February 10, 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, February 10, 2020, was called to order at 5:59 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, JANE GINN and CHARLIE HIGHT (6/0). Council Members MAURICE TAYLOR and RON HARRIS were absent. Chief Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Katelyn Thomas, 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 Council Member Ginn.

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 and a Special Call meeting held on Monday, January 27, 2020, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (6/0).

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, 4, 6, and 13, were not read, but were accepted and filed (6/0).

1. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer Off Premise – Small Farm Wine-Retail, Grocery Store Wine – COM from Johnathan Muse*, for CVS/Pharmacy #10975, 2501 McCain Boulevard, by Taylor McKinney.
2. Jennifer Hughes, Petition Requesting Speed Hump on North Hills Boulevard (7901), (10 signatures – for).
3. Bruce Engstron, Treasurer, Argenta Downtown Central Business Improvement District No. 1 – Annual Financial Report for Year End December 31, 2019.
4. C. Tad Bohannon, Chief Executive Officer, Central Arkansas Water letter to Mayor Joe A. Smith re: Proposed Issuance of Revenue Bonds (not more than $6.5 million).
6. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Private Club B-Retail Beer On Premise – Change of Manager from William Laury*, for Vision's, 7900 Bicentennial Road, by Alan Chang. (*Note: address is outside city-limits*).

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, communication #5 was read by title only, and accepted and filed (6/0).

5. Mayor Smith, letter to City Council Members re: Expansion of responsibilities of Kenny Stephens to include Director of Traffic Services.

Council Member Ross said communications #7 thru #12 were (new) beer and wine applications for Family Dollar Stores. She asked if (residential) neighbors were notified. Police Chief Mike Davis said a sign is placed in front of each location (by the Alcohol and Beverage Control Board [ABC]) as notification to the public. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present communications 7 thru 12 were accepted and filed (6/0).

7. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer Off Premise, Small Farm Wine – Retail, & Grocery Store Wine – NEW*, for Family Dollar Store #20741, 2633 Pike Avenue, by Lonnie W. McCaffety.
8. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer Off Premise, Small Farm Wine – Retail, & Grocery Store Wine – NEW*, for Family Dollar Store #03023, 4149 E. Broadway St., by Lonnie W. McCaffety.
9. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer Off Premise, Small Farm Wine – Retail, & Grocery Store Wine – NEW*, for Family Dollar Store #32112, 5613 MacArthur Drive, by Lonnie W. McCaffety.
10. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer Off Premise, Small Farm Wine – Retail, & Grocery Store Wine – NEW*, for Family Dollar Store #26314, 4204 Camp Robinson Road, by Lonnie W. McCaffety.
11. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer Off Premise, Small Farm Wine – Retail, & Grocery Store Wine – NEW*, for Family Dollar Store #25472, 4143 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, by Lonnie W. McCaffety.
12. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer Off Premise, Small Farm Wine – Retail, & Grocery Store Wine – NEW*, for Family Dollar Store #30170, 2115 Highway 161, by Lonnie W. McCaffety.

On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, communication #13 was accepted and filed (6/0).

13. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Restaurant Beer and Wine Combo – NEW,* for Old Mill Pizza, 4000 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, by James Born.

**<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>**

*None.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by voice vote and all members present having voted aye, consent items R-20-20, R-20-21, R-20-23, R-20-24, R-20-26, R-20-27, and R-20-28 were adopted (7/0). R-20-22 and R-20-25 were pulled and called under new business.

R-20-20 (RESOLUTION NO. 9823 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS ARTS CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (*$40,000,00*)

R-20-21 (RESOLUTION NO. 9824 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A PREPURCHASED FOOD AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS FOODBANK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (*$20,000.00*)

R-20-23 (RESOLUTION NO. 9825 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS REGIONAL INNOVATION HUB, INC: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (*$125,000.00*)

R-20-24 (RESOLUTION NO. 9826 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THEA FOUNDATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (*$48,000.00*)

R-20-26 (RESOLUTION NO. 9827 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020 ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ARGENTA DOWNTOWN COUNCIL; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (*$130,000.00*)

R-20-27 (RESOLUTION NO. 9828 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SERVICE BETWEEN THE PATRICK HENRY HAYS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER AND BGC ADVANTAGE D/B/A HICKORY VIEW LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (*$27,925.00*)

R-19-28 (RESOLUTION NO. 9829 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SERVICE BETWEEN THE PATRICK HENRY HAYS SENIOR CITIZENS

CENTER AND BGC ADVANTAGE D/B/A MAPLE PLACE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (*$32,325.00*)

*Note: Council Member Harris entered the council chambers at 6:08 p.m.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

R-20-22 (RESOLUTION NO. 9830 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member White. Mayor Smith asked North Little Rock Police Officer Shelby Hunter, PAL Director to come forward and update the council on program activities. Mr. Hunter said the program is sports related and included football, basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and cheer (leading). Mr. Hunter coaches teams as well. He has added "Life Skills" classes which include leadership and additional education. Officer Hunter reaches out to people in various career fields including plumbers, electricians, teachers, nurses, etc. to give participants someone to talk to about future opportunities. He also brought in members of the military and police department to talk to participants about possibilities. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*$60,000.00*)

R-20-25 (RESOLUTION NO. 9831 – MAYOR SMITH
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OZARK MISSION PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Council Member White said Mr. Hank Godwin was present and invited him to speak on the program. Mr. Godwin has lived in the city over 50 years. He thanked the council for their involvement in all communities in North Little Rock. The Ozark Mission Project has worked on over 400 homes in the city. Projects included minor repairs, property cleanup, installation of wheel chair ramps, etc. Council Member Hight said the program works with Lakewood Methodist Church. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*$10,000.00*)

R-20-29 (RESOLUTION NO. 9832 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO REAUTHORIZE AND INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIFIED DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member White. On the motion of Council Member Baxter, and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the legislation was amended as follows:: *substitute Exhibit A provided this date* (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/0).

R-20-30 (RESOLUTION NO. 9833 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT TO REAUTHORIZE AND INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-20-31 (RESOLUTION NO. 9834 – 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 315 NORTH HICKORY STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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). (*amount - $3,213.73*)

O-20-07 (ORDINANCE NO. 9209 – MAYOR SMITH)
AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL OWNERS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS TO MUNICIPAL MULTIPURPOSE PROPERTY OWNERS' IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 28; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross 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 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).

O-20-08 (ORDINANCE NO. 9210 – MAYOR SMITH)
AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS FROM SKYCOP INC., A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR; 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). Council Member Hight asked about the equipment. Police Chief Davis said the city has had several of these (17) for several years. The purpose is to assist the department in solving crime. This equipment will replace old readers. Chief Davis referenced cameras included in the next piece of legislation. These are replacements for stationary cameras located in various areas around the city. 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). (*$62,195.58*)

O-20-09 (ORDINANCE NO. 9211 – MAYOR SMITH)
AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FROM CRIME POINT, INC., A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR; 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 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). (*$56,521.71*)

O-20-10
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; AMENDING AND REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time and held by the sponsor, Council Member Robinson.

O-20-11 (ORDINANCE NO. 9212 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)
AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1300 WEST 4TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM R-4 ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO PUD ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697; 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 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 Company*)

O-20-12 (ORDINANCE NO. 9213 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9130, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 9154, WHICH GRANTED A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A TIRE SHOP AND AN AUTO DETAIL BUSINESS IN A C-4 ZONE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 923 EAST BROADWAY 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 Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Harris. Council Member Ross asked for more information. The applicant, Mr. Larry Carpenter said the use of the garage would be 95% tire work. He has ordered covers for the container in the back. The trees are in and will be installed soon. There would be minimal auto repair such as brakes and spark plugs. Mr. Shawn Spencer, Planning Director said the property is zoned C-4 which allows auto repair by right. 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: Larry Carpenter*)

O-20-13 (ORDINANCE NO. 9214 – COUNCIL MEMBERS HARRIS AND HIGHT)
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING STREETS AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES WITHIN PHASE 1 OF GRANDVIEW PLACE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called. Without objection, Council Member Baxter was added as a co-sponsor. The ordinance was then 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). 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). (*requested by Joe E. White of White-Daters & Associates, Inc.*)

O-20-14
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF SECTION 14.10(E) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 860 EAST BROADWAY 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 all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Council Member Ross said the signs are already up. Mr. Spencer said this is an enforcement issue since the signs were installed without permission. Council Member Ross asked if there were other signs in the area such as this. Mr. Spencer said he was not aware of any other electronic wall signs in the city. There are pole and monument signs. Council Member White asked if there were two signs. Mr. Spencer said only one pole or monument is allowed (when allowed). Council Member Hight said exceptions have been made in the past when a sign was either replaced or there was a hardship. In this case, the purpose of the signs is for a competitive advantage. If the applicant is allowed to keep these signs, other businesses in the area may want (similar) signs as well. Council Member Hight said he had concerns with the request for two signs. The applicant, Mr. Inderjit Singh said messages would include advertisements of prices (weekly specials), etc. The content would be changed weekly. Mr. Singh said he hired a local company and (they) applied for a permit. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. There being no one else present wishing to speak, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and the following members having voted no: Ross, White, Ginn and Hight; and the following members having voted yes: Robinson, Baxter, and Harris, the motion to adopt failed (3/4). (*applicant: Inderjit Singh – Warehouse Liquor Mart*)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Andy Gill commended the council on their efficiency during City Council Meetings. Mr. Gill is a District Court Judge and a candidate for 9th Division Circuit Court which includes Pulaski and Perry Counties. Judge Gill and his wife have been married 17 years and have two children. Before attending Law School he worked in the mental health field as a case manager. After obtaining his law degree he worked as a prosecutor for 15 years. He has been a district judge for the past seven (7) years. He encouraged voters to research the candidates and asked for their vote. Early voting begins February 18, 2020. The election will be held March 3, 2020. Ms. Kristina "K G" Gulley lives in the Argenta area. She is running for Justice of the Peace – Pulaski County Quorum Court District 10. She said she will listen to the needs of constituents and work to resolve concerns. She asked for voters support and votes. Council Member Hight wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Council Member Harris said the Winter Municipal League Conference is this week.

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 6:34 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, February 24, 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