

July 22, 2013
Six-thirty o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

A Special Budget Meeting was announced by Mayor JOE A. SMITH. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming City budget for 2014 and allow council members to question City Department representatives regarding the same. A Powerpoint Presentation and handouts included an overview, budget item details, future vehicle needs and a list of aging vehicles. The special meeting concluded at 6:29 p.m.

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2013, was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by the honorable Mayor JOE A. SMITH. The roll having been called and the following Aldermen answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, BRUCE FOUTCH, CHARLIE HIGHT and MURRY WITCHER (8/0), a quorum was declared. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and Assistant City Attorney Matt Fleming were also present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Taylor, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was also led by Alderman Taylor.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight and by consent of all members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on Monday, July 8, 2013, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (8/0).

On the blanket motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10 were, accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Stephen Hart, Petition requesting Speed Hump on Sweetgum between 1408 and 1409 (32 *signatures – for*).
2. Stephen Hart, Petition requesting Speed Hump on Bodarc between 11012 and 11013 (7 *signatures – for*).
3. Stephen Hart, Petition requesting Speed Hump on Myrna between 1408 and 1409 (32 *signatures – for, 1 - against*).
4. Robert Voyles, Planning Director letter to Mayor Smith re: allowing rezone on Maple between 5th and 7th, delayed due to newspaper notice (see O-13-68).
5. Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola letter to Mayor Smith re: Homeless Day Resource Center (*North Little Rock's share of funding \$93,750.00*).
6. Joan Bohannon, Community Development Director memorandum to Mayor Smith re: GAIN, Inc. Lease at 504 West 51st Street and one (1) year extension authorized in agreement.

7. Dennis Wells, Director GAIN, Inc. letter to City Council re: Annual Performance Report.
9. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Wholesale Liquor – NEW* for GRAY-ADD LLC, 315 North Broadway, Suite D, by James D. Wood.
10. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer on Premises – NEW* for Rockwater Marina, 1600 Rockwater Boulevard, by James R. Jackson.

On the motion of Alderman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communication #8 was read, accepted and filed (8/0).

8. Notice of Public Hearings and Funding Availability Fortieth Year (2014) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Ward 1 – July 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. North Little Rock Boys and Girls Club, 1212 North Maple

Ward 2 – July 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Rose City Police Substation, 4609 East Broadway

Ward 3 and 4 – July 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. North Heights Recreation Center, 4801 Allen Street

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, communication #11 was read, accepted and filed (8/0).

11. Robert Voyles, Planning Director memorandum to Mayor Smith re: Potential Land Sale on River Road for a Boat Ramp.

Mayor Smith referenced an attached map. The property is down-river from the FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) Lodge and up-river from the Skateboard Park. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is interested in putting in a boat ramp at this location. A petroleum company on Gribble Street wants to expand bulk (oil) storage. To do this, they intent to purchase the current landing acreage next to their site. They would be required to replace the Game and Fish acreage with property of equal or greater value. The city's property appraised for \$390,000.00. The Game and Fish Commission would pay for the cost of a new boat ramp and maintain it. The city would maintain the grounds. Legislation will be filed in the future. Mayor Smith said the \$390,000.00 could be used to offset a loan on an (existing) TIF District downtown. Alderman Hight asked how use of the boat ramp and increased vehicle traffic would affect use of the River Trail (by cyclists). Mayor Smith referenced usage of the ramp and parking area under the interstate. Alderman Hight said there are no designated bike lanes in the area and this has been a concern in the past. Mr. Voyles referenced a parallel trail.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Russ Melton, Diamond Bear Brewery to come forward. The brewery is relocating to the old Orbea Bicycle location (on North Broadway). Mr. Melton is requesting a two (2) blocks on North Broadway be renamed to Diamond Bear Way. Alderman Taylor suggested renaming the street from West Broadway to 7th Street (Bishop Lindsey). Alderman Foutch asked how many other addresses would be affected. Mr. Voyles said there is a law office on the west side and condos on the east side. Alderwoman Ross asked if there were procedures regarding renaming streets and expressed concern that future businesses could want to rename streets. Mayor Smith said procedures are in place for renaming streets (Petitions). Mr. Melton has signed a petition requesting a name change from 4th Street to 7th. Mayor Smith will contact Economic Development Director Todd Larson

regarding the same. Alderman Witcher said he and his grandson have had Diamond Bear root beer and it is good.

Mayor Smith found a Proclamation in his office dated August 10, 2011, which he presented to Alderman Taylor (this date) in honor of him being named Realtor of the Year (2011) by the Little Rock Board of Realtors.

Mayor Smith announced Citizen Public Comment on agenda items. Mr. Steve Whiting spoke in support of O-13-62, (proposed Indian Hills Parking District). Members of the Indian Hills Neighborhood Association requested the legislation be amended to remove references to large recreation vehicles (RVs). Mr. Gary Clements spoke regarding O-13-68. He supports the zoning change. The alley behind his property was paved (asphalt) before the property was zoned to a PUD (Planned Use Development). At that time, the developer removed a building on the north half of the property and moved utilities underground. However, there is no asphalt left in the alley. When it rains there is a large mud hole approximately 20 feet long and the width of the alley. The site plan does not include the alley. Mayor Smith said the alley will resemble the one between 4th and 5th Streets. He asked Patrick Lane, Street Department Director to put down some asphalt. Alderwoman Ross asked why the city would repair the alley when the developer tore it up. Mayor Smith said there will be 78 apartments in the development.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O-13-62 (ORDINANCE NO. 8551 – ALDERMEN WITCHER AND HIGHT)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INDIAN HILLS RESTRICTED PARKING DISTRICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times June 24,

2013, and read a third and final time on July 8, 2013. The legislation was then called. A motion to amend was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight. Alderwoman Ross asked how residents would be notified. Alderman Witcher said either a letter from the City Attorney or a mailing through Neighborhood Services. Alderman Witcher said it will be September before this is enforced. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *strike through or larger recreational vehicles* (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and all members present having voted aye, Consent Agenda Items R-13-127, R-13-128, R-13-129, R-13-130, R-13-131, R-13-132, R-13-134, and R-13-135 were unanimously adopted by voice vote (8/0).

Consent items R-13-126, R-13-133, and R-13-136 were pulled and called separately.

R-13-127 (RESOLUTION NO. 8362 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JIM DAVIS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-13-128 (RESOLUTION NO. 8363 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BOB FLECKENSTINE TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-13-129 (RESOLUTION NO. 8364 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TERRY W. STEVENSON TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-13-130 (RESOLUTION NO. 8365 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JUDY WALLER TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK RESIDENTIAL HOUSE FACILITIES BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-13-131 (RESOLUTION NO. 8366 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KAREN ZAP TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HOUSING AND BUILDING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS (SIGN BOARD); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-13-132 (RESOLUTION NO. 8367 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1208 W. 8TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND THE OTHER PUPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-13-134 (RESOLUTION NO. 8368 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE SHERWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-13-135 (RESOLUTION NO. 8369 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A SITE ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH MILITARY HEIGHTS ENTERPRISES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*\$1,250.00 – General Fund*)

R-13-126 (RESOLUTION NO. 8370 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASHLEY HIGHT TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Hight

and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). Mayor Smith said the Residential Housing Facilities Board manages Parkstone Place. The board appoints replacements and the city council confirms the same. Mayor Smith said when the city's new website is up, every board and commission opening will be advertised so the public can apply. Mayor Smith and Alderman Foutch have discussed term limits for board members. This is a way to get young people involved. Alderwoman White asked if there were term limits and a person completed one term would the position be advertised. Mayor Smith said it would. Alderwoman Ross said it takes several years to get acclimated to a position. Mayor Smith used the Planning Commission as an example of a commission with experienced members.

R-13-133

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LAKEVIEW ROAD AND BARBARA DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FROM WOODCREST COMPANY, LLP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Smith described the location of the property at the corner of Barbara and Lakeview. A large drainage pipe which runs under Barbara. The property is undeveloped and owned by General Properties. Alderwoman Ross asked if the property can be dedicated as a natural green space. Mr. Voyles said it could go under Conservation Zoning. The vegetation helps with drainage (erosion) issues. Alderman Hight said the location is along the bike route and suggested a bike path. Mr. Voyles said a water line runs through the area and there is also a large drainage ditch which would be expensive to relocate underground. Mayor Smith suggested an amendment to change the zoning to Conservation and then held the legislation.

R-13-136 (RESOLUTION NO. 8371 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE PUGH FAMILY FOR THEIR DONATION MADE IN MEMORY OF T. R. PUGH TO BE USED FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE OLD MILL PARK IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. Alderwoman Ross expressed appreciation for this generous donation. Mayor Smith met with 25 family members who he described as wonderful and charming. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

NEW BUSINESS

R-13-137 (RESOLUTION NO. 8372 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1212 WEST 18TH 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. A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Foutch. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owners: Tina Pesina and Raquel Ochoa*)

R-13-138 (RESOLUTION NO. 8373 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1212 ½ WEST 18TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Foutch. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owners: Tina Pesina and Raquel Ochoa*)

Alderman White acknowledged the amount of time, money and resources Code Enforcement personnel put into the condemnation process.

R-13-139 (RESOLUTION NO. 8374 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1810 WEST LONG 17TH 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. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Regions Bank c/o Miller Properties and Rentals, LLC*)

R-13-140 (RESOLUTION NO. 8375 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1813 WEST LONG 17TH 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. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Baxter. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Regions Bank c/o Miller Properties and Rentals, LLC*)

R-13-141 (RESOLUTION NO. 8376 – MAYOR SMITH)

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 704 WEST 18TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Taylor. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount – \$3,071.25*)

R-13-142 (RESOLUTION NO. 8377 – MAYOR SMITH)

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 2013 MOSS STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Baxter. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount – \$3,721.25*)

R-13-143 (RESOLUTION NO. 8378 – MAYOR SMITH)

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 4004 ROGERS STREET IN THE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Baxter. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount - \$3,509. 70*)

R-13-144 (RESOLUTION NO. 8379 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE CERTIFIED TO 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 read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderman Taylor. 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 by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-13-66 (ORDINANCE NO. 8552 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.2.2.1(E) OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9 (PARKING REGULATIONS) REGARDING RESTRICTED PARKING DISTRICT RULES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (8/0). A motion to suspend the rules was made by Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. Alderman Witcher referenced previously adopted restricted parking districts. He said residents in each area should be able to make their own choices regarding which regulations to request. Alderman Hight agreed. Parking Districts allow council members and residents of their wards to request districts and do not apply city-wide. Mr. C. Jason Carter, City Attorney advised Parking Districts were created to allow residents in specific areas (through a process) of the city to request rules (and regulations) specific to the area. Mr. Fleming said this ordinance corrects the Application / Petition for a Restricted Parking District to exclude (the restriction on) large recreational (RV) vehicles. On the previous motion, 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). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman 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).

O-13-67 (ORDINANCE NO. 8553 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FOR MID-YEAR 2013; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, 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 Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Taylor, 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. Alderwoman Ross said Code Enforcement lost a position a few years ago when Tom Wadley was promoted to Director. The department has been short since then. A motion to amend the number of Code Enforcement Officers from 7 to 8 was made by Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Taylor. Mr. Wadley said Code currently has five (5) Abatement Officers. Mayor Smith said this would be an unfunded position. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Hight who left the council chambers, the ordinance was amended as follows: *Section 5: strike through 7 and insert 8* (7/0). Alderwoman Ross asked were the Assistant Fire Marshals were listed. Section 14 had one Fire Marshal. Chief of Staff Danny Bradley said the Fire Chief can assign anyone to serve as Fire Marshal. State law gives police officers authority as Fire Marshal as well. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and the roll having been

called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-13-68

AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 AND 600 BLOCKS OF THE EAST SIDE OF MAPLE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM PLANNED USE DEVELOPMENT (PUD) TO C-6 TO ALLOW APARTMENTS, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

was read. Alderman Taylor made a motion to suspend all readings which was seconded by Alderman Witcher. Mayor Smith advised the legislation would be held after the third reading. The newspaper notice was a week late. Alderman Taylor withdrew his motion. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (*Note: Alderman Hight reentered the council chambers during roll call*) (8/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. The legislation was then held by the sponsor, Mayor Smith. (*applicant: Brent Slater*) Alderman Baxter asked about a Community Garden on the property by the alley. Mayor Smith said the property belongs to the developer who allowed it to be used as a Community Garden location.

O-13-69 (ORDINANCE NO. 8554 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING A STORM DRAINAGE AND SEWER EASEMENT ON LOT AR, BLOCK 3, WEST COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

was read. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, all readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Baxter, 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). (*requested by: Thomas Engineering Company*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Donnie and Mrs. Rose Mary Cross spoke regarding two family cemeteries (Aaron and Carbon) on Counts Massie Drive and Richards (Richardson) Road. These cemeteries have been there since the 1900's and a developer is trying to block their access. Mrs. Cross asked for an easement. She said once the development goes in, it will block their access. Carbon Cemetery is a historic black cemetery. It is too dangerous for them to try to access the cemetery through the quarry that is adjacent to it. Mr. Voyles said the property is landlocked, Jeffrey Quarry is on one side and a landscape company is on the other side. He said the issue could be addressed at the Planning Commission level. Mrs. Cross said to access the property now, they walk through the woods. Alderwoman Robinson asked if the city had rules pertaining to cemeteries. Mr. Billy Fewell said Code Enforcement is not following

Municipal Code. Mr. Fewell said Mayor (Patrick Henry) Hays wrote an Executive Order allowing people with nuisance properties time to take care of it. Municipal Code states until a Notice to Abate is issued. No one has contacted him (since the last council meeting). Mr. Fleming said he has been cited and a court date has been set. Mr. Fewell said Mr. Williams left a note on his door indicating he did not have to go to court. Mayor Smith said the City Council or City Attorney's cannot get involved if he has a pending court case. Mayor Smith disagreed with Mr. Fewell's comments regarding Code Enforcement. Mr. Fewell said a ticket was issued in April. Alderwoman Robinson said someone was in her neighborhood taking pictures of homes with residents in them. She asked if it were an appraiser shouldn't they have something on their vehicle indicating their profession. This is concerning. Mayor Smith suggested calling 911. Alderwoman Ross said if someone feels uncomfortable about what's going on in the neighborhood, they should call the police. Alderman Foutch said there is a telephone scam going on. If residents get a call from someone saying they are with Microsoft, do not give them any information or login. Microsoft does not call people for information. Alderman Taylor said there are areas in Ward 2 where the grass is 7 feet tall (off Campbell Road and 165). The property belongs to the railroad. Railroad representatives said they do not have the money to cut it. This is undeveloped property. Alderman Taylor asked if the city could cut it and send a bill. Mayor Smith said if it is undeveloped property, you do not have to cut the grass. If, however, there was a house there that was removed, then the property would have to be maintained or cut. Mr. Wadley said undeveloped property can be left in its natural state and used Burns Park and buffer zones as examples. Alderwoman Ross announced an Emergency Preparedness meeting to be held Thursday, July 25, 2013, at the Community Center. Police, Fire, Emergency Services, Union Pacific and others will be in attendance. Alderwoman Ross traveling south on Main Street to the intersection at 7th Street, it is hard to turn left (east). She asked if a left turn signal could be installed. Alderman Baxter thanked Mayor Smith for including the City Council in Budget discussions. Alderman Baxter is participating in *I Walked A Mile In Her Shoes* / The Men's International March To Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence fundraiser this Saturday, July 27, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at McCain Mall. All proceeds will go to the Dorcus House.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman White, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, August 12, 2013, at six thirty 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