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**RESOLUTION NO. _____**

**A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO 4MOST SPORTS, A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, FOR THE FIELD IMPROVEMENTS AT DICKEY STEPHENS PARK; 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, the City of North Little Rock ("the City") and Major League Baseball ("MLB") have a current contract for the Arkansas Travelers, a AA baseball team, to use Dickey Stephens Park as its home baseball field; and

WHEREAS, Major League Baseball ("MLB") has recently implemented new facility standards for AA baseball teams, with mandatory compliance by the end of calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to make improvements to Dickey Stephens Park stadium/field to meet the new facility standards implemented by MLB, which must be certified by MLB; and

WHEREAS, MLB has a point system in place, and at the end of each calendar year leading up to 2025, each AA baseball team will be graded based on the point system to determine compliance; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 flood caused major damages to the field at Dickey Stephens; and

WHEREAS, 4Most Sports is working with the Naturals of Northwest Arkansas and has recently completed another field renovation in Reno, NV, which had its improvements/renovations certified by MLB; and

WHEREAS, 4Most Sports will take the same approach to improvements/renovations at Dickey Stephens Park on the Travelers field, and due to the nature of the improvements needed and the requirement to have the work certified by MLB, it is in the best interest of the City to waive the bidding process; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the improvements is not to exceed Seven Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($700,000.00).

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

SECTION 1: That formal bidding is hereby waived in connection with MLB mandated improvements to Dickey Stephens Park by 4Most Sports for a total amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($700,000.00).

SECTION 2: That the 2022 budget is hereby amended for the cost of the improvements and shall be paid from the General Fund fund balance, account 01-004-53148.

SECTION 3: That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effect the completion of the herein improvements; with all contracts/agreements to be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney prior to execution.

SECTION 4: 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 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry Hartwick

SPONSOR:

Terry C Hartwick

Mayor Terry Hartwick

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/kt

FILED 11:00 A.M. _____ P.M.

By Amy Fields CA

DATE 10-7-22

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

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