

August 14, 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, August 14, 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, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, VINCE INSALACO, III, and CHARLIE HIGHT (8/0). City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk Talor Shinn, Deputy City Clerk/Revenue Enforcement Officer Jim Scott, and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Information Technology Director John Barber.

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 held Monday, July 24, 2023, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (8/0).

On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 4, 5, and 7, were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Ember Strange, Chief Financial Officer/Chair Energy Risk Management Committee memorandum to City Clerk Diane Whitbey, re: PCA (Power Cost Adjustment) for August 2023 – \$0.0156 kWh (positive).
2. Oath of Commissioner for Argenta Downtown Central Business Improvement District No. 31 of North Little Rock, Arkansas.
4. Kemal Beach, Division VP, Poultry – Tyson Foods, Inc. letter to Division of Workforce Services and North Little Rock Mayor Terry C. Hartwick re: Notice of Tyson Foods North Little Rock, Arkansas Plant Closure on or before October 7, 2023. (Total jobs lost – 339).
5. Ember Strange, Chief Financial Officer – June 2023 Financial Update.
7. Chief of Staff Mike Davis – message thanking city employees for their hard work related to storms (March 31, 2023, and June 25, 2023).

On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Hight who voted no, communication #3 was read, accepted, and filed (7/1).

3. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: On-Premises Wine, Retail Beer On Premises – permit – New Application #41012, for Glamour Nails & Lashes, 3200 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, by Vickie Nguyen.

Council Member Hight asked if salons and barber shops were granted liquor permits. City Attorney Fields said permits are granted by the state Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC). Council Member Hight asked if the council had approved a liquor permit for barber shops or salons in the past. City Clerk Whitbey said many salons do not have a (ABC permit) license but do offer complimentary beer or wine to their clients. In the past, Ms. Vickie Nguyen, Posh Salon on John F. Kennedy held an ABC permit until it was sold. Ms. Nguyen is the applicant on the request for the location at 3200 John F. Kennedy Boulevard. Council Member Hight requested a list of all salons on John F. Kennedy Boulevard within the boundaries of Wards 1 and 4 earlier in the day. Ms. Whitbey said the City Council would have accepted (and filed) a communication in the past regarding similar requests as referenced above. Council Member Hight said there are 13 nail salons from "A" Street to North Hills Boulevard. There are a total of 35 salons in the city. None of them have a liquor permit. Council Member Hight said approving this request could open the gate for other applications. City Attorney Fields said ABC allows elected officials the opportunity to present comments in support of or opposition to alcohol permits. She said a council member could complete the public comment form and provide the same to ABC. Council Member Hight then asked how close the location was to Park Hill Baptist Church. He then asked if the city had a restriction on the distance a liquor or convenience store can be located to a church or school. Council Member Hight said he is opposed to a nail salon holding a liquor permit. Council Member Ross asked if the permit is for customers or would this be similar to an open bar for anyone. City Attorney Fields said she will research the questions asked by Council Members Hight and Ross.

On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, communication #6 was read, accepted, and filed.

6. Email from Cas Rifkin re: VRBO/Air BNB suggestions for restrictions.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Hartwick asked Chief of Staff Mike Davis to come forward. Chief Davis referenced an update he provided to Council Members which included the condition of Burns Park. He said the City Council voted to retain Crowder Gulf several years ago in the event of a natural disaster. The current contract was renewed on March 6, 2023. On March 31, 2023, a tornado passed through the city causing extensive damage. Crowder Gulf contacted the city immediately and offered support and assistance. By Sunday, April 2, 2023, Crowder Gulf was on site. Chief Davis introduced Mr. Howard Turner with Crowder Gulf and Mr. John Tilley who has been on site the entire time. Mr. Tommy Webster with Tetra Tech, which is a monitoring firm has been on site following the equipment, taking

measurements, weight, photos, etc. required by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). Heavy equipment is being removed at this time. Mr. Turner thanked the Mayor, City Council, and city staff for their confidence in Crowder Gulf. Streets and right of ways were cleared in a little over a month. Burns Park took a lot longer. Representatives said North Little Rock employees were a cohesive group and great to work with. The initial estimate on debris was below 100,000 cubic yards. Actual debris removed is over .5 million cubic yards.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

O-23-48 (ORDINANCE NO. 9585 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A TYPE 1 SHORT TERM RENTAL (STR) IN AN R2 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 309 WEST 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. (The readings were previously suspended July 10, 2023). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, 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). (*applicant: Britt Tucker Stroth*)

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

By voice vote and all members present having voted “aye”, consent agenda items R-23-150, R-23-151, R-23-152, and R-23-154 were adopted (8/0). R-23-153 was pulled and called under new business.

R-23-150 (RESOLUTION NO. 10605 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) FUNDING FOR THE CRYSTAL HILL ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-23-151 (RESOLUTION NO. 10606 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) AND CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE CRYSTAL HILL ROAD REALIGNMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND METROPLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-23-152 (RESOLUTION NO. 10607 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE BURNS PARK

PICKLEBALL COURT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-23-154 (RESOLUTION NO. 10608 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT TO LEASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1400 MARYLAND AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK AIRPORT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

R-23-153 (RESOLUTION NO. 10609 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH HYPERFIBER LLC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Robinson. Council Member Ross asked if the agreement was for pole attachments only. North Little Rock Electric Department General Manager Ryan Wilson said that was correct. Council Member Baxter said he asked what would be attached to the pole and was advised it was wire only. Mr. Jarrett Thompson, Market Manager and Mr. Kyle Graham, Hyperfiber Construction Director were present to answer questions. Mr. Graham said Hyperfiber is a fiber-to-home business and the company is new in the state of Arkansas. They will serve underdeveloped residential areas that do not currently have high-speed internet access. He said they use FCC (Federal Communications Commission) information to determine areas that are not currently served. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-23-155 (RESOLUTION NO. 10610 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND 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 Ross. Council Member Ross asked Chief Financial Officer Strange to come forward and explain the amendments. Mrs. Strange said the amendments would affect the General Fund, Parks Fund, Street Fund and two Sales Tax Capital Improvement Funds. Under the General and Parks Funds, the amounts are mostly related to the March 31, 2023 tornado. She has completed a mid-year assessment on revenue and referenced Exhibit A. Mayor Hartwick asked about the status on refunds from FEMA. Mrs. Strange said the process is time consuming and submissions are reviewed by several agencies. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*General Fund, Parks Fund, Street Fund, Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund, 2023 Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund*)

R-23-156 (RESOLUTION NO. 10611 – MAYOR HARTICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1724 MAPLE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III. Council Member Ross asked the applicant if he understood the terms of the agreement. Mr. Paul Minton is the owner of the property (PR Properties, LLC). Council Member Ross asked if he understood the length of the agreement was 180 days. Mr. Minton said he builds houses and the process includes waiting for quotes from subcontractors and others, 180 days may not be realistic. He said he thought he could ask for additional time and mentioned he (most likely) would. Council Member Hamilton said if Mr. Minton made substantial progress he would be willing to extend the agreement. Council Member Taylor said the applicant indicated he cannot do a rehabilitation in six months. City Attorney Fields said she spoke with Mayor Hartwick and Council Member Taylor regarding the Rehab Agreement form and its content which has been used by the city for a number of years. There are (now) issues with the supply chain, etc. The agreement may need to be reevaluated to make the time frame more realistic. Mr. Minton said the house is 100 years old with 12-foot ceilings. City Attorney Fields said the council has seen increasing numbers on extending existing rehabilitation agreements. Council Member Ross asked how long he thought it would take. Mr. Minton said 270 days (or 9 months). On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Ross, who voted no, the resolution was adopted (7/1).

R-23-157 (RESOLUTION NO. 10612 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REMOVING MIKE ROSS FROM HIS POSITION ON THE CIVIL SERVICE 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 unanimously adopted (8/0).

R-23-158 (RESOLUTION NO. 10613 – COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LICENSE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES (VETERANS TRAIL GARDEN); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).  
(amount: \$5,000.00)

R-23-159 (RESOLUTION NO. 10614 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROSS AND HAMILTON)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ESCAMILLA EXCAVATING, LLC FOR GUM STREET IMPROVEMENTS FROM 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET; AND FOR OTHER

PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).  
(amount: \$320,202.00)

R-23-160 (RESOLUTION NO. 10615 – 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 609 WEST 50<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (amount: \$6,419.23)

R-23-161 (RESOLUTION NO. 10616 – 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 715 EAST 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross 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. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (amount: \$241.56)

R-23-162 (RESOLUTION NO. 10617 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND CERTIFYING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE FILED WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AS A RESULT OF GRASS CUTTING EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF OTHER NUISANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hight 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. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-23-52 (ORDINANCE NO. 9586 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE REINSTATING AND AMENDING THE RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CITY COUNCIL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight 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 Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *Section 2: following City of North Little Rock insert ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE for a*

*period...*(8/0). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Hamilton who voted no, the ordinance was adopted as amended. Emergency clause adopted (7/1), Council Member Hamilton voted no.

O-23-53 (ORDINANCE NO. 9587 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF A FRANCHISE FEE FROM HYPERFIBER, LLC ON SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE METHOD OF PAYMENT THEREOF; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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 readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, 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). (*amount: 4.25%*)

O-23-54 (ORDINANCE NO. 9588 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9559, WHICH ESTABLISHED A COMPREHENSIVE CODE TO REGULATE ISSUANCE OF, AND CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH, SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL BUSINESS LICENSES; 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). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ross said the amendment is to clarify/clean-up language in the ordinance. Council Member Hamilton asked if the council voted against the proposed change would a Special Use be allowed. City Attorney Fields said the ordinance is still the law. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Hamilton, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause adopted (7/1), Council Member Hamilton voted no.

O-23-55 (ORDINANCE NO. 9589 – COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A TYPE 2 SHORT TERM RENTAL IN AN R4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2917 JOHN F. KENNEDY BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicants: Deborah and Garra Barker*)

O-23-56 (ORDINANCE NO. 9590 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A LAW OFFICE IN AN R2 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 412 WEST 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Robinson. Council Member Ross asked why this is not considered a home-based business. City Attorney Fields said the current zoning ordinance allows a limited number of home-based businesses in the city. She has visited with Planning Department staff regarding the same. Council Member Ross said there was no reference to hours of operation. Ms. Nicki Nicolo is an attorney and lives at the location. She does not have any employees. She has a legal assistant who is an independent contractor that comes in a couple of days each week. She also has a law clerk who does most of his work from home. She has worked off of 4<sup>th</sup> Street since 2011. She remodeled this house recently. She has never had more than two clients at a time. The attorneys she associates with have their own office locations. There is an alley behind her property where she added parking. She does not expect clients on Saturday or Sunday. On the previous motion, 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). (*applicant: Nicki Nicolo*)

O-23-57

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND MINOR SERVICES IN A C3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12601 MAUMELLE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held by the sponsor, Council Member Harris. (*applicant: Angel Robinson of Guggenheim Services*)

O-23-58 (ORDINANCE NO. 9591 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW CONCESSION TRAILER SALES IN A C4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3805 MACARTHUR DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, 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). (*applicant: Patricia Garcia of The Fud Trailer Company*)



O-23-59 (ORDINANCE NO. 9592 – COUNCIL MEMBERS HIGHT AND INSALACO, III) *for consideration only*

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW OUTDOOR SPA DISPLAYS AND SALES IN A C3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3929 MCCAIN BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Planning Director Shawn Spencer said all activity has to be within a building. The request is to display under a tent which requires a Special Use. Council Member Ross asked if this would be temporary. Mr. Spencer said the request is for once a year. The applicant was represented by Ms. Wendy Stephens. The business has a week-long spa sale where a tent would be set up on Wednesday. It would be a one-time event. Council Member Taylor suggested allowing an annual (yearly) event. Council Member Baxter asked if the Special Use and the tent permit were separate. Mr. Spencer said the applicant would have the option to come in one time per year in the immediate proximity as reflected in an illustration shown to the council. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows:: *Section 2: 4. Add sentence* SALES SHALL BE ALLOWED ONE-TIME PER CALENDAR YEAR (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). (*applicant: Kiana Nieves of South East Spas*)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Hattie Temple lives on Locust Street. She had issues with housing and Knight Development. The building where she lives is deteriorating. She referenced a press conference three years ago and conditions of the property at the time. She has paperwork with photos she will bring to council members at the next meeting. Ms. Temple said if the city went to Cedar Falls Directory room they would see it has been painted. She referenced issues with other resident apartments. Mayor Hartwick visited the site along with North Little Rock Code Enforcement staff. Mr. Ward Reese, Code Enforcement said residents would have to sign something to allow Code Enforcement in for inspection, and as of this date, no one has. Ms. Temple added when it rains water comes into her living room. Mr. Darren Gray (inaudible introduction) advised he owns property at 2506 East Washington Avenue. He said in 2019 he paid for a dumpster from the people downstairs. He and his wife lived at The Links so he could rehabilitate this property. He said they tore the plaster down and put it in boxes for pickup. He said he received a letter advising the property was condemned due to a hole in the roof which he fixed. Someone stopped by this week and told him the house was not condemned. He said there is a structure in the back that has asbestos and is falling down. His tools were stolen and his house was broken into 50 times. He didn't want to hear about extensions and reiterated he had secured his house. He said his lawyer is in Africa with his wife and referenced a

dowry. Mr. Gray said he lives in Oklahoma City now. He referenced flattening the site and asked the Mayor what the city was going to do about his situation. Mr. Gray continued to be argumentative. Mr. Reese said Mr. Gray needs to sign a rehabilitation agreement. City Attorney Fields reviewed the process to enter into a rehab agreement.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, August 28, 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