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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PAYMENTWORKS SUBSCRIPTION, A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. 14-58-303 requires City purchases exceeding the amount of $35,000 to follow statutory procedures of local advertisement and opening of sealed bids which may only be waived in exceptional situations where bidding is deemed not feasible or practical; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2020, the North Little Rock City Council adopted Ordinance No. 9287, waiving bids for the cost of a subscription in the amount of $45,000.00 to PaymentWorks, a sole source vendor that provides on-going verification of vendors' information to include banking information, increases security and fraud prevention, actively engages with vendors once identified, and allows information sharing across institutions for better security; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock ("the City") wishes to renew the PaymentWorks subscription for the cost of Forty Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 cents ($45,000.00) per year; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the subscription is budgeted in the 2022 IT department budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That formal bidding is hereby waived in connection with the renewal of a yearly subscription to PaymentWorks for a total amount of Forty Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 cents ($45,000.00)

SECTION 2: That the cost of the renewal in the amount of $45,000.00 shall be paid from the IT Department's 2022 Budget.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

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Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE NLR FINANCE DEPARTMENT/FORMATTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

FILED 11:20 A.M. _____ P.M.

By A. Fields

DATE 12.21.21

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas

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