

January 27, 2020  
Six o'clock P.M.  
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers  
300 Main Street  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020, was called to order at 6:00 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, MAURICE TAYLOR, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, JANE GINN and CHARLIE HIGHT (7/0). Council Member LINDA ROBINSON was absent. City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk/Revenue Enforcement Officer Shannon Carroll and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

On the blanket motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3, and 4, were not read, but were accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer off Premises – Replacement for Monica B. Han, Small Farm Wine & Grocery Store Wine – New, Stone Mart fka Broadway Valero, 605 E. Broadway, by Sulaiman Hudda.*
2. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Liquor & Beer off Premises – Replacement for Cheryl D. Dees, for Red Devil Liquor fka Crystal Hill Liquor, 6012 Crystal Hill Road, by Craig Friedman.*
3. Bert Turner, via email re: Media Release – Old Mill Wins Project of the Year from Pulaski County Master Gardeners.
4. Ember Strange, Finance Director/Chair Energy Risk Management Committee memorandum re: PCA Rate for February, 2020 – (.0014/kwh) negative.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Council Member Hight.

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Monday, January 13, 2020, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

Mayor Smith invited Margaret Powell, Director of External Affairs to come forward. Mrs. Powell advised this is the 20<sup>th</sup> year the city has hosted a Sister City event. The Winter Program is underway with youth from Uiwang City, South Korea staying with local families while attending school in the North Little Rock School District for a month. This year there are five girls and five boys. Mr. Han has been to North Little Rock nine times as part of the program. Mrs. Powell introduced Mr. Han's family, program participants and host families. Mr. Han read a letter to Mayor Smith from the Mayor of Uiwang City.

Mayor Smith invited Ms. Sherry Bruno, North Little Rock Sertoma Club, and Council Member Hight to join him at the podium to present trophies to the 2019 North Little Rock Sertoma Club Christmas Parade winners. Trophies were presented to the following:

Mayor's Cup	Antique Machinery and Historical Society
Chairman's Choice	Dance Dynamics North
Best Girl Scout Float	Girl Scout Troop 6556/6906
Best Beauty Entry	Arkansas State Fair Queen
Best Club Entry	SS22 Little Rock
Best Scout Award	Cub Scout Pack #87
Best Decorated Commercial or Business	McLarty Nissan
Best Non Profit	Scimitar Shriners
Best Dance/Performing	Meadow Park Elementary
Best Fire Truck	East Pulaski Fire Department
Best Marching Group	North Little Rock High School Chase the Wild Bug
Best Riding Group	Pulaski County Sheriff's Department Mounted Patrol

Mayor Smith announced a Special Call meeting.

January 24, 2020

Special Meeting of the North Little Rock City Council

Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council:

The purpose of this e-mail is to advise you that Mayor Smith has called a special meeting of the North Little Rock City Council at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020, at City Hall Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

**R-20-19 – Accepting the low bid of and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Contract with Mid-America Sports Construction for the Rehabilitation of the Dickey Stephens Ballpark; appropriating funds; amending the 2020 budget. Sponsor: Mayor Joe A. Smith.**

Pursuant to North Little Rock Ordinance No. 9079, you are entitled to 72 hours' *electronic* notice of this meeting. Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail as soon as possible by replying to the same. A copy of your reply will automatically be sent to City Clerk Diane Whitbey.

Amy Beckman Fields  
City Attorney

Special Call R-20-19 (RESOLUTION NO. 9806 – MAYOR SMITH)  
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MID-AMERICA SPORTS

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CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE DICKEY STEPHENS BALLPARK; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). Mayor Smith said the city is hopeful to be reimbursed these funds by FEMA. (\$375,709.00)

One applicant signed in for citizen public comment on legislation and will be invited to speak when the legislation is called.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None.*

### CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by voice vote and all members present having voted aye, R-20-03, R-20-04, R-20-05, R-20-06, R-20-07, R-20-08, R-20-09, R-20-10, and R-20-11, were adopted (7/0).

R-20-03 (RESOLUTION NO. 9807 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILL JONES TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY BENTLEY WALLACE ON THE ROCK REGION METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). Mr. Jones will be sworn in by his wife, North Little Rock District Court Judge Paula Jones.

R-20-04 (RESOLUTION NO. 9808 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILL GRUBER TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY MARK HALTER ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK AIRPORT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). Ms. Whitbey administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Gruber.

R-20-05 (RESOLUTION NO. 9809 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILL LEMASTER TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY MELINDA STANDLEY ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). Ms. Whitbey administered the Oath of Office to Mr. LeMaster.

R-20-06 (RESOLUTION NO. 9010 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-20-07 (RESOLUTION NO. 9811 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTA COMMUNITY THEATER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$75,000.00)

R-20-08 (RESOLUTION NO. 9812 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BUTTERFLY COMMUNITY (SEIS PUENTES PROJECT); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$39,000.00)

R-20-09 (RESOLUTION NO. 9813 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTA DOWNTOWN COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$110,000.00)

R-20-10 (RESOLUTION NO. 9814 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK UNITS OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$66,000.00)

R-20-11 (RESOLUTION NO. 9815 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO RENEW A LEASE AGREEMENT AND ENTER INTO AN EXTENSION ADDENDUM WITH COULSON PROPERTIES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4610 CAMP ROBINSON ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$1,250.00 per month)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

R-20-12 (RESOLUTION NO. 9816 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NANCY COCHRAN TIPPIT TRUST AND THE GEORGE EDWARD COCHRAN TRUST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2721 POPLAR STREET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (\$1,000.00 per month). Mayor Smith said the property will be used for construction staging for the Justice Building project. Council Member Ross asked if the city has an option to purchase the property. Mayor Smith advised it does.

R-20-13 (RESOLUTION NO. 9817 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 600 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOARD; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER

PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Mayor Smith advised the (North Little Rock) Convention and Visitors Office (NLRCVB) will be in the (600 Main) building. Initially, funds were going to be borrowed in their name, however, Bond Counsel preferred the city finance the project. NLRCVB will pay the city \$12,000.00 per month. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (\$2,900,000.00)

R-20-14 (RESOLUTION NO. 9818 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 9781 (2020 BUDGET) FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK AIRPORT;

APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ginn asked for an update on the project. Mayor Smith said the project was reduced from \$5.5 million to \$3 million. A restaurant previously proposed as part of the project has been removed. An additional Hangar has been added. Council Member White asked what will happen if the land sale (funds to be used for this project) fails. Mayor Smith said the project would have to come back to the city council. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

Mayor Smith convened a public hearing on R-20-15 - 321 North Elm Street and R-20-16 - 808 East 17<sup>th</sup> Street. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned.

R-20-15 (RESOLUTION NO. 9819 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 321 NORTH ELM 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. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Charles L. and Johnnie Jones and all Heirs*)

R-20-16 (RESOLUTION NO. 9820 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 808 EAST 17<sup>TH</sup> 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. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council

Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Peggy Ritchie*)

R-20-17 (RESOLUTION NO. 9821 – 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 112 SUNSET LANE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS;

AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member 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). (\$6,518.53)

R-20-18 (RESOLUTION NO. 9822 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CERTIFYING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS AS A RESULT OF GRASS CUTTING

EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF OTHER NUISANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member 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 adopted (7/0).

O-20-03 (ORDINANCE NO. 9205 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDNIG THE 2020 QUOTA ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9197) FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC AND SANITATION DEPARTMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member

Ross and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Council Member Ross asked Ms. Betty Anderson, Human Resources Director if the Sanitation Code Enforcement Officer positon was full-time. Ms. Anderson advised it was. 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).

O-20-04 (ORDINANCE NO. 9206 – COUNCIL MEMBER HARRIS)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A CAR LOT IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4325 MACARTHUR DRIVE 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 Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Harris 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). (*applicant A & B Auto Sales, LLC – Paul Pinkston*)

O-20-05 (ORDINANCE NO. 9207 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A SECTION OF NORTH POPLAR STREET TO JUSTICE CENTER DRIVE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross 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 Taylor. Council Member Hight asked why only a portion of the street was being renamed and not all the way to 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Smith said this would affect less addresses that would have to be changed. 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 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).

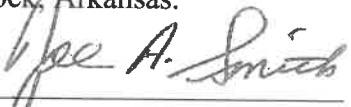
O-20-06 (ORDINANCE NO. 9208 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROSS AND WHITE)

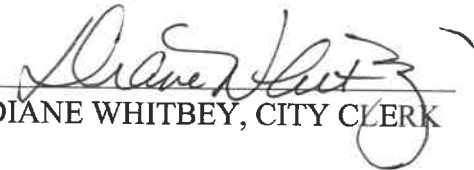
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF SECTIONS 14.25 AND 14.26 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AN OFF-PREMISE MONUMENT SIGN FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN A C-3 ZONE LOCATED AT 3400 SPRINGHILL DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member White and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hight. 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 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 Setu, Inc. – Manoj Patel*). Council Member Ross commended Mr. Manoj Patel for his work in the area and with sharing the parking lot with the hospital and CARTI. Mayor Smith said Mr. Patel's (existing) hotel, located in North Little Rock has again been named number one in the country. Mr. Patel advised construction is already underway on the hotel behind CARTI.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. James Ard thanked Jay Stanley for getting the sound working for the television audience. Mr. Ard said a lot of sewer work, roofing, etc. take place on Saturday and Sunday. He said Code Enforcement Officers take their vehicles home. He suggested they be subject to being on-call. Police officers used to issue warnings for workers to get permits. Mr. Ard observe five roofs being installed two weeks ago. Council Member Taylor said some cities do honorary street namings and this may be something the city needs to look into. Council Member Hight commended Council Member Ginn for her first year on the City Council. Mayor Smith said she has become involved in the Arkansas Municipal League and said her efforts are appreciated.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, February 10, 2020, 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