Benefits to all Non-Uniform Employees of the City of Little Rock.

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

GROUPED ITEMS (Items 10 - 11)

10. ORDINANCE NO. 21,466; LU17-01: To amend the Land Use Plan in the area west of Interstate 430 and south of Chenal Parkway/Kanis Road within the City's Planning Jurisdiction; and for other purposes. *Planning Commission: 11 ayes; 0 nays; and 0 absent. Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: To make various changes to the Land Use Plan in the area west of Interstate 430, south of Chenal Parkway/Kanis Road within the City's Planning Area to make the Land Use Plan more representative of the likely future development in the near and mid-range. (Located in Ward 6 and the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction)

11. ORDINANCE NO. 21,467: To condemn certain structures in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, as structural, fire and health hazards; to provide for summary abatement procedures; to direct City Staff to take such action as is necessary to raze and remove said structures; **to declare an emergency**; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: Five (5) residential structures in a severely dilapidated, deteriorated and/or burned condition causing a negative environmental impact on the residential neighborhoods in which they are located in. All Notices have been mailed in accordance with Arkansas State Law.

The ordinances were read a first time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, to read the ordinances a second time. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, the ordinances were read a second time. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, 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.

Don Price: Stated that he was the owner of the property located at 9102 Auxor Lane, and was in the process of selling it to an individual from Hot Springs; however, he needed an additional sixty (60) days to complete the paperwork. Mr. Price stated that the prospective buyer planned on demolishing the structure that was located on the property and had told him that he could have the mobile home that was located adjacent to the structure.

Housing & Neighborhood Programs Code Enforcement Manager Ed Garland stated that staff had no problem with the owner demolishing the structure; however, the request was for the property to remain on the Condemnation Ordinance so that in the event the owner failed to remove the structure, staff would already have condemnation approval to have it removed.

By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the ordinances were approved**. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the emergency clause for Item 11 was approved**.

Director Hendrix made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, for the Board to hear Citizen Communication before they went into Executive Session. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the motion was approved**.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Henry Droughter: Adams Street Construction.

Lancey Gaston: World Services for the Blind.

Joe Roach: Fire House Hostel & Museum.

Herb Rule: Funding of Homeless Program.

Cheryl Warden: 311 Compliment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item 12)

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Director Wright, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of making Board & Commission appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of making Board & Commission appointments.**

12. RESOLUTION NO. 14,604: A resolution to make appointments and reappointments to various City of Little Rock Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes.

Synopsis: **Historic District Commission (3 positions); Little Rock Port Authority (1 Position); Little Rock Water Reclamation Commission (2 positions); Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Board (2 positions); and Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission (3 positions).**

Historic District Commission: Reappointment of Jeremiah Russell to his second three (3)-year Architect term, said term to expire on June 15, 2020. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Port Authority: Reappointment of Joseph Bailey to serve his second five (5)-year term, said term to expire on July 6, 2022. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Little Rock Water Reclamation Commission: Appointment of Chris Marsh to serve his first four (4)-year term, said term to expire on August 1, 2021. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointment. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointment was approved.**

Oakland & Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park Board: Reappointment of Richard Butler to serve his second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on June 1, 2020. Reappointment of Frances Ross to serve her second three (3)-year term, said term to expire on June 1, 2020. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission: Movement of Rachel Borne from her previously appointed Ward 1 Position term, to fill the unexpired At-Large term of April Sherrill Buirse, said term to expire on March 31, 2018. Appointment of William Torrence to fill the unexpired Ward 7 Position term of April Moore, said term to expire on March 31, 2019. Director Adcock made the motion, seconded by Director Hines, to approve the appointments. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the appointments were approved.**

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Director Wright 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:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Mark Stodola, Mayor