

March 27, 2017
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 27, 2017, was called to order at 6:00 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, RON HARRIS, and CHARLIE HIGHT (7/0). Alderman MURRY WITCHER was absent. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney C. Jason Carter were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Alderman Baxter.

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Harris and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Monday, March 13, 2017, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communication #1, was read by title only, accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer off Premises & Small Farm Wine – Change of Manager from Steven Bruno*, for MAPCO #7328, 3401 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, by Clarice Hatter.

On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman White, and by consent of all members present, communication #2 was read, accepted and filed (7/0).

2. Charley Baxter, Director Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center letter to Mayor Joe A. Smith re: Retirement/Resignation effective May 1, 2017.

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Baxter for his service to the city and advised Mr. Baxter will continue to work part-time for the city. He will work on the Emergency Operations Plan and will serve as Deputy Chief of Staff in the event that he (Mayor Smith) and Chief of Staff Danny Bradley are gone at the same time. Mr. Baxter will have an office in City Hall.

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communication #3 was read, accepted and filed (7/0).

3. Mayor Joe A. Smith letter to Finance Director Karen Scott, re: appointment of Bernadette Rhodes as Director of the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center, effective May 1, 2017.

Mayor Smith said he has confidence in Mrs. Rhodes and she will do a great job in her new position.

On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman White, and by consent of all members present, communication #4 was read, accepted and filed (7/0).

4. Mayor Joe A. Smith letter to Finance Director Karen Scott, re: appointment of Isaac Henry as Director of Fit 2 Live, effective May 1, 2017.

Mayor Smith said Mr. Henry will continue to work on the Teen Program and as Assistant Director of the North Little Rock Police Athletic League (PAL). Mayor Smith said he had confidence in Mr. Henry as well.

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communication #5 was read by title only, accepted and filed (7/0).

5. Deanna Montgomery – Pulaski County Master Gardener Old Mill Project email re: Thank you to Parks and Recreation Maintenance Staff for their assistance.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Bert Turner and North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Park Ranger Ian Hope to come forward. He then read portions of a Proclamation proclaiming April 5, 2017, as Arbor Day in the City of North Little Rock. Mr. Hope will serve as president of the newly revised board. A preliminary meeting has been held. Mr. Hope invited the public to attend an upcoming Arbor Day event to be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at the Argenta Branch Library. Free (tree) seedlings will be given away.

Alderman Hight reminded the public that the council meeting could be watched through a Live Feed on Facebook.

Mayor Smith announced citizen comment agenda items. Mr. James Ard spoke against O-17-23. Ten years ago, the council approved similar legislation on 52nd Street. People continue to work out of and store items in a “temporary” building. Code Enforcement or Planning needs to follow-up on it. There being no one else signed in to speak Mayor Smith closed citizen comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R-17-40 (RESOLUTION NO. 9170 – ALDERMEN ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN

AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 920 GRAHAM ROAD IN THE

CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt

was made by Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Hight. Alderwoman Ross wanted to make sure the owner understood what they were agreeing to. Mr. Frederick Jackson (the owner) said he purchased the property six or seven weeks ago and would like the opportunity to rehabilitate the property. Mayor Smith asked if he knew the requirements (regarding the cash bond). Mr. Jackson said advised “yes”, he did understand. Alderman Hight asked if this had been worked out through Legal and Code Enforcement. Mr. Carter said it had. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). *(requested by Fred Jackson - \$3,600.00)*

CONSENT AGENDA

All members present having voted "aye", consent items R-17-48, R-17-49, R-17-50, R-17-51, R-17-52, R-17-55, R-17-56, R-17-57 and R-17-58 were adopted (7/0). Items R-17-52, R-17-53, and R-17-54 were pulled and called under new business.

R-17-48 (RESOLUTION NO. 9171 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING EMANUEL BANKS TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY RON HARRIS ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PLANNING COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-49 (RESOLUTION NO. 9172 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING OTISTENE SMITH TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-50 (RESOLUTION NO. 9173 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING NEIL BRYANT TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-51 (RESOLUTION NO. 9174 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAURA JUELS TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY TOM DAVIS ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-55 (RESOLUTION NO. 9175 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALDERMAN MURRY WITCHER TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-56 (RESOLUTION NO. 9176 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIANE WHITBEY TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-57 (RESOLUTION NO. 9177 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF CERTAIN USED OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS TO THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-17-58 (RESOLUTION NO. 9178 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF CERTAIN USED OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS TO THE CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

Mayor Smith acknowledged Mr. Banks and Mrs. Smith and thanked them for their service.

NEW BUSINESS

R-17-52 (RESOLUTION NO. 9179 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BERT TURNER TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter. On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows:: *attach Personal Information Sheet (7/0)*. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/0).

R-17-53 (RESOLUTION NO. 9180 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING IAN HOPE TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows:: *attach Personal Information Sheet (7/0)*. On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/0).

R-17-54 (RESOLUTION NO. 9181 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANK OTTO TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK TREE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman Ross. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows:: *attach Personal Information Sheet (7/0)*. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Otto, Mr. Turner, Mr. Hope, Alderman Witcher and Ms. Whitbey who were also appointed to the board.

Mayor Smith also referenced R-17-57 and R-17-58 which authorizing donating used outdoor warning sirens to the cities of Ward and Cabot and said the Mayors of both cities were appreciative.

R-17-59 (RESOLUTION NO. 9182 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Taylor, and by consent of all members present the resolution was adopted (7/0). (\$18,975.00)

R-17-60 (RESOLUTION NO. 9183 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ERC HOLDINGS, LLC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Hight. Mayor Smith advised the city has been working on this property for the past year. Mr. Rob Coleman, Manager was present. The company has units in Tulsa and Bentonville. Mayor Smith referenced several artist renderings of the proposed development. He also referenced legislation regarding a (proposed) parking district for the area and changes to the Master Street Plan. New sewer and water lines will go in. Pulaski County Judge Barry Hyde has offered Road and Bridge funds for the extension of 5th Street. This is a \$16 million project with 160+ units. The buildings will be three stories and the downstairs space will have commercial height ceilings. Alderwoman Ross asked about the start date. Chief Bradley advised the fiber has been moved. The city is working with Sprint and Union Pacific to abandon the easements. Mr. Coleman said they are ready to go. The project will include 165 units, a clubhouse/café and fitness facility. One bedroom units will rent between \$775.00 and \$950.00 per month. Mr. Coleman said they were contacted by citizens who encouraged them to look at North Little Rock for a project. The city has been great to work with. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-17-61 (RESOLUTION NO. 9184 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 210 EAST 28TH 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 adopted (7/0). (*owner: Dwight Alexander*)

R-17-62 (RESOLUTION NO. 9185 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1118 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE 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 Alderwoman Robinson. 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 adopted (7/0). (*owner: Vonda V. Bailey*)

R-17-63 (RESOLUTION NO. 9186 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 325 NORTH CLOVER 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 adopted (7/0). (*owners: Joe L. and Ethel Reddix*)

R-17-64 (RESOLUTION NO. 9187 – 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 1700 PARKER 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 Alderwoman Robinson. 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 adopted (7/0). (*amount \$2,980.32*)

R-17-65 (RESOLUTION NO. 9188 – 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 2924 LINCOLN 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 Alderwoman Robinson. 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 adopted (7/0). (*amount \$4,073.10*)

O-17-20 (ORDINANCE NO. 8894 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DOWNTOWN RESTRICTED RESIDENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT #6; AMENDING NLRMC CHAPTER 9 (PARKING REGULATIONS); ~~DECLARING AN EMERGENCY~~; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *substitute copy of ordinance provided this date* (7/0). A motion to adopt as amended was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman Ross. Alderwoman Ross said the current ordinance isn't being enforced. Mayor Smith said the area in Argenta wasn't a problem area. This area, will have issues. Alderman Baxter asked if there would be issues in the first area with the loss of parking spaces (adjacent) to the ball park. Mayor Smith said the city will keep an eye on the area. 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 ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0).
Note: there was no emergency clause (see amendment).

O-17-21 (ORDINANCE NO. 8895 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.5.2 OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9 (PARKING REGULATIONS) REGARDING ARGENTA HISTORIC RESTRICTED PARKING DISTRICT #1; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called. Mayor Smith advised this is cleaning up the (existing) ordinance. The item was read. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Baxter. Alderman Hight referenced item (C) and asked if Verizon Arena should be included. Mayor Smith said people don't park that far. On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *under the 3rd Whereas, strike through 7030 and insert 7930* (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderman Hight, 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-17-22 (ORDINANCE NO. 8896 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER STREET PLAN (ORDINANCE NO. 8601) TO REMOVE NORTH POPLAR STREET, FROM SA JONES (9TH STREET) TO EAST BROADWAY STREET, AS A RESIDENTIAL COLLECTOR IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, 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).

O-17-23 (ORDINANCE NO. 8897 – MAYOR SMITH – *for consideration only*)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO TEMPORARILY ALLOW A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, IN AN R-4 R-2 ZONE, WHILE A HOME IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16400 HARVEY WATSON PLACE IN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *strike through R-4 and insert R-2* (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman White. Alderman Taylor asked where this property was located. Mayor Smith said it is in the county close to the county line. Alderman Taylor said a similar request

was denied. Mr. Shawn Spencer, Planning Director said the request is for six (6) months, while a house is being built. The builder (David Young) indicated it would be done by August (2017). Alderwoman Ross asked what would happen if it wasn't done. Mr. Carter said the city would require civil litigation. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Alderman Baxter, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted as amended (6/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Michael Sneed*)

O-17-24 (ORDINANCE NO. 8898 – ALDERWOMAN ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE FOR A DAY CARE CENTER IN AN R-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1410 EAST 2ND STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 readings were suspended (7/0). Mr. Boyd is the owner of the Day Care. He advised he understood the conditions included in the ordinance. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderwoman White, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *Section 2: (i) strike through Condition-Use and insert SPECIAL USE* (7/0). Alderman Baxter asked about a requirement for privacy fences for day cares. Mr. Spencer said that was correct, however this location has been used as a Day Care previously. The Planning Commission felt that the current (chain link) fence could remain. On the motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Taylor, 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). (*applicant: Darrell Boyd*) Ms. Whitbey reminded Mr. Boyd that a requirement of the Special Use was to get a (city issued) business license.

O-17-25 (ORDINANCE NO. 8899 – ALDERWOMAN ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE FOR A DAY CARE CENTER IN AN R-5 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 314 AND 312 E. EMILY STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 readings were suspended (7/0). The applicants were present. Alderwoman Robinson asked if they understood the conditions included in the legislation, including hours of operation and failure to get a business license. They agreed the understood. Alderwoman Ross asked if this was a home day care. The applicants advised it is in a church. Alderwoman Robinson said she had not received any complaints regarding this request. Alderman Hight said the zoning map included 314 and 312 E. Emily Street and asked if both addresses should be included. Mr. Spencer said part of the playground is on the other property. On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *insert 312 E. EMILY STREET and Section 2 (i) strike through Condition-Use and insert SPECIAL USE* (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Hight 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). (*applicant: Britney Turner and Deveta Crouther*)

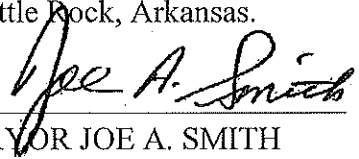
PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Ard referred to packets and pictures he provided council members and an item that came before the council 10 years ago. The location is on West 57th.

Mayor Smith then provided copies of the 2017 State of the City to council members. For several years, the population of the city has declined. It appears that since 2010, the population of the city is going up (estimated at 6.6% increase). The (current) financial state of the city is the result of calculated and cautious financial management. Our city is over 100 years old. This presents inescapable infrastructure issues. Current city officials need to look ahead to the future. North Little Rock Police Chief Mike Davis and Fire Chief Jim Murphy have done great jobs providing public safety to our residents. Mayor Smith said he learned today that the cities (Fire) ISO Rating had gone from a 2 to a 1. North Little Rock is one of six cities in the state and 243 across the country with an ISO 1 rating. Mayor Smith referenced Chief Murphy's recent death and the service provided by the North Little Rock Fire Department. He commended Fire Chief Gerald Tucker for their efforts. Mayor Smith referenced Economic Development and the quality of life in the city, including high paying jobs. However, expenses continue to rise. Increases include costs of equipment and employee health insurance. Overall expenses are up 36%. Revenue has stayed the same. Mayor Smith then highlighted some of the departments, including Human Resources, Volunteer Services, Vehicle Maintenance, Engineering/Traffic, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Safety Department and IT. These departments have excelled either through saving money/generating revenue, and streamlining various processes. Expenses in the Sanitation Department continue to climb. North Little Rock is one of three cities (Jonesboro, El Dorado) in the state that do not charge residents for sanitation pickup. Sherwood is the only other city to provide leave pickup. North Little Rock's sales tax (1 cent) is the second lowest in the state. Mayor Smith also referenced several charts included in the report. Some options to consider would be a sales tax increase or Sanitation fee. Mayor Smith asked the council to review the information and advised the next council meeting will convened at 5:30 p.m. to allow time to ask questions and for discussion.

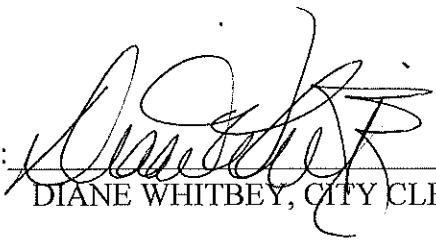
There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderwoman Ross, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting which will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at five-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