

May 8, 2023  
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, May 8, 2023, 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, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, and CHARLIE HIGHT (6/0). Council Members MAURICE TAYLOR and VINCE INSALACO, III were absent. City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey, Deputy Clerk/Revenue Enforcement Officer Jim Scott, and Assistant City Attorney Rick Hogan were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Council Member Baxter.

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, April 24, 2023, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by Chief Deputy City Clerk Katelyn Thomas (6/0).

On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3, and 4, was accepted and filed (6/0).

1. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: Replacement / New Owner – Grocery Store Wine, Retail Beer Off Premises and Small Farm Winery – Retail – for Circle K Store 2709957 fka Big Red #122, 5506 MacArthur Drive, by Angus Powell.
2. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: Replacement / New Owner – Grocery Store Wine, Retail Beer Off Premises and Small Farm Winery – Retail – for Circle K Store 2709955, 601 West Broadway, by Angus Powell.
3. Ember Strange, Chief Financial Officer / Chair Energy Risk Management Committee memorandum re: Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) rate for May, 2023 - \$0.0151 kWh (positive).
4. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: Retail Beer off Premises, Retail Liquor –Replacement / New Owner for Liquor Land fka Howard's Liquor, 4431 Camp Robinson Road, by Manpreet Kaur.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*None.*

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

R-23-60

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 5800 BAUCUM PIKE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING A PERIOD OF TIME FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was held by the sponsor, Mayor Hartwick. (*owner: Wayne M. Ball*)

R-23-84

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4209 CORAL STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held by the sponsor, Council Member Hamilton.

R-23-95

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4706 ATKINS 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. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. The legislation was then held by the sponsor, Mayor Hartwick. (*owner: Stewards of Christ Outreach Inc. c/o Floris H. Blood, Patricia D. Harris and Aprea Harris*)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*None filed.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

R-23-96 (RESOLUTION NO. 10551 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING STEVE WHITE TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK PLANNING COMMISSION; 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 resolution was adopted (6/0).

R-23-97 (RESOLUTION NO. 10552 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GARDNER BURTON TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0).

R-23-98 (RESOLUTION NO. 10553 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MAYOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER SUSPENDING PERMIT FEES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE MARCH 2023 TORNADO; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0).

R-23-99 (RESOLUTION NO. 10554 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO KAL MAKAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson. On the motion of council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the legislation was amended as follows:: *page 1 (a) Earnest Money insert after non-refundable AFTER THE 180 DAY DUE DILIGENCE INSPECTION/REVIEW PERIOD; and, page 2 (b) insert MAY following Buyer, strike in its discretion following MAY strike as explained in Paragraph 3 below insert following Extended Review Period(s) WITH CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL and add new sentence at end NO REASONABLE REQUEST WILL BE DENIED.; and, remove (eliminate) paragraph 2 from Section 3; and, on page 4 insert price \$620,650.00; and. page 4, 7. CLOSING DELIVERIES (a) (ii) 1. Keep BUYER’S DEVELOPMENT PLAN WILL PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGH-END BOUTIQUE – STYLE HOTEL., then strike remaining language in same paragraph, strike item 3; and, item 2 strike through commence construction and insert APPLY FOR SITE PLAN REVIEW* (6/0). On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (6/0). Mayor Hartwick asked for an updated on the project by August (2023).

R-23-100 (RESOLUTION NO. 10555 – 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 906 NORTH G STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council

Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0). (*amount: \$5,005.25*)

R-23-101 (RESOLUTION NO. 10556 – 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 812 WEST 53<sup>RD</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0). (*amount: \$4,999,51*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Suzanne Stair, President of the Amboy Community Food Pantry said the group started providing food to residents across the city (North Little Rock) in 2000. The majority of their clients live in the Amboy Community and are elderly. The Food Bank is currently located in the old Amboy Fire Station which was hit March 31, 2023, by a tornado. The volunteers are no longer able to utilize the office space where windows were knocked out. Currently, they are working in the (Fire Truck) bay area and do not have heat or air at this time. She said they have been told the Fire Station located on MacArthur may be available to them in the future. Their board members and volunteers had a few concerns. One is the lack of parking. They do not have a lot of parking at their current location. If they have a lot of clients show up at one time they park along the street. Ms. Stair said there was also a concern about mold in the building and if it is there it would not be good for volunteers or clients. Fire Chief Gerald Tucker said there had been a mold issue in the past however, the air conditioning system, etc. was replaced and there are no issues now. Mayor Hartwick said there has been discussion of the possibility of relocating the Amboy Food Bank to the station on MacArthur when staff and equipment move to the new site in Burns Park (which also sustained tornado damage). This has not been presented to the City Council for approval at this time. Mayor Hartwick asked if the Amboy Food Bank had used Gardner (Memorial) in the past. Ms. Stair said that is a separate food pantry they have donated excess (fresh) supplies to. Council Member Harris asked about air conditioning at their current location. Ms. Stair said it was her understanding the city did not want to repair the current location. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange said the building was damaged by the tornado. The city is meeting with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) weekly. Anything that is not an emergency requires advance approval from FEMA. FEMA will determine if the building would cost more to repair than remove and would have to approve the outcome. Mrs. Strange was unaware the Food Bank was operating at the site as the roof has extensive damage and windows were knocked out. Mayor Hartwick thanked Ms. Stair and her group for their efforts.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the meeting

was adjourned at 6:29 p.m. (6/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, May 22, 2023, 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