

November 22, 2021
Six o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

A pre-scheduled Public Meeting was called to order by Mayor Terry C. Hartwick. The purpose of the meeting was to review the City of North Little Rock proposed 2022 Budget.

The following Council Members were present: Debi Ross, Nathan Hamilton, Maurice Taylor, Linda Robinson, Steve Baxter, Ron Harris, Jane Ginn and Charlie Hight. Various city department heads were present.

Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange came forward to answer Council Member questions.

Council Member Ginn asked about salaries for 911 employees. Mrs. Strange said salary grades were upgraded for all positions by one level. Council Member Robinson said the Justice Center will open soon. She asked about the Police Department line item – Rentals. Mrs. Strange said some facilities will remain open, like the Rose City Substation. Council Member Hight asked if Code Enforcement positions were fully staffed. Human Resources Director Betty Anderson said it was her understanding the department was. Council Member Ross asked about items under Special Appropriations. Mrs. Strange said the increase for the Arkansas Regional Hub (\$100,000.00) was for a Mobile Makers Unit (which covers grades K through 12) goes out to North Little Rock schools and is free to the students. It provides robotics, engineering, screen printing, pottery, coding and more. The program was previously funded by a grant which has expired. Council Member Ross asked about the increase of \$22,000.00 in funding for the Thea Foundation. Mrs. Strange said it would provide more programs. Council Member Ross suggested the Thea Foundation offer opportunities on weekends to attract more visitors to the downtown area. Council Member Ross asked about the increase of \$30,000.00 for the Airport. Mayor Hartwick said he would like to see the Airshow return to the city which would require advance funds to bring the aircraft in. The target time would be September or October (2022). Council Member Ross asked about the Center for the Homeless which was reduced from \$150,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Mrs. Strange said she and the City Attorney reviewed previous contracts with the City of Little Rock. In the past funds were provided to the Jericho Way Resource Center. The city has no obligation to do so at this time. The \$25,000.00 was requested by River City Ministries to use in a dental program. A portion of the remaining funds will remain in the City of North Little Rock's homeless program to assist the Unsheltered Community, which is currently funded through the American Rescue Plan. Council Member Ross asked about medians on McCain Boulevard. Mrs. Strange said there is \$250,000.00 budgeted (in Special Appropriations) that should roll over in January. Bids for work will go out in January (2022). Council Member Ross asked to add an additional \$100,000.00 to the budget for this project. Council Member Ross asked about Mid City

from 13th Street to Pershing Boulevard. Mrs. Strange said \$200,000 has been added to Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds. \$70,000.00 will be used to assist the Argenta Downtown Council for planting and maintaining plants in the area. Council Member Robinson asked about Wellness funds for Parks and Recreation and Fit 2 Live. Mrs. Strange said the funds in Fit 2 Live cover Weight Watchers, vaccines, employee (health) incentives, etc. The funds in Parks are revenue. Council Member Ross asked about the Arts Center increase of \$60,000.00. Mrs. Strange said the increase is a one-time request for the new regional facility. Mrs. Strange advised they are required to submit an annual report to the city. Council Member Robinson asked if all groups who receive city funding continue to provide annual reports. Mrs. Strange said applications are submitted at the beginning of the year. Reports are provided to show compliance through the year. Council Member Ross asked if there were any large items requested by city departments that were not funded. Mrs. Strange said most of the departments received funding as requested. The Street Department had a request that will be reevaluated next year and based on sales tax funds. Council Member Baxter referenced the Non-Uniformed Pension Fund and suggested adding additional funding. He recommended (the city) adding .5% and employees contribute an additional .25%. Mrs. Strange said the cost to the city would be approximately \$160,000.00 to the city. Employee funds would be minimal as those contributions are pre-taxed. Mrs. Strange advised a 2.5% raise has been added for employees and there will be no increase in employee medical insurance coverage. Mayor Hartwick said the city is in good shape in this area. Council Member Hamilton asked to increase the Ozark Mission Project by \$5,000.00 and assistance to Food Banks by \$15,000.00. Mrs. Strange will update the proposed budget and provide the same. Mrs. Strange added a request for the addition of \$35,000.00 to purchase LaserFiche Software for the City Clerk's Office. Council Member Ross asked about updating the website. Mr. John Barber said a Request for Proposals will be done for a new website. Council Member Robinson asked who controls the website. Mr. Barber said the IT Department oversees the website. City Departments update their pages. Mr. Barber said fresh and relevant content is important. A department liaison is being considered.

Mayor Hartwick asked Mrs. Strange to update the proposed budget to reflect the changes and provide the same to council members.

Mayor Hartwick invited the new President/Chief Executive Officer of the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Darrell Hartwick to come forward. Mr. Hartwick was born and raised in North Little Rock. He recently moved back to the city after serving as President of the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hartwick is in the process of purchasing a home in the city.

The Budget meeting was adjourned by Mayor Hartwick at 5:42 p.m.

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, November 22, 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 encouraged 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, 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.

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 scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2021, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk, Diane Whitbey (8/0).

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

1. Ember Strange, Chief Financial Officer – October 2021 Financial Update.
2. Ember Strange, Chief Financial Officer – Chair Energy Risk Management Committee memorandum re: Power Cost Adjustment rate for December 2021 (.0002/kwh negative).

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hartwick invited Ms. Anna Sawyer – Community Garden Director to come forward and introduced the Community Garden Fall Video. Ms. Sawyer said they have been asked to participate in a Food Access Initiative Study through the Southern Illinois University and Growing Our Future Podcast as a guest speaker. The Community Garden project has been nominated for the Engage Arkansas Community Garden of the Year Award. Mayor Hartwick thanked Ms. Sawyer and the volunteers for their efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by voice vote, consent agenda items R-21-172 and R-21-173 were unanimously adopted (8/0). R-21-174 was pulled and called under new business.

R-21-172 (RESOLUTION NO. 10146 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF METRO SCRAP METALS 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 unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-21-173 (RESOLUTION NO. 10147 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; was unanimously adopted (8/0).

NEW BUSINESS

R-21-174 (RESOLUTION NO. 10148 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3500 CAMP ROBINSON ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO TERRY PERKINS AND BROOK PALMQUIST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Council Member Ross said the purchasers, Mr. Terry Perkins and Ms. Brook Palmquist were present. Ms. Palmquist grew up in Levy and sees the building as an icon for the area. She and Mr. Perkins are looking at some options. They plan to clean up the property and the welcome sign. Council Member Ross said there have been some issues at the property. Mr. Perkins said they will refresh the sign as well. Council Member Ross said the neighborhood group had concerns about what will go in there. Council Member Taylor said he is a realtor. He advised Mr. Perkins and Ms. Palmquist they do not have to tell the city what their intent is with the property once they purchase it. Council Member Hight said the building is part of the entrance to Levy. He referenced clauses in contracts, etc. This sale is based on trust between the sellers and purchasers. City Attorney Fields said the original resolution (to sell the property) included approval of a development plan with timelines. Council Member Ross asked Mr. Robert Birch, Economic Development Director how much interest there was in the property. Mr. Birch said there is limited parking and work is needed on the structure. Council Member Ross said it is not a historic property. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Hamilton, who voted no, the resolution was adopted (7/1).
(\$139,900.00)

R-21-175 (RESOLUTION NO.10149 – MAYOR HARTWICK, COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN THE 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Without objection, Council Members Robinson and Taylor were added as cosponsors. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ross asked if any funds would be used for bike trails. Mayor Hartwick said they would not, however, the road would be wide enough to include a “share-all” lane. On the previous motion and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (\$3,750,000.00)

R-21-176 (RESOLUTION NO. 10150 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN THE 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS; 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 resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-21-177 (RESOLUTION NO. 10151 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREMIUM PAY TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE THESE PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE CITY EMPLOYEES; 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 resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing on the following condemnations: R-21-178 – 2705 Arkansas Avenue, R-21-179 – 4414 Rogers Street, R-21-180 – 2912 East 4th Street, R-21-181 – 904 North F Street, and R-21-182 – 2211 East 2nd Street. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned.

R-21-178 (RESOLUTION NO. 10152 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 2705 ARKANSAS AVENUE 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 Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (owner: James Martin)

R-21-179 (RESOLUTION NO. 10153 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4414 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 Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).
(owner: Rhonda K. Ramey)

R-21-180 (RESOLUTION NO. 10154 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 2912 EAST 4TH 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 Harris, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).
(owner: Shelia K. Dacus Pogue)

R-21-181 (RESOLUTION NO. 10155 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 904 NORTH F 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 unanimously adopted (8/0).
(owner: Willie F. Lunnie, Jr., et al)

R-21-182 (RESOLUTION NO. 10156 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 2211 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 PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).
(owner: Dorothy Carter)

R-21-183 (RESOLUTION NO. 10157 – 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 612 POLLOCK 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 Taylor. 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount - \$4,755.19*)

R-21-184 (RESOLUTION NO. 10158 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF A CLEANUP LIEN TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 520 MIDDLE 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 Taylor. 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). (*amount - \$3,634.23*)

R-21-185 (RESOLUTION NO. 10159 – 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 Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter. 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 unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-21-94 (ORDINANCE NO. 9405 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 QUOTA ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9323) FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS; 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). (Human Resources Department, Police Department, Vehicle Maintenance)*)

O-21-95 (ORDINANCE NO. 9406 - MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9357, WHICH GRANTED A SPECIAL USE FOR A FOOD TRUCK COURT IN A C6 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 601 WEST 4TH 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). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ross asked about the proposed wooden fence and if it would prevent trash. Council Member Robinson spoke with the leaders of the Argenta Boosters who do not see a need for a fence along Broadway. The amendment is to remove the fence along Broadway. Council Member Taylor asked if the fence could be eliminated altogether. Council Member Ross said the businesses on the north side of the property requested a fence in the initial ordinance to prevent trash from blowing on their property. Mr. Lawrence Barbee asked for no fence. The previous ordinance included a fence on the east and north of the property. Council Member Robinson referenced a tree on the property. Council Member Ross asked if the ordinance could be held so the businesses (to the north) could provide comment. Mr. Barbee asked for a vote this date. Council Member Baxter asked if the parking area and the building were the same address. When the previous ordinance was adopted, the property owners agreed to it as approved. Council Member Robinson said the food trucks should not be near the building (to the north). Council Member Robinson said trash is blowing across 4th Street from the gas station and the law offices. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Members Ross, Baxter, and Ginn, who voted no, the ordinance was amended as follows: *Section 2: 9. strike through Provide fence with a maximum height of 3 1/2 feet tall to prevent trash from leaving the property. Provide 34" tall cedar wood picket fence as shown in the submitted drawings (attached hereto as Exhibit A) to prevent trash from leaving the property. Fence to be located on the east and north property line (see map showing fence location attached hereto as Exhibit B).* (5/3). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Ross, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/1). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicants: Lawrence Barbee and Demetria Settles – The Lot Traffic*) Mayor Hartwick asked Mr. Barbee to keep the property clean and reminded him to go through the process before holding events.

O-21-96 (ORDINANCE NO. 9407 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A NURSING ASSISTANT
SCHOOL IN AN R5 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 314 EAST EMILY
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). *Note: Council Member Hamilton left the Council Chambers at 6:50 p.m.* On the motion of Council Member Taylor, 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). (*applicant: Britney Michelle Turner-Robinson*)

O-21-97 (ORDINANCE NO. 9408 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A DAYCARE IN AN I2 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 205 AND 207 STEED 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 (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor 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). (*applicant: Irene Carruth*)

O-21-98 (ORDINANCE NO. 9409 - COUNCIL MEMBERS BAXTER AND HARRIS)
AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12000 PAUL EELS DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM C4 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. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Harris, 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).
Note: Council Member Hamilton reentered the council chambers at 6:55 p.m. Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Travis Tolley of Crafton Tull*)

O-21-99 (ORDINANCE NO. 9410 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROSS AND HAMILTON)
AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 900 WEST PERSHING BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM C3 TO C4 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 Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ross said this is the old Kroger Store which will be razed. A new indoor storage facility will be built. A sidewalk will also be added. The developer has properties in other states. Mr. Brian Dale said they plan to close January 15, 2022. Council Member Ross said this will be a great addition to the area. On the previous motion, 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: Brian Dale of Joe White & Associates, Inc.*)

O-21-100 (ORDINANCE NO. 9411 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)
AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 601 NORTH OLIVE
STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; FROM C6 TO PLANNED
UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING CLASSIFICATION, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.
9263; 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 Taylor, and the roll having been called, and all members present
having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: GarNat
Engineering, LLC*)

O-21-101 (ORDINANCE NO. 9412 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER STREET PLAN (ORDINANCE NO. 8601) TO
CHANGE HIGHWAY 70 FROM A COLLECTOR TO A MINOR ARTERIAL BETWEEN
HIGHWAY 391 AND THE LONOKE COUNTY LINE; 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, the readings were suspended (8/0). A
motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor 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 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).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Ard advised he had a couple of problems and thanked both the Police Chief and Fire Chief for assisting him. He said he had an issue and needed an ambulance but the communications center refused to dispatch one. His blood pressure went up and he needed help. He suggested the Emergency Services/911 Director check into it. Mr. Ard then wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Council Member Baxter thanked everyone for supporting the Little Rock Marathon this year.

Mayor Hartwick announced the following upcoming events:

November 25 & 26: City Offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays. Garbage and recycling routes will run one-day delayed Thursday and Friday – i.e. Thursday's pickup will be Friday and Friday's pickup will be Saturday.

December 5: 2021 Christmas Parade (Council Member Hight said there will be food trucks in the City Services Parking lot during the parade).

December 9: Justice Building Open House at 10:00 a.m.

December 23 & 24: City Offices will be closed in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day which fall on Friday and Saturday. Garbage and recycling routes will run as scheduled all week with no delay.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, December 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