

Monday, January 26, 2026
held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting ~~Six o'clock p.m.~~
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2026 was postponed due to inclement weather/road conditions and rescheduled to Wednesday, **January 28, 2026** at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Terry C. Hartwick.

The roll having been called and the following Council Members answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, NICOLE HART, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, SCOTT FOWLER and VINCE INSALACO, III (7/0). Council Member NATHAN HAMILTON was absent. City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey, and City Attorney Amy Beckman Fields were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by IT Director John Barber.

On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2026, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (7/0).

On the motion of Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, and 2 were accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Council Member Fowler, email re: citizen correspondence in response to agenda item O-26-07, Special Use at 4200 Dunkeld Drive.
2. Ryan Wilson, General Manager North Little Rock Electric Department memorandum re: Power Cost Adjustment for February, 2026 (\$0.0112 kWh [positive]).

PRESENTATIONS

North Little Rock Christmas Parade Trophy presentations scheduled for this date were rescheduled to Monday, February, 9, 2026 due to inclement weather/hazardous road conditions.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

By voice vote and all members present having voted “aye”, consent agenda items R-26-09, R-26-10, R-26-11, R-26-12, R-26-13, R-26-14, and R-26-15 were adopted (7/0). R-26-16 was pulled and called under new business.

R-26-09 (RESOLUTION NO. 11218 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TERESA BURL TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-26-10 (RESOLUTION NO. 11219 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHRIS DUNKUM TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-26-11 (RESOLUTION NO. 11220 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RED RIVER AUTO GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE VEHICLE FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$56,025.00)

R-26-12 (RESOLUTION NO. 11221 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RUSSELL CHEVROLET FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO VEHICLES FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$89,907.00)

R-26-13 (RESOLUTION NO. 11222 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN CERTAIN BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (*Event/Conference Center - \$1.5 million*)

R-26-14 (RESOLUTION NO. 11223 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO ESTABLISH AN EVENT CENTER FUND AND BUDGET FOR THE EVENT CENTER FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$432,500.00)

R-26-15 (RESOLUTION NO. 11224 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 10861 WHICH CONDEMNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1605 NORTH CHANDLER IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

NEW BUSINESS

R-26-16 (RESOLUTION NO. 11225 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A PETITION TO ANNEX LANDS INTO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS;

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 referenced three (3) amendments (1 – add map, 2 – revised petition, 3 – include Maverick Real Estate, LLC). Council Member Hart asked if the legislation was to include this property within city limits. City Attorney Fields said when property outside the city limits is requested to be annexed into the city, the property owners petition the county. If the petition is in order, the county will approve it and it will go back to the city as an ordinance for approval. A property owner in the area requested the annexation. It was determined the city (North Little Rock) owns a small portion of the property and the current legislation authorizes the city to join into the petition. If approved by the City Council and Pulaski County Judge, it will come back as an ordinance for approval. Council Member Hart referenced past annexations. This site is near the Galloway exit. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the legislation was amended as follows:: *to add Exhibit “B” – map (7/0)*. Ms. Fields advised a Petition for Annexation was substituted as Exhibit “A” as a result of Attorney at Law Bob Hardin, who represents the main property owner, discovered an additional property owner. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter and by consent of all members present, the legislation was again amended as follows:: *substitute Exhibit “A” provided this date (7/0)*. City Attorney Fields advised the legislation needed to be amended to include Maverick Real Estate, LLC. Council Member Hart asked if any (Council Members) were contacted about the amendments and advised the location was in Ward 2. Council Member Ross said she reached out to the City Attorney and requested a map, in addition to the legal description included in the legislation. Ms. Fields said the second amendment (petition) was needed to include the additional owner. Ms. Fields advised all parties had consented. Council Member Baxter said due to the city owning property, it was a party to the petition. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the legislation was amended as follows:: *1st Whereas, insert MAVERICK REAL ESTATE, LLC following Land Trust of Arkansas (7/0)*. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hart, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/0).

R-26-17, R-26-18, and R-26-19 were withdrawn. New public hearing notices are required and will be sent and the legislation will be refiled. *Note: the original public hearing date was Monday, January 26, 2026. City offices were closed and the City Council meeting was postponed due to hazardous road conditions as a result of Winter Storm Fern.*

R-26-17

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 804 EAST 14TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, 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 withdrawn by the sponsor, Mayor Hartwick. (owner: Calvin Morgan)

R-26-18

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 120 NORTH BUCKEYE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, 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 withdrawn by the sponsor, Mayor Hartwick. (owner: Grace Realty LLC)

R-26-19

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CERTIFYING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, AS A RESULT OF GRASS CUTTING EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF OTHER NUISANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn by the sponsor, Mayor Hartwick.

O-26-06 (ORDINANCE NO. 9844 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FOR 2026; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Hart and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (aka 2026 Quota Ordinance)

O-26-07

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A TYPE 1 SHORT TERM RENTAL IN AN R4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4200 DUNKELD DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and withdrawn by the sponsor (for consideration only) Council Member Insalaco, III as the property is owner occupied. (applicant: Eddie Mraz)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hartwick asked North Little Rock Chief of Staff Mike Davis to come forward and provide an update regarding Sanitation pickup. Chief Davis advised due to street conditions, sanitation trucks were unable to run weekly routes. In addition, local landfills have been closed. Landfills were scheduled to open tomorrow (January 29, 2026) from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon. A sanitation truck will be staged at Edward's Food Giant (Levy) and at the corner of John F. Kennedy and Osage (Indian Hills Fire Station). Another location in Rose City will be checked for suitability. Rose City Shopping Center may be considered. We are hoping to run Friday routes--subject to roads clearing. Council Member Hart asked if residents need to bring their trash to one of the referenced sites. Chief Davis confirmed that was correct or they can wait until the roads clear and the trucks can run. This information will be shared on the city's social media page. Mayor Hartwick said the locations referenced will be updated Friday. Council Member Baxter said this is similar to what the city did during the 2023 tornado. Council Member Fowler said he had questions from residents in Ward 4 as a portion of the Ward 4 collection was delayed a day last week due to the Monday holiday. Mayor Hartwick said city offices opened at 10:00 a.m. today and will delay opening again tomorrow. He thanked city employees for their work during the recent weather event. Council Member Hart asked for an update on the warming center. Chief Davis said it will be open overnight the remainder of the week. The center closed yesterday during the day to be cleaned.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026, 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 TERRY C. HARTWICK

ATTEST: _____
DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK