

Monday, March 23, 2026
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, March 23, 2026 was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Terry C. Hartwick at 6:00 p.m.

The roll having been called and the following Council Members answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, NATHAN HAMILTON, NICOLE HART, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, SCOTT FOWLER and VINCENT INSALACO, III (8/0). City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Sheila Mendez Quiroz, Deputy City Clerk/Enforcement Officer David Pettit 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 March 9, 2026, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (8/0).

On the blanket motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 were accepted and filed.

1. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange memorandum to Mayor Terry C. Hartwick and City Clerk Diane Whitbey re: December 2025 Financial Update.
2. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange memorandum to Mayor Terry C. Hartwick and City Clerk Diane Whitbey re: January 2026 Financial Update.
3. Ryan Wilson, General Manager North Little Rock Electric Department – memorandum re: Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Rate for March 2026 (\$0.0151 kWh – positive).
4. Derrell Hartwick, President and Chief Executive Officer North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce re: Economic Development Activity Report Q1 2026.
6. City Attorney Amy Beckman Fields memorandum to North Little Rock City Council re: Energy Risk Management Policy Compliance Report.

On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, communication #5 was read by title, accepted and filed (8/0).

5. Robert Magoon – Petition for Speed Hump Evaluation Study at Crockett and Cheryl Streets between Lincoln (20 signatures – for).

Council Member Hamilton asked where the results of the speed study end up. Ms. Whitbey advised once the Traffic Department has completed their study it would be filed as a communication. Council Member Baxter said based on the current ordinance, the request should include one street with signatures from those living on that street. Council Member Robinson advised this speed study is being done in Ward 2 and there are only a few houses on Cheryl Street. Speeding is occurring on both Crockett and Cheryl Streets. There is a manufacturing company in the area. Residents are having issues with people driving to and from their work who are speeding. There are a lot of children in the area.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R-26-72 (RESOLUTION NO. 11281 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 394 EAST MILITARY DRIVE 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 read. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. Mr. Emmanuel Paye advised he invested in the property with a friend. He was the one paying for the remodel. When he stopped paying for the remodel, his friend stopped working on the property. His friend made the down payment. He asked what his options were now. City Attorney Fields advised if the property was condemned this date, Mr. Paye would have 30 days to contact her office and enter into a rehabilitation agreement which would give him 120 days to bring the property up to code requirements. Mr. Paye advised he was no longer interested in investing in the property. City Attorney Fields said if the property in condemned and demolished, a lien would be placed on the property to cover the amount of demolition. If no one is investing in the property for a period of time, it will eventually be turned into the Commissioner of State Lands for non-payment of taxes. Mayor Hartwick asked Mr. Paye to visit with the City Attorney. He asked Mr. Paye to give his telephone number to Code Enforcement (Mrs. Felecia McHenry or Ward Reese). There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Maintenance Solutions Experts LLC, et al c/o Emmanuel Paye Holdings*)

R-26-73 (RESOLUTION NO. 11282 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1108 NORTH H 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 read. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. Council Member Hart advised she had received telephone calls regarding properties in the Dixie Community and advised it seemed there were a lot of abandoned or public nuisance properties in the area. She asked if there was an effort by the City to work with the community of Dixie. Code Enforcement Director Felicia McHenry said the department does not provide planning for a community. The department receives a lot of telephone calls regarding abandoned properties; many have been abandoned for years. Mrs. McHenry advised she has talked to some members of the Dixie Community and had asked if they could property maintenance on some of the vacant lots. Her department receives telephone calls advising too many properties are being demolished, or the department is not demolishing enough. The properties coming before the City Council have been vacant for some time. There are issues with members of the unsheltered community entering properties, fires, etc. People interested in such properties should contact the city or make an effort do something with these properties. Council Member Hart asked if the calls made to Code Enforcement were anonymous or if there was a public record of who was calling. Mrs. McHenry advised they receive both types of calls. Council Member Hart asked for a list calls or emails received on the last five (5) properties in the Dixie Community. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Hart, who passed, the resolution was adopted (7/1). (owner: Thomas Bowens c/o Pearson Bowens)

R-26-74 (RESOLUTION NO. 11283 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1801 NORTH POPLAR 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 read. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Hart, who passed, the resolution was adopted (7/1). (owner: IRemodel Properties LLC c/o RGB Realty LLC)

R-26-75 (RESOLUTION NO. 11284 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 707 WEST 22ND 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 read. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Hart, who passed, the resolution was adopted (7/1). (owner: Casa Technology Ventures, Inc.)

O-26-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE FOURTEEN (“THE SIGN ORDINANCE”) OF ORDINANCE NO. 7697 TO INCLUDE THE MAIN STREET 2ND SIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two time, March 9, 2026, was called and held by the sponsor, Council Member Ross.

CONSENT AGENDA

By voice vote and the majority of all members present having voted “aye”, consent agenda items R-26-80, R-26-81, R-26-82, R-26-83, R-26-84, R-26-85, R-26-86, R-26-87, R-26-89, and R-26-91 were adopted. At the request of Council Member Hamilton, R-26-88 and R-26-90 were pulled and called under new business.

R-26-80 (RESOLUTION NO. 11285 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROSS AND FOWLER)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THOMAS W. ROY, III TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted.

R-26-81 (RESOLUTION NO. 11286 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER DEBI ROSS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted.

R-26-82 (RESOLUTION NO. 11287 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUITON REAPPOINTING IAN HOPE TO THE NORHT LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted.

R-26-83 (RESOLUTION NO. 11288 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PAUL SHELL TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted.

R-26-84 (RESOLUTION NO. 11289 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CITY CLERK DIANE WHITBEY TO THE NORTH
LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted.

R-26-85 (RESOLUTION NO. 11290 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CARLTON M. “SONNY” RHODES TO THE NORTH
LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted.

R-26-86 (RESOLUTION NO. 11291 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER
EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES, was adopted.

R-26-87 (RESOLUTION NO. 11292 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN
EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR IRRIGATION AND LANDSCAPE
MAINTENANCE WITH JCON INC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted. (*not to*
exceed \$215,000.00)

R-26-89 (RESOLUTION NO. 11293 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING
PAYMENT TO ICOR TECHNOLOGY INC., A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A ROBOT FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted. (*\$91,027.50*)

R-26-91 (RESOLUTION NO. 11294 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK
ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT TO REAUTHORIZE AND INCLUDE ADDITIONAL
EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIFIED DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES, was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

R-26-88
A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING
PAYMENT TO JERRY PATE TURF & IRRIGATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOWER
FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and
seconded by Council Member Baxter. Council Member Hamilton asked why bidding
requirements were being waived. City Attorney Fields advised this was through Sourcwell,
which is a Cooperative Purchase Program the City contracts with. Council Member Hamilton

advised he looked up the type of mower that the City of Little Rock recently purchased for \$149,000.00. Mayor Hartwick then held to legislation. (\$136,102.80 before tax)

R-26-90 (RESOLUTION NO. 11295 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO REAUTHORIZE AND INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIFIED DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III. Council Member Hart said \$14.9 million had been appropriated for the North Little Rock Event/Conference Center. Deputy Chief Financial Officer Anita Worley advised that was correct. Council Member Hamilton clarified the funds included in Exhibit “A” were not in addition to that number but were rollover funds. Ms. Worley advised that was correct. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-26-92 (RESOLUTION NO. 11296 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF A CLEAN UP LIEN TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2705 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Hartwick

convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (\$7,310.71)

O-26-18

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING MUNICIPAL REAL PROPERTY DISPOSITION AND ADVERTISING APPROVAL FOR ASSET TRANSACTIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held by the sponsor, Council Member Robinson.

O-26-19

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW SHIPPING CONTAINERS AS RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FOR SHORTER COLLEGE IN AN R4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 715 NORTH PINE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and withdrawn by Council Member Robinson. The item will be refiled as a PUD (Planned Unit Development). Council Member Robinson advised Dr. Jeffrey Norflett – President of Shorter College was present and had agreed to the same. She added Sherman Park is an older neighborhood with many elderly and disabled residents who want the City to look out for their neighborhood. Dr. Norflett advised a proposal will be

submitted that will benefit both Shorter College and the community. (*applicant; Dr. Jeffrey Norflett, President of Shorter College*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Michael Rushin is a candidate for Pulaski County Judge. He has been a lifelong resident of Central Arkansas and now resides in Sherwood. He has been a servant leader since the age of 17. His goal is to make the community stronger and safer and better now and for future generations. He introduced his fiancé Carlene Michael. Mr. Patrick Stair lives in the Argenta neighborhood. He referenced the recent passing of Mrs. Sandra Taylor-Smith who was the long running Director the North Little Rock History Commission and Historic District Commission. Mr. Stair referenced a recent article published in North Little Rock Neighborhood dues which highlighted Mrs. Taylor-Smith's career and many recognitions. She was both an influential and consequential forces for neighborhood preservation in the state. She had an immense impact on North Little Rock as well. She did historic architectural resource surveys for four (4) neighborhoods in our city, four (4) in Little Rock, and others in 24 cities across the state. She worked on and presented nominations for designating National Trust Historic Sites for 62 sites in the state. She wrote the design guidelines for the Argenta Historic District and eight (8) other historic districts. She received both the Jimmy Strong Preservation Leadership Award from the Quapaw Quarter Association and the Parker Westbrook Lifetime Achievement Award from Preserve Arkansas. Mr. Stair then asked the city council to consider an informative plaque in her honor on the North Little Rock Heritage Center (506 Main Street) which would be readily visible to the thousands of people who pass by the building annually. Ms. Whitbey reminded local business owners to renew their business/privilege licenses before the deadline (March 31, 2026).

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 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