

February 26, 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, February 26, 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, MAURICE TAYLOR, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, VINCE INSALACO, III and CHARLIE HIGHT (8/0). Chief Deputy City Clerk and 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 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, February 12, 2024, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (8/0).

On the blanket motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Mayor Hartwick declaring the week of March 10 – 16, 2024 as AmeriCorps Week.
2. Scott A. Scholl, Attorney at Law – letter to City Clerk's Office re: Petition for Speed Hump Evaluation Study; Rockwater Boulevard between Third Street and Rockwater Boulevard and 1600 Rockwater Boulevard (26 signatures for – 1 not marked for or against).
3. Ember Strange, Chair Energy Risk Management Committee memorandum re: PCA Rate for March 2024 – \$0.0051 kWh (positive).
4. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: Application for a Combination Restaurant Beer and Wine Permit – New Application #42306 for So Good at 2221 E. Broadway Street by Frederick Jackson.
5. Michael Grounds – letter "to whom it may concern" re: Rob Callahan as replacement on Lakewood Recreational Improvement District #4 Board of Directors.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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.

R-24-19 was called and held by the sponsor.

Note: the item was recalled later in the meeting after the applicants arrived following Resolutions under New Business. It was numbered in the sequence order of the agenda not the order of being recalled and adopted.

*****R-24-19 (RESOLUTION NO. 10759 – MAYOR HARTWICK)**

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 recalled. An unidentified male (assumed to be Manuel Henriquez) advised the intention was to restore the property and create a business enterprise. The (business) partners who were supposed to provide funding for the rehabilitation had personal issues and backed. The owners were able to get some money, but the summer of 2023 was very hot restricting the ability to work outside. There was a fire in the back of the house which was cleaned up (burned wood removed). More restoration is needed. On December 27, 2023, a Rehab Agreement was signed and a remodel plan was submitted to the city. A building permit was also obtained and licensed contractors were retained. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owners: Manuel Henriquez and Jorge Marquez – amount: \$4,400.00*)

R-24-27 (RESOLUTION NO. 10760 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ROB CALLAHAN TO THE LAKEWOOD RECREATIONAL AREA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT; 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 resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

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 NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called, and withdrawn by the sponsor, Council Member Taylor (per Planning and at the request of the applicant).
(*applicant: Julius Harris*)

O-24-07 (ORDINANCE NO. 9650 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A TYPE 2 SHORT TERM RENTAL (STR) IN AN R4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1323 WEST 9TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Council Member Taylor advised he had met with the applicant, Mr. Brian Wilson at the property. He was impressed with what had been done in the unit and was ready to approve this legislation. He advised there are some issues Mr. Wilson will need to talk to the Planning Department about. City Attorney Fields said the property will have to meet all state, local and federal requirements. On the motion of Council Member Taylor 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 Hight and seconded by Council Member Taylor. Council Member Ross asked Chief Deputy City Clerk Thomas how the city would know if all requirements had been met. Mrs. Thomas advised the Planning Department and Fire Department will have requirements pertaining to an STR that must be met before a Zoning Certificate will be issued. A Business License will not be issued without an approved Zoning Certificate from the Planning Department. Council Member Baxter referenced a photo of the building and asked if it was a non-conforming structure and if it would meet building, fire codes, etc. Planning Director Shawn Spencer said the building does not meet any of the (city) codes (at this time). The legislation before the council is to allow a Special Use for a STR only. The structure will have to be brought up to current codes. Council Member Harris referenced the photo and said it appeared to be two (2) sheds. Mr. Spencer said it was. Council Member Harris asked if the structure had a toilet. Council Member Taylor said the structure includes a toilet, stove, refrigerator, king-size bed and room for a 65-inch Television. He said there is a gate that is opened by a remote control to access the structure. Council Member Baxter said he did have concerns about safety, but understood the matter before the council was approval of the Special Use. Council Member Robinson said the building looks like a shed and asked if this would set a precedent for STR's in other sheds. Council Member Hamilton said he supports the shed if it meets all (city) safety requirements. This is innovative and still meets all codes/requirements of the city. Council Member Ross said the property is located in an R4 zone. A similar request would not be allowed in an R1 or R2 zone. Council Member Harris asked what other cities may be doing in this regard. Council Member Ross asked if there have been any complaints from neighbors. Mr. Spencer said the structure was brought to the city's attention by a neighbor at

which time the city issued a stop-work order. He added Planning inspectors have not been inside the structure. If the council approves the Special Use, the structure will have to come into compliance. If it is not brought up to code, it will have to be removed or turned back into a shed. Council Member Robinson asked about the square footage. Mr. Spencer said (minimum) square footage was removed by State law and cannot be regulated. Council Member Robinson asked if this would open the door for “tiny-houses”. Mr. Spencer said it (the structure) had to meet code requirements. City Attorney Fields said State law changed about five (5) years ago preventing the city from regulating the size of a home. Council Member Baxter asked if the second structure (in the photo) could be approved since it appeared to be similar in size and construction. Council Member Ross said only one (1) STR is allowed per property. The applicant, Mr. Wilson said he was not aware of the rules or regulations when he listed the property on Air BNB. Following a visit from Deputy City Clerk/Enforcement Officer Scott, Mr. Wilson took down the listing (and started the process to obtain a Special Use). Mr. Wilson added the second structure was a tool shed. Council Member Harris asked Mr. Wilson if he had connected to the existing sewer line. Mr. Wilson said he had. Council Member Harris then asked if Mr. Wilson did the work himself. Mr. Wilson advised he paid a plumber. Other utilities are attached to his home. Mr. Wilson said he has unhooked everything and is working with Donna (James) in the Planning Department. Council Member Ross asked how long the structure has been used as a Short Term Rental. Mr. Wilson said it had not. Mayor Hartwick asked Mr. Wilson if he understood what needed to be done going forward. Council Member Ross asked Mr. Spencer if this structure will have to meet all code requirements that apply to a stick-built house. 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 Robinson, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Brian Wilson*)

O-24-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9263) TO INCLUDE DEFINITIONS, USES, AND RESTRICTIONS REGARDING METAL SHIPPING CONTAINERS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, the readings were suspended on Monday, February 12, 2024. The ordinance was called and held by the sponsor, Council Member Baxter.

CONSENT AGENDA

By voice vote and all members present having voted “aye”, consent agenda items R-24-42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50, and 51 were adopted (8/0). R-23-47, 48, and 52 were pulled and called under new business.

R-24-42 (RESOLUTION NO. 10761 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING J. MASON TOMS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-24-43 (RESOLUTION NO. 10762 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHARLES R. HART TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-24-44 (RESOLUTION NO. 10763 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DEBRA ROBERTS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-24-45 (RESOLUTION NO. 10764 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-24-46 (RESOLUTION NO. 10765 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON POPLAR STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-24-49 (RESOLUTION NO. 10766 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO LENCO INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR A LENCO BEARCAT FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-24-50 (RESOLUTION NO. 10767 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO FUSUS, A SOLE SOURCE VENDOR, FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (\$450,000.00)

R-24-51 (RESOLUTION NO. 10768 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE LOSS AND BUSINESS INTERRUPTION INSURANCE FOR THE MURRAY HYDROELECTRIC PLANT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INSURANCE AGREEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (\$390,000.00)

NEW BUSINESS

R-24-47 (RESOLUTION NO. 10766 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENTS OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS BY KAL MAKAN TO ARGENTA HOSPITALITY, LLC AND TO ARGENTA PARKING, LLC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

City Attorney Fields said Mr. Makan intends to build a hotel and associated parking. The initial agreements were in his name. This legislation approves assignment of the Purchase Agreements to the LLC. Council Member Ross asked if these were Mr. Makan’s LLC’s. City Attorney Fields said they were. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0)

R-24-48 (RESOLUTION NO. 10770 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH GARVER, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT; 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, with the exception of Council Member Hight who abstained, the resolution was adopted (7/1).

R-24-52 (RESOLUTION NO. 10771 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO REHABILITATE PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1801 WEST 16TH STREET (1607 FLORA STREET) IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

was read. Mr. Albert Meyer lives on Skyline Drive. City Attorney Fields reviewed the agreement. Mr. Meyer said he understood to agreement and had an on-site consultation with Bill Blankenship from the City Planning Department. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*Meyer Rentals - \$2,797.00*)

Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing on the following condemnations:

Call #	Address	Owner
R-24-53	120 Park Place	Carlos Bozeman
R-24-54	322 North Cherry Street	Queen Ester Williams
R-24-55	1223 Division (1223 ½ Division)	Veterans Village of America, Inc.
R-24-56	1307 North Pine Street	Thelma Davis
R-24-57	2010 East 2nd Street	Grace Realty LLC
R-24-58	2206 Parkway Drive	Ralph Cagle c/o Mervin Cagle, Daniel Webb, and REA Rentals Company LLC

Ms. Francis Davis was present with her brother and her father, Mr. Wilford Davis regarding R-24-56 – 1307 North Pine Street. She said they have had issues with squatters and haven't been able to get to the property often due to health issues with their parents. They (those present) do not want to lose the house and the intent was to sell house. She said there are people interested in purchasing the property and do not want to demolish it. Proceeds from (the sale) would provide (financially) for their parents. Mrs. Felecia McHenry, Code Enforcement Director said the issue with vagrants is ongoing.. Mayor Hartwick asked Ms. Davis what plans they had for the property. She said initially they wanted to redistrict (rezone) the property to allow a catering business. She said over the weekend a squatter told her brother they (squatters) were being harassed. Mayor Hartwick asked if the police were called. They were not. The brother (no name given) asked for more time. Council Member Ross asked if there was a generator on the front porch. Ms. Davis said she saw one there earlier this date. Council Member Ross said she attends the Dark Hollow Neighborhood Association meetings. This property has been an ongoing issue at the meetings and caused a lot of problems in the neighborhood. Ms. Davis said they have boarded it up but the boards get torn off. She said her parents are ready to tear down the structure. She added the family needs to be able to recoup some of their investment. Council Member Ross asked how long the house had been vacant. Mrs. McHenry said since 2017. The brother said he told people who stay in the house illegally to keep it clean. Council Member Hamilton had received complaints on this property as well. Council Member Ross asked City Attorney Fields to go over the process to enter into a rehabilitation agreement with the city. This would include a timeline and a bond to cover the cost of demolition in the event the owner failed to complete the agreement. Mr. Matthew Bell said he owns 1701 Moss Street (R-24-59). The property has been under contract for 1 ½ months. Mr. Bell said he has cleaned up a lot and spent a lot of money on the building. A fence was been erected with a gate and security cameras installed. However, the fence has already been cut. He brought a dumpster in for cleanout, but had to remove it the same day or it would have been full. He had called the police regarding issues. The intended use of the property by a professional management company would be mini-storage units. Council Member Ross asked what would happen if the property is not condemned and sells. Mrs. McHenry said the process would have to start over with the new owner and would take about one (1) year to get back before the council for condemnation. City Attorney Fields said if the property is condemned the new owner would accept it subject to the condemnation. Mayor Hartwick said the new owner would have the opportunity to enter into a rehab agreement. Mr. Daniel Webb, Attorney at Law spoke regarding R-24-58 – 2206 Parkway. Mr. Webb represents the estate of Ralph Cagle, deceased. He said he worked with a local realtor who hired a Title Company to research and sell the property. *Note: Pulaski County Real Estate Records show the property was sold on December 4, 2023 to RMA AR Real Estate LLC and an Administrator's Deed was filed.* Mr. Ward Reese, Code Enforcement said Mr. Cagle's name was attached to the property because the (current) owner's billing address was attached to Mr.

Cagle's last known address. Mr. Reese spoke to Mr. Cagle's brother who lives in Virginia. The owner is 96 years old and lives on Kings River, North Little Rock. Mr. Reese said he advised Mr. Cagle's brother he did not feel that Mr. Cagle or his estate had any other interest in this property. City Attorney Fields asked Mr. Ward who the owner was and who should be served the notice of condemnation. Mr. Reese said the current owner is REA Rentals (Company LLC) and she had been served with the notice of condemnation (and this public hearing). City Attorney Fields advised Mr. Webb the city would put a lien on the property but not seek payment from the estate. Ms. Fields said the proper owner was served but not present at the council meeting. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned.

R-24-53 (RESOLUTION NO. 10772 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 120 PARK PLACE 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 Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Carlos Bozeman*)

R-24-54 (RESOLUTION NO. 10773 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 322 NORTH CHERRY 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 Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Queen Ester Williams*)

R-24-55 (RESOLUTION NO. 10774 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1223 DIVISION STREET (1223 ½ DIVISION 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 Taylor and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Veterans Village of America, Inc.*)

R-24-56 (RESOLUTION NO. 10775 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1307 NORTH PINE 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 Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Thelma Davis*)

R-24-57 (RESOLUTION NO. 10776 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 2010 EAST 2ND 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 Taylor and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Grace Realty LLC*)

R-24-58 (RESOLUTION NO. 10777 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 2206 PARKWAY 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 Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Ralph Cagle c/o Mervin Cagle, Daniel Webb and Rea Rental Company LLC*)

R-24-59 (RESOLUTION NO. 10778 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1701 (1705) MOSS 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 Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: MFB Investments LLC c/o Matthew Ferguson Bell*)

***R-24-19 was recalled under unfinished business (*see page 2*).

O-24-12 (ORDINANCE NO. 9651 - COUNCIL MEMBERS TAYLOR AND HIGHT)
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 1 SIMMONS BANK ARENA DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE
ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. At the request of Council Member Taylor and without objection, Council Member Hight was added as a cosponsor. On the motion of Council Member Taylor 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 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). City Attorney Fields advised a public hearing was not convened. On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the previous motion to adopt was expunged (8/0). Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned (8/0). On the motion of Council Member Taylor and seconded by Council Member Baxter, 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). *(to increase height and size)*

O-24-13 (ORDINANCE NO. 9652 – MAYOR HARTWICK AND COUNCIL MEMBER
TAYLOR)
AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING A RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT 2ND
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 Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to speak, the public hearing was adjourned. Mr. Spencer said this legislation would vacate and abandon the right-of-way in front of the old City Services Building (120 Main Street) known as the promenade or plaza. On the motion of Council Member Ross 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-24-14 (ORDINANCE NO. 9653 – MAYOR HARTWICK AND COUNCIL MEMBER
TAYLOR)
AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING AN ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY
LOCATED AT WASHINGTON STREET AND POPLAR 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 Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the

public hearing was adjourned (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 (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Hartwick announced the beginning of the demolition of the old City Services Building at 120 Main Street. An event will be held Tuesday, February 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The public was invited.

Note: Council Member Robinson left the Council Chambers.

Council Member Taylor advised streetlights at 4340 East 43rd Street are out. Council Member Ross said there have been issues with the council meeting not being on Facebook. She had a message that this meeting was not going out. Council Member Harris thanked the Street Department for lighting up the intersection at the end of the ward on Maumelle Boulevard. Mr. John Barber, Director IT, confirmed with the IT team the meeting was going out on Facebook by the end. He added anytime there is an interruption of Facebook or You Tube, a link to the meeting is posted (redirected) to the other site.

Note: Council Member Robinson reentered the Council Chambers.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all member present, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, March 11, 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