

**Little Rock Board of Directors
July 12, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, met in Regular Meeting with Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., presiding. City Clerk Susan Langley called the roll with the following Directors present: Miller (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Richardson; Webb; Wright; Wyrick; Phillips (via WebEx Teleconferencing); Adcock; Vice-Mayor Hines; and Mayor Scott. Directors absent: Peck & Kumpuris. Vice-Mayor Lance Hines gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

2021 Audit Presentation

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 – 8)

1. **MOTION**: To accept the 2021 Audit.

2. **MOTION**: To approve the minutes of the November 16, 2021, December 7, 2021, December 21, 2021, January 4, 2022, January 18, 2022, February 1, 2022, February 15, 2022, and March 1, 2022, Little Rock City Board of Directors Meetings; and the December 21, 2021, January 25, 2022, and March 8, 2022, Little Rock City Board of Directors Special Called Meetings.

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,723**: To authorize the Mayor and City Manager to take all actions necessary to effectuate the implementation of the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant awarded to the City of Little Rock to serve the students at Stephens Elementary Center and the Surrounding Community, including entering a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District to administer the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,724**: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Escamilla Excavating, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$464,317.80, for the Bella Rosa Drive Improvement Project; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and the Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds)* *Staff recommends approval.*
Synopsis: To authorize the City Manager to execute and agreement with Escamilla Excavating, LLC, for Bella Rosa Drive Improvements. (Located in Ward 5)

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 15,725**: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with G&W Diesel Service, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$839,040.00, plus applicable taxes and fees, for the purchase of one (1) Pierce Top Mount Pumper Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department; and for other purposes. *(Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act)* *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with G & W Diesel Service, Inc., for the purchase of one (1) Pierce Top Mount Pumper Truck for the Little Rock Fire Department.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 15,726: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Hasty Awards, in an amount not to exceed \$63,364.50, to provide the 2023 Little Rock Marathon Finisher's Medals; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Hasty Awards for the purchase of the 2023 Little Rock Marathon Finisher's Medals.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 15,727: To certify Local Government Endorsement of Custom Poultry, LLC, to participate in the Arkansas Tax Back Program, as authorized by Ark Code Ann § 15-4-2706(D) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

8. RESOLUTION NO. 15,728: To declare the intent of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to make certain expenditures toward capital improvements for the City Public Libraries and to refund one (1) or more prior bond issues for the Library and to reimburse itself for such expenditures from the proceeds of Library Bonds of the City; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: A resolution to permit the reimbursement of certain costs of the CALS Bond Issue from the proceeds of the bond issue.

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

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Jimmie Cavin: Expenditure.

Luke Skrable: Silencing the Public Voice.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 9)

9. ORDINANCE NO. 22,146; G-23-485: To abandon the portion of Reichardt Street between East 8th Street and East 9th Street, a portion of Fletcher Street Between East 7th Street and East 8th Street, and a portion of the alley located in Block 5, McLean's Addition, in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and for other purposes. *Staff recommends approval.*

Synopsis: The adjacent property owners are requesting to abandon a portion of Reichardt Street, between East 8th Street and East 9th Street, a portion of Fletcher Street, between East 7th Street and East 8th Street, and a portion of the alley located in Block 5, McLean's Addition. (Located in Ward 1)

Synopsis: The applicant is requesting that the 0.11-acre property, located at 900 West 15th Street, be rezoned from PRD, Planned Residential Development, to PD-C, Planned Development – Commercial, to allow for a short-term rental. (Located in Ward 1)

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing.

The ordinance was read the first time. Director Adcock 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. Director Adcock 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.

Mayor Scott asked if there were individuals present that wished to speak for or against the item.

Stephen Giles: Stated that he represented the applicant, David Garner, with Brickbat, Inc., and they would like to expand. Mr. Giles stated that the applicant would like to abandon the old streets and alleys that haven't been utilized in decades to develop an economically-viable Industrial District in the area.

Mayor Scott closed the public hearing.

By voice vote of the Board Members present, with Director Adcock voting in opposition, **the ordinance was approved.**

Director Richardson made the motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Lance Hines, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote of the Board Members present, **the meeting was adjourned.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Susan Langley, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor