

August 23, 2021
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, August 23, 2021, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Terry C. Hartwick.

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson reinstating a state-wide public health emergency, council members had the option of attending the council meeting in person or participate virtually. The Council Chambers were open to the public and social distancing and the use of masks were requested for those attending the meeting in person.

The roll having been called and the following Council Members answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, NATHAN HAMILTON, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, JANE GINN, and CHARLIE HIGHT (7/0). Council Member MAURICE TAYLOR was absent. *Note: Council Members Hamilton, Ginn and Hight were present in the Council Chambers.* City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

Note: There were some technical difficulties for those participating virtually from home. In a few instances, votes were recorded visually by a "thumbs up" method. There were no negative votes using this method.

The prayer was led by Council Member Hamilton.

On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk, Diane Whitbey (7/0).

On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, and 3, were accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Retail Beer Off Premises Permit – Replacement/New Owner* for IGA Food Mart, 124 Eureka Garden Road, by Alim Hemani.
2. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Microbrewery Restaurant, Native Beer, Restaurant Mixed Drink Maximum Permit – Change of Manager* for BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse at 3941 McCain Boulevard by Hope Garrison.
3. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Private Club A – Wet County Permit for The Culture Club* at 409 Main Street, by Corey Nelson.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hartwick invited Ms. Anna Sawyer, Community Garden Director to come forward. He then introduced a Summer Garden Video featuring Ms. Sawyer. The video included information and testimonials from local gardeners. Garden managers and others volunteer their time planting and maintaining gardens. Produce is shared with local residents. There are 25 gardens throughout the city at this time. Ms. Sawyer said the program partners with 17 groups from Little Rock and North Little Rock. New gardens are waiting to join the program. In the past year, Full Circle Farm Corp members provided 2,420 volunteer hours. Mayor Hartwick commended Ms. Sawyer and all the volunteers for their work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Council Member Hamilton, and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by voice vote and all members present having voted “aye”, the following consent items were adopted: R-21-106, R-21-107, R-21-108, R-21-111, R-21-113, R-21-114, and R-21-115. R-21-109, R-21-110, and R-21-112 were pulled and called under New Business.

R-21-106 (RESOLUTION NO. 10083 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING WILL JONES TO THE ROCK REGION METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-21-107 (RESOLUTION NO. 10084 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF MONTROSE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, INC. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(D) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-21-108 (RESOLUTION NO. 10085 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ORDER PATROL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR DELIVERY IN 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). The following scrivener's error was corrected prior to adoption:
Section 1 – Emergency Equipment - \$96,320.00. (2022 Budget)

R-21-111 (RESOLUTION NO. 10086 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

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-21-113 (RESOLUTION NO. 10087 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 7007 WHICH CONDEMNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 118 EAST 19TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-21-114 (RESOLUTION NO. 10088 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4801 ATKINS STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (*Webb Construction & Design, LLC*)

R-21-115 (RESOLUTION NO. 10089 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A FEMA GRANT FOR \$98,154.55 UNDER THE FY2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT TURNOUT PANTS, COATS AND HELMETS; APPROPRIATING THE CITY’S LOCAL SHARE FROM ACT 833 FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

NEW BUSINESS

R-21-109 (RESOLUTION NO. 10090 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EXCLUSIVE LISTING CONTRACT WITH COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL TO SELL APPROXIMATELY 0.27 ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND LOCATED AT 3500 CAMP ROBINSON ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Ross. Council Member Ross said there is no development control included in the legislation. The city is putting over \$2 million in the Levy Jump Start Program in the area. Council Member Hamilton said this is only a listing agreement. A contract for sale would have to come back to the council for approval. Council Member Ross referenced other legislation that included specific language a realtor may need to know. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *Section 2, add* , AND ANY SALES WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF A WRITTEN PLAN, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT TIMELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/0). (*Old Levy Fire Station - \$149,900.00*)

R-21-110 (RESOLUTION NO. 10091 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT-TO-SELL/LEASE AGREEMENT WITH IREALTY ARKANSAS SHERWOOD TO SELL APPROXIMATELY 1.18 ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND LOCATED NEAR RIVERFRONT DRIVE

AND SMARTHOUSE WAY IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Hamilton. Council Member Ross said this legislation included the language she referenced in the previous legislation. On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *attach area map which includes 1.18 acres vacant land, Smarthouse Way, North Little Rock 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). (\$525,000.00)

Mayor Hartwick said the city has 525 pieces of properties that are currently being maintained (mowed, secured, etc) and taxes paid. Council Member Hight said about 80 pieces of property under consideration at this time. There are no pending buyers at this time.

R-21-112 (RESOLUTION NO. 10092 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Hamilton. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross, the resolution was amended as follows: *strike through \$550,000.00 and insert \$553,382.08 (7/0)*. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/0). (*Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund – Expense - \$553,382.08*)

Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing on the following items, R-21-116 – 5124 Alpha Street, R-21-119 – 1403 Parker Street; R-21-120 – 5418 Chiquito Road; R-21-121 – 5505 Chiquito Road; R-21-122 – 1724 Parker Street; R-21-124 – 4916 Candlewick Lane; R-21-125 – 4412 Rogers Street; and R-21-126 – 1415 West 20th Street. Ms. Whitbey advised R-21-117 – 702 West 23rd Street and R-21-118 – 810 West 23rd Street had sold and will be withdrawn. R-21-123 – 1213 West Short 17th Street #C and #D, structure has been demolished and item will be withdrawn. Ms. Zelda Rembert spoke regarding 1403 Parker Street. She advised her contractor is working on the property. She also has a realtor looking at the property. Mr. Ward Reese, Assistant Code Enforcement Director advised the property had been vacant for a while. Code staff have not observed any work being done on the property and no (building/construction) permits have been obtained. Mr. Reese said the grass has been cut. City Attorney Fields advised (all) property owners of the procedure if the property is condemned. Owners have the opportunity to contact the City Attorney’s Office to enter into a Rehabilitation Agreement which would allow rehabilitation under a strict timeline. Ms. Shelby Chenault spoke for her grandmother Mrs. Sheila Chenault regarding 4916 Candlewick. Ms. (Shelby) Chenault is interested in purchasing the property from her grandmother and rehabilitation work has begun. They are currently cleaning out the house and consulting with contractors for various repairs. Ms. Chenault

advised she is a full-time law student. Mayor Hartwick asked if Ms. Chenault heard the City Attorney's comments regarding entering into a Rehabilitation Agreement with the City. She advised she had. Mr. Reese said the property has been vacant for 15 years. There is a hole in the roof and the city has received many complaints from residents over the years. Council Member Ginn asked Ms. Chenault what kind of work had been done on the house. Ms. Chenault said the property has personal belongings in it, which they have been removing. Several photos taken by Code Enforcement were then presented. Council Member Ginn said the property is an eyesore in a nice neighborhood. Council Member Hight said he has received a lot of calls and emails from neighbors and others in the area. Ms. Fields reiterated only the property owner can enter into a Rehabilitation Agreement by contacting the City Attorney's Office. Council Member Ross said the lot would still have value. There being no one else (by telephone or in person) wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned.

R-21-116 (RESOLUTION NO. 10093 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 5124 ALPHA 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 Hight and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Wilbur Coleman, Jr.*)

R-21-117

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 702 WEST 23RD 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 by the sponsor. Per Felicia McHenry, Code Enforcement Director, the property was sold. (*owner: Imran Borah*)

R-21-118

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 810 WEST 23RD 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 by the sponsor. Per Mrs. McHenry, the property was sold. (*owner: Johnnie Samuel Tyson.*)

R-21-119 (RESOLUTION NO. 10094 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1403 PARKER 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 Hight and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Jim Bell's Country Seat LLC c/o Zelda Rembert.*)

R-21-120 (RESOLUTION NO. 10095 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 5419 CHIQUITO ROAD 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 Hight and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Nathaniel Williams Jr. c/o Simmons Smith.*)

R-21-121 (RESOLUTION NO. 10096 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 5510 CHIQUITO ROAD 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 Ginn and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Nathaniel Williams, Jr. c/o Simmons Smith*)

R-21-122 (RESOLUTION NO. 10097 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1724 PARKER 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 Ross and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: Cliff Jackson*)

R-21-123

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1213 WEST SHORT 17TH 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 by the sponsor at the request of Mrs. McHenry. The structure has been removed. (*owner: Cliff Jackson*)

R-21-124 (RESOLUTION NO. 10098 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4916 CANDLEWICK LANE 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 Hight and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (owner: Sheila S. Chenault)

R-21-125 (RESOLUTION NO. 10099 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4412 ROGERS 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 Ginn and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (owner: Rhonda K. Ramey)

R-21-126

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1415 WEST 20TH 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 called and held by the sponsor, Mayor Hartwick at the request of City Attorney Fields. (owner: CDC Real Estate Holdings LLC)

R-21-127 (RESOLUTION NO. 10100 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

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 613 WEST 22ND STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ginn and seconded by Council Member Ross. Mayor Hartwick 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).

R-21-128 (RESOLUTION NO. 10101 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

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 Hight and seconded by Council Member Ginn. Mayor Hartwick 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-21-73 (ORDINANCE NO. 9385 - MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO PINKLEY SALES COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF CENTRALIZED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; 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, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Hamilton 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). (\$23,950.00)

O-21-74 (ORDINANCE NO. 9386 – COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A SMALL CELL WIRELESS ANTENNA IN A PI ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2400 LAKEVIEW ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). Council Member Hight said the map indicates the pole is inside the marked area indicating it is on school property. Council Member Hamilton spoke with Greg Woodard at North Little Rock Electric who advised the pole is on or near the property line. It is located within the city's right-of-way and the pole belongs to the city. Council Member Hight asked about safety precautions. Mr. Tim Reavis, Assistant Planning Director said the pole is on the school property. It is not in the right-of-way in regards to the road. Typically, small cells are in the right-of-way. Since this one is on school property it requires a Special Use and council approval. City Attorney Fields said the city has an ordinance outlining regulations and procedures regarding small cells in public right-of-ways. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Hight. Council Member Ross asked how many cells were on this pole. The plan view shows three (3). 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: CMI Acquisitions*)

O-21-75 (ORDINANCE NO. 9387 – COUNCIL MEMBERS BAXTER AND HARRIS)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2300 REDDING LANE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM R3 TO R4 ZONING CLASSIFICATION, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9263; ADOPTING AN AMENDED LAND USE PLAN FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR

OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Without objection, Council Member Harris was added as a co-sponsor. 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 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: Casey Clark*)

O-21-76 (ORDINANCE NO. 9388 – COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 417 WEST 34TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM R1 TO R3 ZONING CLASSIFICATION, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9263; 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 Hamilton 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 Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Hight. Council Member Hamilton said the applicant plans to build a duplex at the location, which is currently zoned R1. There are other multiple unit zonings in the area. 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: Chris Lacey*)

O-21-77 (ORDINANCE NO. 9389 – COUNCIL MEMBER HIGHT) AN ORDINANCE WAIVING SECTION 7.2.3.B OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9263) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6801 JOHN F. KENNEDY BOULEVARD TO ALLOW THE WAIVER OF LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Hamilton. Council Member Ross said irrigation is being waived. Council Member Hight said he understood the trees would be hand watered versus installation of a sprinkler system for three trees. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Hight, who voted no, the ordinance was amended as follows: *new* SECTION 2: THREE (3) STREET TREES ARE REQUIRED TO BE PLANTED AND MAINTAINED AND MUST BE REPLACED IF THEY FAIL TO THRIVE. *And renumber subsequent sections* (6/1). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, 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 R. Pownall of Thomas Engineering Company*)

O-21-78 (ORDINANCE NO. 9390 – COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON)
AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9263) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2100 MAIN STREET TO ALLOW WAIVER OF SCREENING AND LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hamilton 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 Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Ginn, 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). *(Bear Davidson of Davidson Engineering)*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Ross asked how city properties will be listed and if the listing will be on the city’s website. She also asked how the Real Estate Companies were selected. Mr. Robert Birch, Director of Economic Development said the Purchasing Department put out a Bid request with required qualifications. Eight of the bids met the criteria. Properties were divided between the brokers. Mr. Birch said city-owned properties include 3,362 acres. Properties will be marketed in the same way as any other realtor listed property. Council Member Ross asked if additional bids will be accepted. Mr. Birch said there was a closing date. Council Member Baxter asked if the realtor listing the old Fire Station understands the zoning restrictions in place related to the Jump Start Program. Mr. Reavis said the Fire Station is in the Levy Commercial Overlay District which does include additional development rules for renovation, etc.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, September 13, 2021, 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 TERRY C. HARTWICK

ATTEST: _____
DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK

