

April 22, 2019
Six o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Note: A public meeting was held prior to the scheduled City Council Meeting being convened.

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2019, was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor JOE A. SMITH.

The roll having been called and the following Council Members answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, JANE GINN and CHARLIE HIGHT (8/0), a quorum was declared. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Council Member Ginn.

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting and a Special Call meeting held on Monday, April 8, 2019, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (8/0).

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, communications #1 and 2 were not read, but were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Saul Rousseau, Chairman Argenta City Club Contribution Committee memorandum re: 2018 Performance Report.
2. Harold Ford, Director North Little Rock Sanitation memorandum re: CPI Adjustment effective April 2, 2019 of 1.3% for disposal at the Little Rock Landfill.

Mayor Smith announced a Special Call meeting.

April 19, 2019

Special Meeting of the North Little Rock City Council

Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council:

The purpose of this e-mail is to advise you that Mayor Smith has called a special meeting of the North Little Rock City Council at 6:05 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2019, at City Hall Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

O-19-63 –Amending Article 21 (Table of Permitted Uses) of Ordinance No. 7697 (the North Little Rock Zoning Ordinance) to add and allow “Solar Energy Farms” in I-2 and I-3 Zones and as a Conditional Use in I-1 Zones; declaring an emergency. Sponsor: Mayor Joe A. Smith

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 9079, you are entitled to 72 hours’ *electronic* notice of this meeting. Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail as soon as possible by replying to the same. A copy of your reply will automatically be sent to City Clerk Diane Whitbey.

Amy Beckman Fields
City Attorney

SPECIAL CALL O-19-63 (ORDINANCE 9124 – MAYOR SMITH)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 21 (TABLE OF PERMITTED USES) OF ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ZONING ORDINANCE) TO ADD AND ALLOW “SOLAR ENERGY FARMS” IN I-2 AND I-3 ZONES AND AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN I-1 ZONES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to waive the readings was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Mayor Smith advised in the past, the city has been in discussions with developers who are interested in building solar farms. When the city has the opportunity to visit with potential developers, multiple city departments are involved. Current zoning laws do not allow for solar farms. Council Member White asked about the appearance of a solar farm. Mayor Smith said it consists of a large field with multiple solar panels. A small farm could include seven (7) acres. Council Member Robinson said there are some I-1, I-2, and I-3 zones that are close to residential neighborhoods. She referenced the Glenview community as an example and asked that (residential) communities (and the residents) be considered. Mayor Smith said a solar farm is a quiet (business) neighbor and produces no noise or traffic. Council Member Hight said he has seen a lot of solar farms along highways across the south. Council Member Ginn asked if this (legislation) included Windmill farms. Mayor Smith said this area doesn’t have enough wind to support wind power. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hight. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and all members having voted "aye" consent items R-19-63, R-19-64, R-19-65, R-19-66, R-19-67, R-19-68, R-19-69, R-19-70, R-19-71, R-19-72, R-19-73, and R-19-74 were unanimously adopted (8/0). R-19-75 was pulled and called under New Business.

R-19-63 (RESOLUTION NO. 9646 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROSS MAETAS TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY DENISE HANSON ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-19-64 (RESOLUTION NO. 9647 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THOMAS MARR TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-19-65 (RESOLUTION NO. 9648 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KEN DAVENPORT TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-19-66 (RESOLUTION NO. 9649 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DEBRA ROBERTS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-19-67 (RESOLUTION NO. 9650 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHARLES HART TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-19-68 (RESOLUTION NO. 9651 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SUSAN MARKMAN TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-19-69 (RESOLUTION NO. 9652 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING J. MASON TOMS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-19-70 (RESOLUTION NO. 9653 – COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LICENSE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH Y AND Y DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*amount \$3,075.76*)

R-19-71 (RESOLUTION NO. 9654 – COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LICENSE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ANTI-POVERTY GROUP FOR THE ANTI-POVERTY GROUP COMMUNITY GARDEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*amount \$2,104.86*)

R-19-72 (RESOLUTION NO. 9655 – COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LICENSE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*amount \$2,080.00*)

R-19-73 (RESOLUTION NO. 9656 – COUNCIL MEMBER WHITE)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LICENSE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ST. JOSEPH CENTER OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*amount \$3,100.00*)

R-19-74 (RESOLUTION NO. 9657 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

NEW BUSINESS

R-19-75 (RESOLUTION NO. 9658 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL IN LANDFILL OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN RENDERED WORTHLESS BY DAMAGE OR PROLONGED USE, OR THAT HAVE ONLY RESIDUAL VALUE AND HAVE BEEN THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION AND NOT SOLD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ross wanted to public to know this legislation allows disposal of unusable, unsaleable city property. Under state law, the city cannot give away city (owned) property. City Attorney Fields said the only way would be to give the property to another government entity. Council Member Ross said there are agencies like Habitat for Humanity that sell parts. If there is any way to provide the items to an agency such as Habitat for Humanity in the future, that could be helpful. Purchasing Director Mary Beth Bowman

said metal items will be sold to be recycled. Council Member Ross reiterated the city isn't throwing items away. A lot of research goes into repurposing it in other departments, through public auction, etc. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-19-76 (RESOLUTION NO. 9659 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross. Finance Director Karen Scott advised the Finance Department discovered in February that Fire Department Holiday pay was not being properly calculated. Fire Department personnel have been issued back Holiday pay to 2016, which totaled \$942,198.00. LOPFI and Medicare match payments were also made. The last item represents Police LOPFI-Closed Plan payments which were changed two years ago. This amount was left out of the budget approved by the council. This covered a period of time going back to Memorial Day, 2016. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*Fire \$2,634,628 – Police \$104,940*)

R-19-77 (RESOLUTION NO. 9660 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S SERVICE APPLICATION CONTRACT REGARDING RECURRING FEES FOR ENHANCED 9-1-1 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY NUMBER SERVICE WITH AT&T; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-19-78 (RESOLUTION NO. 9661 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1604 NORTH OLIVE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Council Member Ross asked if Mr. Carter was present and referenced the address included in Exhibit "B". Mr. (Reggie L.) Carter said he understood. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*Reggie L. Carter*)

R-19-79 (RESOLUTION NO. 9662 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE WITH WILLIAM WATT AND TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER NEXT TO I-440 AND NEXT TO THE OTT PARK OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PARK IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS;

AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (\$15,000.00)

Mayor Smith convened public hearings regarding the following properties: 3320 East Broadway, 5016 Alpha and 1921 Moss Streets in the City of North Little Rock. The owner of 3320 East Broadway, Mr. Parwinder Singh said he has been working on the property. He was unable to get the survey and had to have a new one made (which he received last week). There were two buildings on the lot. He had one torn down. The existing structure will be used as an office building. He requested additional time to get a permit from the city. Mayor Smith advised Mr. Singh on the procedure if the property is condemned. There being no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Smith adjourned the public hearings.

R-19-80 (RESOLUTION NO. 9663 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 3320 EAST BROADWAY STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (owner: *Kunal Manmatt, LLC*)

R-19-81

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1223 ½ DIVISION STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was pulled at the request of Felicia McHenry, Code Enforcement as the building had been torn down. (owner: *Veterans Villages of America, Inc.*)

R-19-82 (RESOLUTION NO. 9664 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 5016 ALPHA STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (owner: *Taipan LLC*)

R-19-83

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 608 NORTH VINE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was pulled at the request of Tom Wadley, Director of Code Enforcement. The property has been sold to Shorter College. (*owner: Charles H. Williams*)

R-19-84 (RESOLUTION NO. 9665 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1921 MOSS STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNER TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Benjamin A. Needham*)

O-19-59 (ORDINANCE NO. 9125 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING NORTH LITTLE ROCK CITY DEPARTMENTS TO CHARGE A SERVICE FEE ON RETURNED CHECKS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and the roll having been called, and all members present, having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*\$25.00*)

O-19-60 (*sponsored by Mayor Smith for consideration only*)

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE FOR A STORAGE BUILDING SALES BUSINESS IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1815 EAST BROADWAY STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Taylor said storage buildings are needed, however, this is not a good fit for East Broadway. He also said he was aware the applicant had signed a lease. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted no, the motion to adopt failed (0/8). (*applicant: Burnett Affordable Buildings*)

O-19-61 (ORDINANCE NO. 9126 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST TO WAIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASTER STREET PLAN FOR HALF STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG COLONEL MAYNARD ROAD AND UPPER STEEL BEND ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members, the readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Half+Marlar*)

O-19-62 (ORDINANCE NO. 9127 – COUNCIL MEMBERS HARRIS AND BAXTER) AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER DEFERRAL OF THE SIDEWALK REQUIREMENT OF SECTION 12.21 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR A CONNECTING STREET ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTH SIDE OF PHASE 25, COUNTRY CLUB OF ARKANSAS TO WHITE OAK CROSSING IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Without objection, Council Member Baxter was added as a cosponsor at the request of Council Member Harris. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Harris, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). Council Member Baxter requested amending the ordinance to defer the installation of sidewalks to a later time. Mayor Smith said the property owner is Stuart Vess. This will allow building the road before further development. New construction will require going to the Planning Department in the future for sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Council Member Ross asked if this portion (sidewalks, curbs and gutters) would be developed by a future developer. Mayor Smith agreed it was. John Wright purchased the right of way and is building the road to access 30 + acres he owns and is selling to Rausch Coleman. Mr. Vess owns the property along the side of the road and will have to install the sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Council Member Taylor said the developer of the buildings will be the one who will put in the other items. On the motion of Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *change WAIVER to DEFERRAL* (see substitute copy provided this date (8/0)). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Holloway Engineering*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Ard said a lot of unlicensed businesses are working on weekends without business licenses. This past weekend, a roof was installed on a house by a church. The home owner got a permit (from Planning) and then threatened Mr. Ard. Mr. Ard said business owners need to have a business license. A future mayor may require a garbage (sanitation) fee as a source of revenue to make up the difference. Code Enforcement employees take their (city issued) trucks home and should be able to go

out on the weekend. Ms. Sydney Rasch has been a resident of the city for five years. She is registered voter and a law student at UALR. She is also the Interim President of North Little Rock Friends of Animals. Ms. Rasch referenced North Little Rock Municipal Code 10-46 – banning pit bull dogs. Last week the City of Cabot repealed their ban with a more reasonable alternative which mirrors (North Little Rock’s) current vicious dog ordinance. It includes requirements for pit bull owners to have additional home owner’s liability insurance in the event their dog bit someone, (yearly) registration of the dog, current vetting (rabies vaccination). The current vicious dog ordinance addresses the majority of the issues which are bad (dog) owners. The current breed ban is not effective. Council Member Ginn said her neighbor was walking her dog a couple of weeks ago on Glenmere (off of McCain) when a pit bull mix (dog) jumped a fence and knocked her down. She had to go to the hospital. The dog also attacked the lady’s dog which sustained injuries (from the other dog) requiring veterinary treatment. The dog owner did cover the woman’s medical expenses and the vet bill. Ms. Brittany Wood spoke about the pit bull breed ban. She said there are aggressive pit bulls, but are also aggressive pets of every breed. She works with dogs daily and has never had an issue with pit or pit mixes. She has been bitten by Chihuahuas, Terriers, and Shepherds with issues. A breed ban against pit bulls is archaic and misinformed. If the goal is community safety, then the existing vicious dog ordinance is enough. Hundreds of dogs are euthanized because of their breed when they could be adopted out to good homes. Mr. Charles Witcher spoke about the trees at his home. He said no one contacted him or came out. Limbs continue to fall. Mayor Smith said he drove by Mr. Witcher’s house and looked at the trees. A lot of trees are falling due to all of the rain. Mayor Smith asked Mr. Witcher to give Chief of Staff, Danny Bradley the pictures he brought to the meeting. Mr. Nick Franke spoke regarding the North Little Rock Airport. He has been unable to find \$50,000.00 referenced previously in either the North Little Rock City Budget or the Airport Budget. Mr. Franke said commissioners have term limits, however, members of the Airport Commission have continued to serve past their deadlines. Term limits are to keep viable, present and new commissioners involved. Mr. Franke also referenced the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Compliance Manual Order 5190.6B and set policies. Mr. Lynn Dereuisseaux, International Association of Fire Fighters (North Little Rock) referenced an email he sent to Mayor Smith this date. Mr. Dereuisseaux said (their) representatives have met with Chief Bradley, Chief (Gerald) Tucker and Chief (Beau) Buford. Union members were provided the proposal(s) and polled within the last five days. He said they might be able to reach an agreement if members could accrue vacation and discretionary leave after fifteen years of service. Members are okay with the overtime cycle and being knocked out of scheduled overtime for time off. They would also like to discuss a catastrophic leave policy with regard to sick leave. Council Member Hight said he encountered multiple people riding scooters along the trail in the city. Some of the riders almost hit bikers and pedestrians. The riders rode the scooters down the trail to the Rockwater Marina parking lot where they left them. Mayor Smith said he also encountered a large number of scooters on the trail. The city is researching scooter usage in other cities and towns around the country. Council Member White said she was almost hit by a scooter rider when she left City Hall recently following a council meeting. Mayor Smith said golf carts can be programed to stay on a path. It may be possible for the scooters to be programed to stay within a certain area. Ms. Whitbey advised

motorized vehicles are not allowed on city sidewalks. Ms. Fields advised motorized vehicles are prohibited from parks trails as well. Ms. Whitbey advised the second City Council meeting in May is scheduled for Monday, May 27, 2019, which is the Memorial Day holiday. Mayor Smith asked council members if they would like to reschedule the meeting to Tuesday, May 28, 2019. All agreed. Mayor Smith said there will be a Tree Planting in honor of National Arbor Day on Friday, April 26, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Laman Plaza and the public is invited. Mayor Smith said *Arkansas Business* highlighted North Little Rock's efforts on Economic Development pertaining to the North Little Rock Airport. Airports in other cities mentioned included Bentonville, Conway and Hot Springs. Council Member Ross said Saturday, May 4, 2019, is the date of the annual Keep North Little Rock Beautiful Cleanup and encouraged people to participate.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at six o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR JOE A. SMITH

ATTEST: _____
DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK