

January 22, 2024  
Six o'clock p.m.  
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chamber  
300 Main Street  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024, was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Terry C. Hartwick.

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

The roll was called and the following Council Members answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, NATHAN HAMILTON, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, VINCE INSALACO, III and CHARLIE HIGHT (7/0). Council Member MAURICE TAYLOR was absent. City Clerk and Treasurer Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer/Revenue Enforcement Officer Jim Scott and City Attorney Amy Fields were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by IT 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 on Monday, January 8, 2024, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (7/0).

On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, communication #1 was accepted and filed (7/0).

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Hartwick asked Ms. Sherry Bruno, North Little Rock Sertoma Club to come forward for the presentation of the 2023 North Little Rock Christmas Parade Trophies. Ms. Susie Jones joined her and was introduced as the new Club Christmas Parade Chair for 2024.

Mayor's Cup	Indian Hills Music Club
Chairman's Choice	The International Order of Mrs. Roper's
Best Beauty Entry	Little Miss Rodeo
Best Club Entry	Rust Buckets Off Road
Best Decorated Commercial Business	J Hook Towing
Best Non-profit	North Little Rock Friends of Animals/ North Little Rock Animal Shelter
Best Dance/Performing Group	Divine Pearls Dance Team
Best Fire Truck	Scott Volunteer Fire Department

Best Marching Group  
Sertoma President's Choice

Meadow Park Elementary  
Deck the Halls - Pink

Mayor Hartwick introduced the North Little Rock 2023 State of the City Video presentation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

R-23-247 (RESOLUTION NO. 10723 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 800 NORTH BEECH STREET, BUILDING 8 IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, 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. City Attorney Fields advised Mr. Grice, Attorney with the Hilburn Law Firm had been in touch with her. The Receivership was lifted but funding is still not available. They (owner) are working with the bank. Ms. Fields and Mr. Grice discussed the Rehabilitation Agreement process. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (owner: SC Apartments AR LLC)

R-24-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4807 MASSIE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held by the sponsor, Council Member Hamilton.

O-23-113 (ORDINANCE NO. 9644 – COUNCIL MEMBER INSALACO, III)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING SECTION 14.19.D.2 OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 7697) TO REPLACE A SIGN LOCATED ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT 650 REMOUNT ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Hamilton. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. Father Martin Amaro lives on the property at St. Anne's. The request is to replace the current sign with a digital sign. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. Council Member Ross said there is a residence close to the property. Mr. Mike Berg said the church agreed to turn off the sign at 10:00 p.m. nightly. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *add new section under Section 14.19 2. THE SIGN WILL BE ALLOWED ON BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 A.M.*

AND 10:00 P.M. DAILY (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and the roll having been called and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-24-03

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW AN ADULT DAYCARE CENTER IN AN R3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 425 PARKDALE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTHLITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called, and held for the sponsor, Council Member Taylor who was absent. (*applicant: Julius Harris*)

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

By voice vote and all members present having voted “aye”, consent agenda items R-24-04, R-24-05, R-24-06, R-24-07, R-24-08, R-24-09, R-24-10, R-24-11, R-24-12, R-24-13, R-24-14, R-24-15, R-24-16, and R-24-18, were adopted (7/0). Consent items R-24-17 and R-24-19 were pulled and moved to New Business.

R-23-04 (RESOLUTION NO. 10724 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENNY HEARD TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK LIBRARY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-23-05 (RESOLUTION NO. 10725 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A RESTATED AND AMENDED PULASKI AREA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (PAgis) INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-23-06 (RESOLUTION NO. 10726 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$70,000.00)

R-23-07 (RESOLUTION NO. 10727 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A PREPURCHASED FOOD AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS FOODBANK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$45,000.00)

R-23-08 (RESOLUTION NO. 10728 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OZARK MISSION PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$75,000.00)

R-23-09 (RESOLUTION NO. 10729 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$66,000.00)

R-23-10 (RESOLUTION NO. 10730 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BUTTERFLY COMMUNITY (SEIS PUENTES PROJECT); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$90,000.00)

R-23-11 (RESOLUTION NO. 10731 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THEA FOUNDATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$60,000.00)

R-23-12 (RESOLUTION NO. 10732 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS FOUNDATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$40,000.00)

R-23-13 (RESOLUTION NO. 10733 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTA COMMUNITY THEATER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was (\$200,000.00)

R-23-14 (RESOLUTION NO. 10734 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RIVER CITY MINISTRY OF PULASKI COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$75,000.00)

R-23-15 (RESOLUTION NO. 10735 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ONE, INC. d/b/a THE VAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$50,000.00)

R-23-16 (RESOLUTION NO. 10736 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS REGIONAL INNOVATION HUB AT WINROCK SOLUTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$125,000.00)

R-23-18 (RESOLUTION NO. 10737 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GENESIS DATACOM FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK STREET DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (\$40,740.00)

**NEW BUSINESS**

R-23-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARGENTA ARTS FOUNDATION d/b/a ARGENTA DOWNTOWN COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to New Business, then held by the sponsor, Mayor Hartwick. (\$240,000.00)

R-23-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1722 NORTH MAGNOLIA STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to New Business, then held by the sponsor, Mayor Hartwick. (*owners: Manuel Henriquez and Jorge Marquez – amount: \$4,400.00*)

Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing on the following items:

<u>Call #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>
R-24-20	1801 W 15th St	Jimmy and Nancy Lee Wimberly
R-24-21	1425 W 36th St	Tracy Bowie
R-24-23	1801 W 16th St aka 1607 Flora St	Meyer Rentals LLC / Albert Meyer
R-24-24	4700 Haywood St	Riding Realty Fund / Carl Goodman
R-24-25	4006 Virginia Dr	Baker Shani Living Trust

Mr. Albert Meyer said his property is a parcel with two houses on it. He would like to save his property. He acquired his state and city contractor’s license, roofing registration and a \$10,000.00 bond. Ms. Whitbey said Mr. Meyer obtained a city business license this date. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned.

R-23-20 (RESOLUTION NO. 10738 – MAYOR HARTWICK)  
A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1801 WEST 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 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 read. On the motion of Council

Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (owners: Jimmy and Nancy Lee Wimberly)

R-23-21 (RESOLUTION NO. 10739 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1425 WEST 36<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 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. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (8/0). (owner: Tracy Bowie)

R-23-22

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 135 COLLEGE PARK CIRCLE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 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. Per Felicia McHenry, Director of Code Enforcement, the owner is rehabilitating the property. (owner: Entropy Systems, Inc. c/o Imran Bohra)

R-23-23 (RESOLUTION NO. 10740 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1801 WEST 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET (ALSO KNOWN AS 1607 FLORA STREET) IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 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. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (owner: Meyer Rentals LLC c/o Albert Meyer)

R-23-24 (RESOLUTION NO. 10741 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4700 HAYWOOD STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 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. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (owner: Ridings Realty Fund c/o Carl Goodman)

R-23-25 (RESOLUTION NO. 10742 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4006 VIRGINIA DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 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. On the motion of Council Member Hight and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*owner: The Baker Shani Living Trust*)

R-23-26 (RESOLUTION NO. 10743 – 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 1214 WEST SHORT 17<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 Hight 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 adopted (7/0). (*amount: \$5,055.91*)

O-24-04 (ORDINANCE NO. 9645 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.2.1 AND 8.3.2 OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8, NUISANCE ABATEMENT AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE; 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 (7/0). City Attorney Fields said the previous ordinance had been in place for a number of years. The proposed amendment included an appeals process. Council Member Ross said a vehicle owner would have 30 days to repair or remove an inoperable vehicle. City Attorney Fields said the owner could also request a hearing before the Board of Adjustment within 20 days of receiving notice/citation. A hearing would then be scheduled before the North Little Rock Board of Adjustment. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hight, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*inoperable or junk vehicles*)

O-24-05 (ORDINANCE NO. 9646 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROSS)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.3.1 AND SECTION 1.4.1 OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9, PARKING REGULATIONS; 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 (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton. Council Member Ross said the original

Restricted Parking District legislation included what an approved parking surface was and that the surface must connect to a street or driveway. At some point that was removed. There have been instances when a person drove across a yard to park on four blocks. This will give Code Enforcement and Police more enforcement opportunity. 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). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*parking and parking surface*)

O-24-06 (ORDINANCE NO. 9647 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 MITCHAM ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM I2 to R1 ZONING CLASSIFICATION, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9263; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). (*applicants: Rhett and Hannah Melton*)

O-24-07

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A TYPE 2 SHORT TERM RENTAL IN AN R4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1323 WEST 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held for the sponsor, Council Member Taylor who was absent. (*applicant: Brian Wilson*)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Hattie Marie Temple lives at 1723 North Locust. Ms. Temple said the elevator permit for the building she lives in is out of date (3 – 2023). 200 people use the elevator to get to their floors. She referenced an apartment with water damage that was painted over and said the water leak has returned. Mayor Hartwick asked Code Enforcement Director McHenry to come forward. Ms. McHenry was not aware of the issue but will reach out to the property manager. Council Member Baxter commended the Street Department for their efforts during the recent winter event as they worked around the clock salting/sanding streets. Council Member Ross said residents pay for Waste Management pickup. North Little Rock Sanitation was able to run their routes recently. Waste Management only ran portions. This costs the city money if the recycling bins are full because residents start putting those items in their household garbage container which results in additional dumping fees being paid by the city. The recent weather event is not the first time this has occurred. Mayor Hartwick said our residents pay \$5.78 per month for recycling containers and twice monthly pickup. He will ask Sanitation Director Condo Breedlove to contact Waste Management about the concerns. Council Member Harris commended Mr. Breedlove for recent efforts.



There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all member present, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, February 12, 2024, 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