

September 12, 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, September 12, 2022, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Terry C. Hartwick.

Council members had the option of attending the council meeting in person or participate virtually. The Council Chambers were open to the public.

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). Chief Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Katelyn Thomas, Deputy City Clerk/Enforcement Officer Jim Scott, and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Mayor Hartwick.

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, August 22, 2022, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (8/0).

On the blanket motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *application for retail beer off premises – permit - replacement owner* for Smoker Friendly fka Tobacco Superstore #42, 4604 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, by Elizabeth Potts.
2. Ember Strange, North Little Rock Chief Financial Officer / Chair Energy Risk Management Committee memorandum re: Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) rate for September, 2022 -- .0092/kwh (positive).
3. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *application for restaurant mixed drink minimum permit – new application* for Sap's Creole Cuisine, 13120 Crystal Hill Road, by Sylvia Pennington.
5. Ember Strange, Chief Financial Officer, letter to Mayor and City Clerk re: June 2022 Financial Update.
6. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *application for adding entertainment to existing permit* for Cantina Bar, 4000 Vali Court by Santos Rodriguez.

7. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *application for restaurant wine, retail beer on premises – new application* for Hogg's Meat Market at 3901 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, by Peggy Hogg.
8. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *application for Native Beer Permit – new application* for St. Joseph Center of Arkansas, 6800 Camp Robinson Road, by Michael Shellabarger.
10. Derrell Hartwick, President and Chief Executive Officer, North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Report Q3, 2022.

On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, Communication #4 was read by title, accepted and filed (8/0).

4. Marion DinKins-Armstrong – Petition by Property Owners for Establishment of a Restricted Parking District – No Parking On Front or Side Lawns (Ward 3) in the block of 55th Street, off Camp Robinson Road from Maple Street to Cresent Street.

Council Member Baxter said this item had been filed as a communication previously. Due to clerical errors, it had to be resubmitted on the current form. The petitioner wants to proceed with the request and will publish the notice of a public hearing in the newspaper as required. Council Member Robinson said she are two Restricted Parking Districts in Ward 2: Stone Links and Argenta. Both were presented by neighborhood associations. Council Member Baxter said the ordinance guidelines allow the following to present a request: a Property Owners Association (POA), Home Owners Association (HOA) or 75% of the Assessed Property Owners within a specific block/area. City Attorney Fields also advised it is not limited to POA or HOA, or Improvement Districts.

On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, Communication #9 was read by title, accepted and filed (8/0).

9. Captain Dustin Free, North Little Rock Fire Department – flyer and update re: Firefighter Combat Challenge.

Captain Free said the event was held the previous weekend (Friday and Saturday). The weather was great which encouraged a great turnout. Captain Free thanked volunteers which included Junior ROTC students from (North Little Rock) High School. There were teams from 11 states. These participants trained and practiced for this event which highlights the physical requirements of fire service. He also reviewed each of the events and provided illustrations of the same. North Little Rock entered a team that has participated across the country. A course was also set up for children. Fifth Grade students from Ridge Road and 7th Street had were the two fastest student participants. Multiple city departments worked together on the event.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Darryl Montgomery and Mr. Kevin Newsome provided an update for the North Little Rock Cares Youth Coalition Program. Mr. Newsome said the group was formed in May, 2021. There have been over 277 visitors to their resource directory which was created by the staff at the Laman Library. He encouraged everyone to visit the site which was set up as a resource for people trying to find assistance

with various needs. A Youth Job Fair was held for high school youth at the North Little Rock Community Center. Mr. Montgomery said they have partnered with the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, North Little Rock School District, and the North Little Rock Police Department for a Non-Violence Youth Summit, to be held at the North Little Rock High School, Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Mayor Hartwick announced public comments. Ms. Summer Clark spoke for the Overbrook Property Owners Association regarding R-22-192. The property has been a nuisance for many years. Neighboring residents are concerned with securing the area during condemnation or rehabilitation. There is a swimming pool in the back yard. The fence around the area is not secure. They do not want to see additional accidents in that (pool) area. Council Member Hight said there were several residents in the audience with concerns regarding the same location, 1101 Cache River.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R-22-141

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR RIVERFRONT DRIVE AND SMARHOUSE WAY IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO JCDD, LLC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ross asked if the Contractor from Terra Forma could come forward and provide and update. George (last name not provided) represents the buyer, JCDD. After receiving the survey, it was discovered that two-thirds of the property was not buildable. There is room for about seven condominiums, two-to-three- stories high. Progress is underway. Council Member Hamilton asked about square footage. George advised they would be between 1,000 and 2,000 square feet. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Hamilton who passed, the resolution was adopted (7/1).

R-22-170

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE GARAGE ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1112 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 called and withdrawn by the sponsor. The garage was demolished and removed.

CONSENT AGENDA

By voice vote, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, consent agenda items R-22-177, R-22-178, R-22-179, R-22-180, R-22-181, R-22-182, R-22-183, R-22-184, R-22-185, R-22-186, R-22-187, R-22-188, R-22-189, and R-22-190 (8/0).

R-22-177 (RESOLUTION NO. 10358 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROBERT BIRCH TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-22-178 (RESOLUTION NO. 10359 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BISHOP D. L. LINDSEY TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-22-179 (RESOLUTION NO. 10360 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDY C. WALLER TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-22-180 (RESOLUTION NO. 10361 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REPOINTMENT OF ASHLEY HIGHT TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-22-181 (RESOLUTION NO. 10362 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CATHY MCGLOTHIN TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-22-182 (RESOLUTION NO. 10363 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KENDA SHIELDS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-22-183 (RESOLUTION NO. 10364 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 10094 WHICH CONDEMNED PROEPRTY LOCATED AT 1403 PARKER STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 10104 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-22-184 (RESOLUTION NO. 10365 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 10347 WHICH CONDEMNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1424 WEST 18TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-22-185 (RESOLUTION NO. 10366 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DONATE A CERTAIN USED VEHICLE TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE (EVOC) AT THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY AT CAMP ROBINSON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-22-186 (RESOLUTION NO. 10367 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENSES IN CERTAIN BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*General Fund*)

R-22-187 (RESOLUTION NO. 10368 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO NEOGOV FOR THE RENEWAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES SOFTWARE FOR THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (\$36,173.37)

R-22-188 (RESOLUTION NO. 10369 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTHERN SOFTWARE INC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*NLRPD - \$69,196.00*)

R-22-189 (RESOLUTION NO. 10370 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO ADT COMMERCIAL FOR AUDIO AND VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK JUSTICE CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*NLRPD - \$43,658.00*)

R-22-190 (RESOLUTION NO. 10371 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MARK MCLARTY FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (\$52,781.00)

NEW BUSINESS

R-22-191 (RESOLUTION NO. 10372 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN CERTAIN BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange said this amendment is for the Health

Clinic in Rose City. Mayor Hartwick shared illustrations of the site where Baptist Hospital will partner with the City of North Little Rock to put in a Health Clinic. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*General Fund - \$3,950,000.00*)

R-22-192 (RESOLUTION NO. 10373 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1101 CACHE RIVER ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson. Mr. Stuart Vess, Attorney at Law represented the property owners.

Council Member Hamilton said the property was condemned and the property owners had a period of time to enter into a rehabilitation agreement. He asked if the timeline was met. City Attorney Fields said they were delayed in entering into an agreement due to the incarceration of two of the owners. Council Member Hight said the rehabilitation agreement had a deadline of 180 days (or six (6) months). He said the attached Construction Agreement contained a different date (January 31, 2024). The contractor needs to know he must comply with the terms of the rehabilitation agreement. Mr. Vess agreed with Council Member Hight's comments. The date should be February 31, 2023. Mr. Vess said the project should be completed in six (6) months or less. Replacement windows have been ordered, however, there is a supply issue that could affect delivery. Mr. Vess added the contractor has already started working on the property. Mayor Hartwick asked Mr. Vess to provide an update in three (3) months if the item is adopted. Council Member Hamilton said ownership had not changed in the past five (5) years. He asked what had changed in the past six (6) months at which time nothing was done to the property. Mr. Vess said he got involved (retained) after the property was condemned. He confirmed two (2) of the owners are in the Arkansas Department of Corrections at separate locations. He was asked what will happen if the contractor is not paid and advised his clients had full coverage insurance through Allstate. A check has been deposited into his trust account (Mr. Vess) in the amount of \$102,460.29 which is a partial payment. Council Member Ross asked if Mr. Vess was filling in for the owners and understood there was a timeline. Mr. Vess advised he was and understood. She then asked the contractor, Mr. Travor Akins, Associate Enterprise Construction, Inc. (Benton, AR) what has been done to secure the pool. Mr. Akins said they have just started working. The pool will need a new liner which a different contractor will install. Council Member Ross asked if it would be fenced off so no one could get back there while they are working. Council Member Taylor asked about the budget for the project. Mr. Vess said the budget in the contract is \$141,573.00 which does not include the pool. Mayor Hartwick asked those present (from the neighborhood) to stand (8). Mr. Vess said his clients each have a trust fund that will cover any the cost of any overage. Council Member Baxter said the owners are required to put the demolition costs into an Escrow Account (\$26,400.00). Council Member Hamilton said the owners have had money in their trust funds for sometime. Neighbors have an issue with poor care/maintenance by the current owners. Mayor Hartwick asked if the intent was to fix the property and sell. Mr. Vess said he has made a recommendation to his clients but cannot

disclose it. Council Member Robinson said they now have an attorney representing them and need to follow the policies and rules in place. Council Member Ross said the council's goal is not to tear down structures. Mr. Vess had talked to several of the neighbors and encouraged them to call him. Council Member Taylor asked Mr. Akins if he can have the job done within six (6) months and if he is licensed with the State Contractors Board, etc. He said he was. Mayor Hartwick asked if he had a business license. He said he did. Ms. Clark said she believed the contractor had changed. An ongoing concern has been the securing of the property during the construction. The fence needs to be repaired. The pool is not secured. She also expressed concern about a dumpster. Mr. Vess said there is a privacy fence around the pool and they will make sure it is locked. Ms. Clark said a rotten section of the fence has fallen down. Mayor Hartwick amended his timeline for updates to monthly. Council Member Baxter suggested the dates set in the Rehabilitation Agreement be the report dates. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-22-193 (RESOLUTION NO. 10374 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 715 EAST 14TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; 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 resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-22-194 (RESOLUTION NO. 10375 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2206 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-22-195 (RESOLUTION NO. 10376 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF MODIFICATIONS TO BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND OF SEWER REVENUE REPLACEMENTS BONDS; 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). Council Member Hamilton asked how much refinancing the bonds would save the rate payers. Mr. Michael Clayton, North Little Rock Wastewater Director said the amount being restated is \$40 million and savings are projected to be \$2,092,991.00 of the remaining three bonds.

ORDINANCES

O-22-85 (ORDINANCE NO. 9501 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK FOR THE POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF FUND, THE FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUND, THE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY FUND, AND THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK GENERAL FUND; 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 (8/0). Council Member Hight said this is an ordinance that has to be adopted every year. On the motion of Council Member Hight 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).

O-22-86 (ORDINANCE NO. 9502 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 QUOTA ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9423) FOR THE CERTAIN CITY DEPARTMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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 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). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-22-87 (ORDINANCE NO. 9503 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A TOW TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS IN AN R4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 715 NORTH PINE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. Mr. Mike Marlar, Halff and Associates/Marlar Engineering and Dr. Jerome Green, President of Shorter College came forward. Dr. Green introduced Ms. Jamie Gregrich who was a 2022 Honors Graduate of Shorter College. She started college there while incarcerated, when she was released she continued and completed her education. She is now enrolled at the University of Arkansas Little Rock. Regarding the Special Use request, Dr. Green advised they want to build temporary portable buildings (2) on the existing college campus. These are needed to accommodate additional students in the adult education program. Choir and basketball activities are also being reintroduced on at the campus and they look to expand in the future. Council Member Taylor asked how long temporary would be. Dr. Green said no more than one (1) year. Plans are underway for the permanent expansion of the Library and Gym. The portable buildings would be placed by the daycare center so they are not in the way when the expansion begins. City Attorney Fields advised under the terms of the legislation, the temporary classrooms will have to be removed by August 31, 2023. Council Member Robinson said the temporary buildings are needed as the student body is growing. Council Member Ross asked about

parking. Mr. Marlar said they would abide by the Planning Commission rules. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). Mr. Shawn Spencer, Planning Director advised the ordinance needs to be amended to allow two classrooms at this location instead of one. With the amendment, O-22-88 can be withdrawn. Council Member Ross referenced the temporary gravel parking pad and asked if two buildings would take away the parking area. Mr. Marlar said it (parking) will be included as required by Planning. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *replace "a classroom" with TWO CLASSROOMS* (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter 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 as amended (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

Note: following business items, Council Member Harris asked Ms. Gregrich to come forward and commended her for her efforts. She received a standing ovation.

O-22-88

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A TEMPORARY CLASSROOM IN AN R4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 604 NORTH LOCUST STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and withdrawn by the sponsor, Council Member Taylor. The item was included in the previous legislation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Vickie Hensley spoke regarding 703 Spriggs Road. Her family has lived on Spriggs Road since 1969. For the past two years, she and other neighbors have tried to resolve an issue involving another neighbor in the neighborhood. Residents have reached out to multiple people for assistance. She along with other neighbors were present to thank North Little Rock Police Chief Patrick Thessing, the North Little Rock Police Department and City Clerk Enforcement Officer Scott for caring about the residents of the neighborhood and thanked them for resolving the issue. Ms. Sherry Vie lives at 621 ½ Spriggs Road. She has been there 45 years and never had any issues. The new neighbors hosted parties with hundreds of people who did not know each other. There would be 50 to 100 vehicles parking along the driveway to and on the street. There was excessive noise and obscene things going on in the yard. The residence is directly across the driveway from her home. She has grandchildren and was upset with the activities. She said the neighbors had threatened to harm them. She had also called the police several times. Ms. Vie thanked everyone from the city who has helped them. Miss (unknown) Chenault spoke for her mother regarding 4916 Candlewick. The structure has been in a state of disrepair. She has tried to get her mother to sell the property. Her mother signed a Rehabilitation Agreement on September 8, 2021. She has not complied with the terms of the agreement. On July 11, 2022, a certified letter was sent to her mother regarding plans to demolish the

structure. Since that time, her mother has granted her Power of Attorney and she has talked to contractors who advised the house could be rehabilitated. She also has bids from contractors familiar with laws, regulations and the process of rehab which she sent to the Mayor and City Council Members. Ms. Chenault advised she obtained signatures from residents on Candlewick and Hampton regarding the property. Most were in favor of rehabilitation. She said the house is on a sloped lot and if torn down there could be erosion issues. She asked the Mayor and Council for help and permission to sell the house. City Attorney Fields said Ms. Chenault has been in contact with Deputy City Attorney Rick Hogan in her office. A letter was mailed to the homeowner in June. There have been previous extensions to the rehab agreement, which has been breached, therefore, the City Attorney cannot extend it. Legislation would have to be filed to approve a new Rehab Agreement with a new owner. Neither the Mayor or Ward 4 Council Members have indicated they would sponsor legislation. Code Enforcement Director Felicia McHenry advised there has been an ongoing issue with this property for a number of years. It has not been occupied for some time and has been a nuisance. Council Member Ginn referred to photos of the inside of the structure. Ms. Chenault added there had been a fire in the house. Council Member Hight said this nuisance has been going on for 11-12 years. His constituents have been complaining for some time. Council Members should not let their emotions tell them how to vote on this item. The owner has had significant time to clean it up and the family is trying to get more time. Council Member Hight said he will not sponsor legislation to extend this and will not support legislation if presented. Council Member Ginn said the utilities are off, windows are open, there are holes in the ceiling, no cabinets in the kitchen, and a hole in the washroom area. The yard is being mowed by neighbors and raccoons have been seen entering the house. She thanked Ms. Chenault for inviting her to look at the interior. However, the rooms are not livable. The cost of removal of the structure would be \$5,000.00. Council Member Ginn suggested the owner apply for a contractor's loan to build a new home on the site. Council Member Taylor asked how this property is different from the property on Cache River. City Attorney Fields said this would be the first rehab agreement for that structure. Council Member Hamilton said the owners of the Cache River structure get extra time due to incarceration of two of the owners. City Attorney Fields said the owner of the structure on Candlewick entered into an agreement in September, 2021. Council Member Taylor said the lady (Candlewick) was confused about the process and is in a nursing home. Mayor Hartwick asked Mrs. McHenry to hold off on demolition until the next council meeting (September 26, 2022) to see if another council member would sponsor legislation. He suggested a buyer put up a contract and earnest money to show their intent. City Attorney Fields said it would not sell while it is under condemnation.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Ginn, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, September 26, 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