

January 10, 2022
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, January 10, 2022, 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, and JANE GINN (6/0). Council Members RON HARRIS and CHARLIE HIGHT were absent. Note: Council Members Taylor and Ginn were present in the council chambers. The remaining members participating virtually. City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

The prayer was led by Council Member Baxter.

On the motion of Council Member Ginn 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, December 27, 2021, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk, Diane Whitbey (6/0).

There were no communications filed for this meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations for this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Council Member Ginn and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by voice vote, consent agenda items R-22-01, R-22-02, R-22-03, R-22-04, R-22-05, R-22-06, and R-22-07 were adopted (6/0).

R-22-01 (RESOLUTION NO. 10187 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF OLIVER DILLINGHAM TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-22-02 (RESOLUTION NO. 10188 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TIM GIATTINA TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-22-03 (RESOLUTION NO. 10189 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MIKE ABELE TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-22-04 (RESOLUTION NO. 10190 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEVE SPARR TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-22-05 (RESOLUTION NO. 10191 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JACOB HOUSE TO THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY JOHN OWENS ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK AIRPORT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-22-06 (RESOLUTION NO. 10192 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-22-07 (RESOLUTION NO. 10193 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE AND TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 304 WEST PERSHING BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO ARGENTA CITY CLUB, INC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0) (*aka Argenta Mens Club*)

NEW BUSINESS

O-22-01 (ORDINANCE NO. 9423 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FOR 2002; 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 (6/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ginn and seconded by Council Member Robinson. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, the ordinance was amended as follows: *Section 14, strike through 237 and insert 245, and change Non-Uniformed Employee total from 332 to 339* (6/0). Council Member Ross said the revised numbers include additional new employees. 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, the ordinance was adopted as amended (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0).

Note: Council Member Harris joined the meeting virtually at 6:08 p.m.

O-22-02 (ORDINANCE NO. 9424 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND THE APPROVAL OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING A TRUST INDENTURE SECURING THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND PRESCRIBING CERTAIN MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Baxter, 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 Taylor. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. Council Member Ross thanked Bond Attorney Michele Allgood with Mitchell/Williams Law Firm for taking the time to answer questions. Ms. Allgood was present in the City Council chambers. She advised the purpose of the ordinance was to authorize tax abatement for an affiliate of Dollar General. This ordinance will approve tax abatement at the level of 65% for a period of 30 years for a project valued at up to \$140 million. This does not create a financial obligation for the city. The process is required by Arkansas law which requires the issuance of bonds and the city to be an owner. The actual owner is the (Dollar General) affiliate which will actually lend money to the city, which the city will use to facilitate the project. This is a standard practice. 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). There was no emergency clause. The ordinance will go into effect 60 days from the date of passage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hartwick announced the following upcoming events:

Unsheltered Community Winter Gear Collection underway January 13 through February 11, 2022. Items needed include coats, jackets, gloves, “hot hands” warmers, insulated long socks, sweater hats (toboggans), thermal tops and bottoms and sleeping bags. For more information, contact North Little Rock Police Officer Jhailan Rathey at 501-975-8780 or email [nlrunsheltered@nlrunsheltered@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:nlrnunsheltered@nlrunsheltered@nlr.ar.gov).

January 17: City Offices close for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Sanitation (trash and garbage) and recycling routes will run one-day delayed all week. (Monday's pickup will be Tuesday and so on).

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Robinson who lost virtual connection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. (6/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, January 24, 2022, 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