

March 23, 2020 and April 13, 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, April 13, 2020, was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Joe A. Smith.

*Note: the meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Corona Virus. All items were carried over and will be called this date.*

The roll having been called and the following Council Members answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, BETH WHITE, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, JANE GINN and CHARLIE HIGHT (8/0). City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey, and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

*Note: Council Members participated in the meeting electronically. Mayor Smith, City Clerk Whitbey and City Attorney Fields were present in the council chambers.*

The prayer was led by Council Member Taylor.

### **March 23, 2020 City Council Agenda Items**

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member White and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Monday, March 9, 2020, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (8/0).

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communications #1 and 2, were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Debbie Pepper (via US Mail) Petition Requesting Speed Hump on Countryside Drive (18 signatures for).
2. John Owens, President North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Activity Report Q1 2020.

*Note: those wishing to speak during public comment were allowed to call into the meeting and placed in a call-waiting room. They will be called upon if needed as legislation is called.*

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None.*

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member White withdrew consent items R-20-42, R-20-43, R-20-44, R-20-45, R-20-46, R-20-47, and R-20-48.

R-20-42

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LICENSE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH GREATER SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (217 North Hazel Street); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn. (amount: \$3,000.00)

R-20-43

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LICENSE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL (201 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn. (amount: \$500.00)

R-20-44

A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH Y AND Y DEVELOPMENT (4601 East Broadway); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn.

R-20-45

A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ANTI-POVERTY GROUP FOR THE ANTI-POVERTY GROUP COMMUNITY GARDEN (6301 Camp Robinson Road); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn.

R-20-46

A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (corner of West 4<sup>th</sup> and West Orange Streets); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn.

R-20-47

A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ST. JOSEPH CENTER OF ARKANSAS (6800 Camp Robinson); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn. (amount: \$3,450.00)

R-20-48

A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH AGAPE COMMUNITY TEMPLE OF SERVANTS (ACTS) CHURCH (1224 Franklin Street); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn. (*amount: \$594.84*)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

R-20-49 (RESOLUTION NO. 9844 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE WITH WILLIAM L. MONK AND TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR PIKE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member White 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount: \$50,000.00*)

*Note: The following items, R-20-50 thru R-20-55 were withdrawn by Mayor Smith to allow Code Enforcement time to re-notify property owners.*

R-20-50

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1602 GUM 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 withdrawn. (*owners: Larry Thomas Morehead and Brittany Nicole Taylor*)

R-20-51

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1412 EAST 4<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 withdrawn. (*owners: Jessica and Salatiel Velazquez-Martinez*)

R-20-52

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 108 VINE 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 withdrawn. (*owner: Mae Etta Brown*)

R-20-53

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 6605 WINDHILL 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 withdrawn. (owner: *Deborah Dancy*)

R-20-54

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 17 QUILLEN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING PROPERTY OWNER A PERIOD OF TIME TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn. (owner: *Larry Warner*)

R-20-55

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 314 AND 316 EAST 20<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 OWNERS TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn. (owner: *Larry Handy*)

O-20-27 (ORDINANCE NO. 9228 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 4 (BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS) OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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 readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, 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-20-28 (ORDINANCE NO. 9229 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF DRIVEWAY RESTRICTIONS OF SECTION 10.21 OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2201 RODGERS ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member White, 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). (*applicant: Davidson Engineering, PLLC*)

O-20-29 (ORDINANCE NO. 9230 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF TREE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 15.4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2201 RODGERS ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and ordinance was amended as follows:: *Section 2: add* 1. NO TREES ON THE PROPERTY ARE TO BE REMOVED. 2. FOUR TREES WILL BE PLANTED IN THE PARKING AREA (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Davidson Engineering, PLLC*)

O-20-30 (ORDINANCE NO. 9231 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 12.21 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2201 RODGERS ROAD 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 Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Davidson Engineering, PLLC*)

O-20-31 (ORDINANCE NO. 9232 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF FENCE RESTRICTIONS OF SECTION 12.15 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2201 RODGERS ROAD 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 Taylor, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Harris who lost internet connecton and will be recorded as a “pass”, the readings were suspended (7/1). *At the direction of City Attorney Fields, Council Member Harris’ vote will be shown as a pass due to lost electronic contact*). On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *Section 2: to add* IN THE EVENT THAT THE FENCE NEEDS TO BE REMOVED OR

RELOCATED IN THE FUTURE, THE REMOVAL OR RELOCATION WILL BE COMPLETED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER OF 2201 RODGERS ROAD (7/1). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross, and the roll having been called, and all members having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/1), Council Member Harris was recorded as a “pass”. (*applicant: Davidson Engineering, PLLC*)

O-20-32 (ORDINANCE NO. 9233 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A TIRE SHOP IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2115 HIGHWAY 161 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 Taylor, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Harris, who was recorded as a “pass”, and Council Member Ginn who voted no, the readings were suspended (6/2). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/1), Council Member Harris was recorded as a “pass”. (*applicant: Ali Ahmed*)

O-20-33 (ORDINANCE NO. 9234 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROSS AND WHITE)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW AN UPHOLSTERY BUSINESS IN A C-L ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 909 WEST 35<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the readings were suspended (7/1). On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/1), Council Member Harris was recorded as a “pass”. (*applicant: Sam Emmerling*)

O-20-34 (ORDINANCE NO. 9235 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROSS *for consideration only*)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A DAYCARE IN A C-PH ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3801 JOHN F. KENNEDY BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the readings were suspended (7/1). Council Member Ross said she had not had time to look at the property when it was filed, however, there is a need for a daycare for 3, 4, and 5 year old children, and she supports this application. On the

motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member White, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/1), Council Member Harris was recorded as a “pass”. (*applicant: LaAngela Medley*)

### **April 13, 2020 City Council Agenda Items**

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, communications #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were accepted and filed (7/1).

1. Anita Paul, Mayor’s Office memorandum re: *New Application – Retail Beer Off Premises & Small Farm Winery – Retail*, Circle K, 9324 Hwy 107, by Todd Solomon (*outside city limits*).
2. Anita Paul, Mayor’s Office memorandum re: *New Application – Retail Beer Off Premises & Small Farm Winery – Retail*, Circle K, 118 Country Club Road, by Todd Solomon (*outside city limits*).
3. Anita Paul, Mayor’s Office memorandum re: *Replacement – Retail Beer Off Premises & Small Farm Wine – Retail*, Valero Cornerstone #9250 fka Corner Store #1797, 9250 Brockington Road, by Shirin Ali (*outside city limits*).
4. Anita Paul, Mayor’s Office memorandum re: *Replacement – Retail Beer Off Premises*, for Lakewood Mart fka North Hills Mart, 4601 North Hills Boulevard, by Monica Han.
5. Ember Strange, Finance Director/Chair Energy Risk Management Committee re: Power Cost Adjustment Rate (PCA) for April, 2020 (.0019/kwh) negative.
6. Mayor Joe A. Smith, Annual State of the City Report – March 31, 2020.
7. C. Tad Bohannon, CEO Central Arkansas Water letter re: Proposed Issuance of Water Revenue and Refunding Bonds in 2020.
8. Wm Roy Edwards, Pastor Grace Church of the Nazarene – card to Mayor Smith and City of North Little Rock re: Thank you for support of Food Bank.
9. Betty Harp, Chair Thomas Cemetery Advisory Committee, letter re: Annual Report for Committee and Thomas Cemetery Association.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*None.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

R-20-56 (RESOLUTION NO. 9845 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROTOCOL FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING TIMES OF DECLARED EMERGENCY; 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, with

the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the resolution was adopted (7/1).

R-20-57 (RESOLUTION NO. 9846 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN ARVEST BANK PURCHASING CARD AND TO OBTAIN PURCHASING CARDS FOR CERTAIN CITY DEPARTMENTS; 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, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the resolution was adopted (7/1).

R-20-58 (RESOLUTION NO. 9847 – MAYOR SMITH)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, INCLUDING THE 46<sup>TH</sup> YEAR (2020) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND THE 2020 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) PROJECTS AND BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member White. Council Member Hight asked if some of these funds could be diverted to relief as a result of the Corona Virus (Pandemic). Mayor Smith advised they could and the city is working on it. If approved by the Federal Government, this legislation will be amended. 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, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the resolution was adopted (7/1).

*Mayor Smith received a text message from Council Member Harris who was advised his internet connection was unstable. IT staff members were attempting to contact Council Member by telephone.*

O-20-35 (ORDINANCE NO. 9236 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.1.4 AND CITY PARKS MAP ATTACHMENTS OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10 (PARKS AND RECREATION) TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF LAMAN PLAZA; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the readings were suspended (7/1). 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, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/1), Council Member Harris was recorded as a “pass”. Council Member Ross said she was glad Parks and Recreation would be taking over the plaza which includes the City’s Veterans Memorial.



O-20-36 (ORDINANCE NO. 9237 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY WAIVING THE 25 PERCENT PENALTY FOR BUSINESSES THAT HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR BUSINESS/PRIVILEGE LICENSE AFTER APRIL 1 AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2020; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the readings were suspended (7/1). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hight, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/1), Council Member Harris was recorded as a “pass”.

O-20-37 (ORDINANCE NO. 9238 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING CERTAIN UNUSED EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3919 PIKE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Council Member Ross asked why this was being done. Council Member Baxter said this is the property where the new Levy Fire Station will be located. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the readings were suspended (7/1). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hight, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Harris who was recorded as a “pass”, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/1), Council Member Harris was recorded as a “pass”. (*applicant: Thomas Pownall, Thomas Engineering Company*)

O-20-38 (ORDINANCE NO. 9239 – MAYOR SMITH)

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A DAYCARE IN AN I-2 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12 MAUMELLE CURVE COURT 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, including Council Member Harris (who was available by telephone), the readings were suspended (8/0). *Note: Council Member Harris participated in the remainder of the meeting by telephone.* 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Essential Genesis Learning Academy*)

O-20-39 (ORDINANCE NO. 9240 – COUNCIL MEMBER HARRIS)

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6012 CYRSTAL HILL ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM R-1 ZONING

CLASSIFICATION TO C-4 ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697; 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 (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member 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). (*applicant: Friedman Law Firm*)

O-20-40 (ORDINANCE NO. 9241 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER OF SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 12.21 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND SECTION 9.11 OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2524 GRIBBLE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member White who passed, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: James Manley Denton, Jr.*)

Mayor Smith commended the IT Department for their efforts in putting this meeting together. He also commended Council Members for their participation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Whitbey read the following public comment which was submitted to her by telephone at 3:20 p.m. this date. “Since I am not allowed to speak to code and they are not allowed to speak to me, I would like to thank Larry Epperson for getting on to the people who help take care of me and making them start cleaning up the carport.” Council Member Hight asked if the April 27, 2020, council meeting would be held in the same method as this meeting. Mayor Smith advised “most likely”. Council Member Ross asked Mayor Smith for an update regarding essential city employees’ work at this time. Mayor Smith said a few people had to go home for ‘self-quarantine’, which included three fire fighters, and a crew at Parks and Recreation. Crews are working staggered shifts, meaning that some come in early and others come in later so as to not be in contact with each other. Fire fighters are taking temperatures daily. Protocol on dealing with sick patients has been revised with regard to Police, Fire and MEMS responses. City Hall and the City Clerk’s Office are doing well. Human Resources is working on essential positions such as Police, Fire and Dispatch. Mayor Smith is meeting with Department Heads via Conference Calls weekly. For now, this is the ‘new normal’. Mayor Smith reminded everyone to stay safe.

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 6:58 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday,

April 27, 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