

May 14, 2018
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, May 14, 2018, was called to order at 6:03 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, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, CHARLIE HIGHT, and MURRY WITCHER (7/0). Council Member MAURICE TAYLOR was absent. City Clerk Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk/Revenue Enforcement Officer Shannon Carroll and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by City Attorney Fields.

On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Monday, April 23, 2018, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Harris, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, and 4, were not read, but were accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Saul Rousseau, Argenta City Club Contribution Committee Chair – memorandum to Mayor Joe A. Smith re: Annual Performance Report.
2. Karen Scott, Finance Director/Chair Energy Risk Management Committee memorandum to City Clerk Diane Whitbey re: ECR Adjustment Factor – May, 2018 (.0013) [credit].
4. Jesse Lairy – Petition Requesting Speed Hump on Ben Street (26 signatures for).

On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, communication #3 was read by title only and accepted and filed (7/0).

3. Hank Godwin email to Mayor Smith re: Ozark Mission Project – Community Impact.
- Council Member Ross thanked the volunteers for the work they have done in North Little Rock.

On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, communication #5 was read, accepted and filed (7/0).

5. Notice of Open House Public Meeting – via email – Proposed Streetscape Improvements in areas of Camp Robinson and Pike Avenue, May 15, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Levy Baptist Church, 3501 Pike Avenue.

Council Member Baxter said this is a drop by type meeting and encouraged the public to attend and ask questions. Council Member Ross said the plans include changing the direction of some streets.

On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, communication #6, was read, accepted and filed (7/0).

6. David N. Miles, Jr. email to Council Member Charlie Hight re: condition of Burns Park Golf Course.

Mayor Smith invited the following members of the North Little Rock High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams to come forward.

NLRHS 2018 Girls Basketball Team:

Ashanti Backus, Demyla Brown, Adia Carnagie, Sarah Douglass, Amber Hawkinson, Tiona Mackey, Semyris Morris, Yo'myris Morris, Jordyn Neal, Yasmine Ott, An'Nyah Pettus, Katie Pryor, Kennady Tucker, Toshia Woodruff, and Coaches: Daryl Fimple, Dollie Jackson, Russell Stumpenhous

NLRHS 2018 Boys Basketball Team:

Caleb Agee, Ray Fresh, Shawn Fudge, Otis Jordan, Miles Moody, Moses Moody, Collin Moore, Mason Shaw, Spencer Simes, Keenan Veasley, Mekhai Washington, Decorey Watkins, and Coaches: Johnny Rice, Marcus Adams, Wes Bilon, Jim Eckhart.

Both teams won the State Championship this year. Mayor Smith visited with the team members before the council meeting and presented each member with a proclamation. Team coaches then introduced the members and photos were taken with Mayor Smith.

Mayor Smith reconvened a public hearing regarding O-18-26 – establishing Electric Rates for the North Little Rock Electric Department at 6:17 p.m. Ms. Jennifer Johansen lives in Levy and is a North Little Rock Electric Department Customer. She supports the restructuring plan. The department has looked ahead and planned for its future needs. Pastor Daryl Dandredge is the pastor at New Creation Bible Church on Percy Machin, in the Military Heights area. He understands the need. Inflation and the cost of living increase, while income remains the same. A lot of people in the city are on a fixed income. Pastor Dandredge said notification of (these) hearings could have been included with electric bills. The church is trying to help residents in the community. If this change passes, more help will be needed. Mr. Henry Fisbeck lives in Ward 3. He is opposed to this legislation. The one-cent sales tax was supposed to take care of the city's needs. The increase will be hard on low and fixed income users. It will also cause businesses and residents to leave the city. His property value has decreased by 50% during the past 10 years. The city needs to be more efficient. Mrs. Phyllis Hodges met with several council members following the previous meeting and thanked them for their time. She said after talking with them, she realized the importance of the upgrades. Mrs. Hodges said people need more time to work on their (business) finances and/or acquire more customers. Other business owners and pastors feel the same way. Mr. James Ard is not opposed to higher rates. He is on a fixed income and it is hard to come up with more money. North Little Rock hasn't had an Electric rate increase in 10 years. Maintenance is important. The city has 14 Switching Stations. One is under construction.

Eight of the stations are over 45 years old. The Electric Department performs general maintenance. However, lightning and squirrels can take out equipment. Mr. Kristian Nelson said the United States produces more energy than any other country. There are alternative ways to provide energy that might save money. Mr. Nelson works at Hawks Blues Café. It is a daily battle to keep the lights on, meet payroll and pay taxes. Running a business is hard. He has 15 to 20 employees who work 40 hours a week. Many of them are convicted felons. If they go out of business, it will affect the employees. Mr. Nelson said he supported the one-cent sales tax increase. He asked Council Members to consider another alternative. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O-18-26 (ORDINANCE NO. 9000 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ELECTRIC RATES FOR NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT CUSTOMERS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

was read one time April 9, 2018. It was read a second time April 23, 2018. Public hearings were held April 9, 2019, and April 23, 2018. A public hearing was reconvened this date (see above), and adjourned (see above). The ordinance was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *Section 4: strike through 2019 and insert 2020 (7/0)*. A motion to adopt as amended was made by Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight. Council Member Ross said the Electric Department has a separate budget. Neither the one-cent sales tax nor city budget funds the Electric Department. Mayor Smith said the Electric Department is a company that the city owns. Decisions have to be made for the company the same as Entergy or Southwest Electric Co-op. The City Council is the Board of Directors for the company. Council Member Ross owned a business. (An additional) \$40.00 a month is a lot for anyone. However, when she owned a business, if suppliers raised their prices, she had to raise hers. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Robinson, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted as amended (6/1). On the emergency clause, all members present voted in the affirmative with the exception of Council Member Robinson, who voted no, emergency clause adopted (6/1).

Mayor Smith then convened public comment on remaining legislation and advised regarding O-18-30 – an ordinance reclassifying property East of Graham Avenue and North of Page Mill Road, the item will be held. Mr. Steven Briggs said they have a lot of mosquitos in the neighborhood. Everyone in the neighborhood is against the proposal to remove and sell the dirt to make the property into farmland. Pastor Earl Graham is the Senior Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church which is located off of Page Mill Road. His interest is for his parishioners. There are concerns about the church property, access and the parking lot. Mr. Paul Smith is a life-long member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. The church relocated from Willow Street to their current location in February, 2017. They have not received any

notification regarding the proposed project. Mr. Smith took some photographs which he distributed to council members. Mayor Smith said he spoke with the applicant who advised the church was supportive of the proposal and that he (the applicant) was cleaning out the property. Mr. Smith said the church Board of Trustees and Directors have not received any written notice as to what is taking place or the purpose. Mr. Smith said there are concerns about using the streets for heavy equipment to transport the dirt. He also said there were concerns with accessing the property through the church's easements or parking lot. Mr. Smith asked who would monitor the mining and how long the project would last. He also asked who would be responsible for repairs or damages caused by the mining. Mr. Smith asked if there would be flooding issues and referenced a lake behind the church. Finally, he asked if there was a bond in place and if any additional insurance would be required. Council Member Robinson said she spoke with a representative of the Gas Pipeline Company and was advised there are two gas pipelines on the property. One has been there since 1940. The other was added in 1970. If the pipeline were to burst, it could release 1,000 pounds of gas. Council Member Robinson said UPS (Arkansas One Call) needed to go out and determine where the lines are located. She also spoke with someone at Texas Eastern and was advised the same regarding the pipelines.

CONSENT AGENDA

None filed.

NEW BUSINESS

R-18-92 (RESOLUTION NO. 9428 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member White, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-18-93 (RESOLUTION NO. 9429 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THOMAS ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SIXTH STREET DESIGN PROJECTS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS

(\$63,670.00); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-18-94 (RESOLUTION NO. 9430 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALESSI KEYES CONSTRUCTION FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR ARGENTA PLAZA; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made

by Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight. Mayor Smith said the plans are

near completion. The maximum of the contract with Alessi Keyes will be \$4 million. If the amount is more or less after bids, (the council) will need to make an adjustment. The plaza (space) increased by 13,000 square feet since it now extends to the front of the First Orion property. Deductive Alternatives included using a different kind of paver or concrete in place of some of the pavers. There will be brushed concrete behind the History building (The Heritage Center). The height of the (visual) screen will be reduced to the top of the History building, which will also reduce costs. Mayor Smith referenced an underground room that has to be ordered. First Orion Corporation has drawings for their foundation and steel. The city will coordinate some of the work. The First Orion property should close within the next three (3) weeks. Council Member White asked about the completion date. Mayor Smith estimated 14 to 16 months for First Orion. The Plaza work will begin at Main Street and work towards the First Orion property. The 600 Main Building will begin about 60 days after other construction. If work can begin in June (2018), the completion date may be late summer to early fall of 2019. Council Member Hight asked the amount of the reductions. Mayor Smith estimated \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member White, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *Section 3: strike the Carry Forward Fund and insert FY18 BUDGET (7/0).* On the motion of Council Member Witcher, and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/0).

R-18-95 (RESOLUTION NO. 9431 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1106 EAST 2ND 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 PUROSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member 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). (*owners: Minnie Wallace and Ida Mae Shields*)

R-18-96 (RESOLUTION NO. 9432 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 921 ROSECLAIR DRIVE 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 Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member 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: Barbara Slater*)

R-18-97 (RESOLUTION NO. 9433 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 820 EAST 14TH 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 Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member 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: Robert Coats*)

R-18-98 (RESOLUTION NO. 9434 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CERTIFYING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY 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 Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Robinson. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Smith adjourned the public hearing. Council Member Ross asked about the Gloryland property on Marion. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

O-18-30

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF GRAHAM AVENUE AND NORTH OF PAGE MILL ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM R-1 TO R-2 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW THE SALE OF TOPSOIL IN ORDER TO PREPARE LAND FOR ROW CROPS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held by the sponsor, Mayor Smith. (*applicant: David Mitchell*)

O-18-31 (ORDINANCE NO. 9001 – COUNCIL MEMBER WITCHER)

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4600 BRILEY ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM I-1 TO R-2 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; ADOPTING AN AMENDED LAND USE PLAN FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A HIGH SCHOOL IN AN R-2 ZONE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Witcher 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 (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all

members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Witcher and seconded by Council Member Hight, 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). (*applicant: McClelland Consulting Engineers*)

O-18-32 (ORDINANCE NO. 9002 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4901 ALLEN STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM O-1 TO R-3 BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, 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). (*applicant: Thomas Engineering*)

O-18-33 (ORDINANCE NO. 9003 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9011 HIGHWAY 70 IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM C-3 AND C-4 TO I-2 BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; ADOPTING AN AMENDED LAND USE PLAN FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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 readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Robinson 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). (*Marlar Engineering*)

O-18-34 (ORDINANCE NO. 9004 – MAYOR SMITH *for consideration only*)

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE FOR A MOBILE HOME IN AN R-2 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7001 FAULKNER LAKE ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Smith asked if the neighbors were okay with the request. Mr. Shawn Spencer, Planning Director advised neighbors were at the Planning Commission meeting and after hearing the applicant's plans, they were okay with the temporary Special Use. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). Council Member Ross asked what will happen if the mobile home is not removed in three (3) years. City Attorney Fields said it would be a violation of the Special Use and a citation would be issued. On the motion of Council Member Baxter, and seconded by Council Member Harris, 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). (*owner: Delano Davis*)

O-18-35 (ORDINANCE NO. 9005 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE FOR A DAYCARE CENTER IN A C-1 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2000 FENDLEY DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Harris, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Carmell Boyd*)

O-18-36 (ORDINANCE NO. 9006 – COUNCIL MEMBER HIGHT)

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE FOR AN APPRAISAL BUSINESS AND A RESIDENCE IN THE SAME BUILDING FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2 EAST 56TH PLACE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Hight 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). (*applicant: Brian K. Owens*)

O-18-37 (ORDINANCE NO. 9007 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A PARKING LOT IN A C-6 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT WEST 7TH STREET AND MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Hight, 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). (*applicant: Thomas Engineering*)

O-18-38 (ORDINANCE NO. 9008 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A PARKING LOT IN A C-6 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT N. MAGNOLIA STREET AND EAST 6TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the

readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Ross, 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). (*applicant: Thomas Engineering*)

O-18-39 (ORDINANCE NO. 9009 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW AN AUTO WINDOW TINTING BUSINESS IN A C-3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13120 CRYSTAL HILL ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hight. Council Member Hight asked if the amount of window tint allowed was state or local law. The applicant, Mr. Justin Lamb said it is by state law. The percentage for a sedan is 25% on the front windows and 15% on the back window. The percentage for an SUV is 25% for the front windows and 10% on the back window. On the previous motion, 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). (*applicant: Justin Lamb*)

O-18-40 (ORDINANCE NO. 9010 – COUNCIL MEMBER HARRIS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8901 WHICH GRANTED A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW METAL WORK AND CUSTOM FABRICATION IN A C-4 ZONE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1709 WEST 37TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hight. Council Member Ross asked if this was for an existing Conditional Use. Mr. Spencer advised it was. This is a new building. The garage doors do not work on the side. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*previous applicant: Mike Marlar*)

O-18-41 (ORDINANCE NO. 9011 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (“THE ZONING ORDINANCE”) BY REPEALING ARTICLE NINETEEN, BOARDS; ADOPTING ARTICLE NINETEEN, BOARDS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mr. Spencer said the Planning Department is in the process of rewriting the zoning ordinance. They have found some areas (regarding boards) that were written poorly. This legislation will make it clearer as to which board an applicant needs to go before. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member White and seconded by Council Member 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).

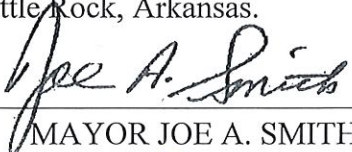
O-18-42

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (“THE ZONING ORDINANCE”) TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH LOCUST STREET SIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held by Council Member Robinson. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Smith said new (emergency warning) sirens have been installed. Beginning Wednesday, May 30, 2018, a new 45 second siren will be tested. This information will also be on the city’s website. Mr. Nathan Hamilton, Communication Director said the new sirens are digital and multi-directional. Mayor Smith distributed copies of *North Little Rock Proud*, a new magazine that will be mailed to residents and businesses in the city. If this is well-received, it will become a quarterly magazine. Mayor Smith said the next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 28, 2018. With approval from the council, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. Council Member Baxter said there may be a graduation at Verizon Arena that night so parking could be an issue. Mr. James Ard thanked the council for their vote for the Electric rates. The Electric Department is a business and it takes a lot to keep it running. Mr. Ard said Mayor Smith has done away with over \$40 million in debt. Mayor Smith said the city paid off \$10 million in loans last year. Council Member Robinson said she appreciates the Street Department for picking up campaign signs that are placed in the right-of-way. This can be unsightly. Council Member Ross said there are signs in the area of the Veteran’s Memorial attached to the fence. Ms. Whitbey said this was brought to the attention of the Library’s Director. Council Member Witcher acknowledged Mr. James Bray, retired General Manager North Little Rock Electric Department. Mr Bray retired last week with 43 years of service to the city.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on *Tuesday, May 29, 2018*, 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