



Governing and Budgeting 101 (Part 2)

This is the second of a series of articles on the financial challenges facing our City. To recap the last article, sales tax revenue has been basically stable over the past ten years while expenses have increased almost 36%. Costs go up every year for the same services. (For example, a garbage truck costs more every year even if the new one runs the same routes as an old one.) In this article we will look at three options available to the city. We will look at doing nothing, at a \$15 per month sanitation fee, and at voting in a penny sales tax.

If we do nothing to raise revenues, the city's reserve fund will be depleted by 2019. Assuming a 1% growth in revenue and a 2% growth in expenses, the numbers are as follows:

	2017	2018	2019	2022
Beginning Fund Balance	13 million	8.9 million	4 million	-1.5 million
Total Revenue	62 million	62.8 million	63.4 million	64.7 million
Total Expenses	66.3 million	67.6 million	69 million	73.2 million
Budget Shortfall	-4.1 million	-4.8 million	-5.6 million	-7.9 million
Ending Fund Balance	8.9 million	4 million	-1.5 million	-22.9 million

By law the city must submit a balanced budget. It is good practice that the city's reserve fund not fall below 8 million dollars. If we do nothing, about 5 million dollars will have to be cut from the budget every year to save the reserve fund and balance the budget. Those cuts would include losing about a dozen police officers, a dozen fire fighters, three sanitation workers, three electric department workers, one employee from every other department, cutting out all contracts with nonprofits (including kids programs and after school programs), and eliminating all training and travel. With all of those cuts, we would still have to find another million dollars in the budget to cut.

The second option is for the City Council to enact a \$15 per month sanitation fee. Projections show it would raise slightly less than five million dollars.

	2017	2018	2019	2022
Beginning Fund Balance	13 million	8.9 million	8.2 million	2 million
Total Revenue	62 million	67 million	67.6 million	69.7 million
Total Expenses	66.3 million	67.6 million	69 million	73.2 million
Budget Shortfall	-4.1 million	-690,000	-1.3 million	-3.5 million
Ending Fund Balance	8.9 million	8.2 million	6.9 million	-1.5 million

In five years we will be back at a negative fund balance and an unsustainable budget. This fee would only affect home owners. Businesses, apartment dwellers, and people outside the city would not pay the fee.



ATTENTION!

Bulky and Green Waste Curbside Pickup Regulations for the City of North Little Rock

NOTICE! Due to Regulations by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), the City of North Little Rock can no longer deliver co-mingled (mixed) yard waste/bulky item loads to the Composting Facility. Therefore, Green Waste and Bulky Waste must be separated at the curb into two (2) piles as illustrated on the other side of this card:

GREEN WASTE



GREEN WASTE – Includes bagged grass clippings, bagged leaves, bagged pine needles, shrubbery, hedges, plants (without pots), limbs, unpainted/unfinished wooden furniture and/or boards. Note: Tree limbs placed on the curb must not be greater than 6 inches in diameter by 12 feet in length, OR 12 inches wide by 6 feet long. (As required by Chapter 13 of the NLR City Code, Ordinance #8585)

BULKY WASTE – Which includes items that are too large and bulky/heavy for regular garbage collections. In particular, couches, mattresses, minor amounts of carpet, finished/painted furniture, minor amounts of remodeling materials, rubbish and appliances (must have compressors and/or Freon removed). Note: Rubbish, trash and appliances may not be placed at the curb for collection earlier than one day prior to the scheduled curbside pickup. Bulky waste pickup is the next business day after regular garbage pickup.

BULKY WASTE



REMINDERS!! As required by the NLR Municipal Code, Chapter 13, Solid Waste Ordinance #8585, Adopted 11-11-13.

- Tree Service Contractors are responsible for the removal and proper disposal of all debris generated by their contracted work activities.
- Disposal of new construction debris, demolition debris and tree clearing activities (such as logs, stumps and root balls) are strictly the responsibility of the property/lot owners.
- Green and/or Bulky Waste shall not be placed in the Public Streets or sidewalks in such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- Large cardboard boxes and Styrofoam should be placed out on the curb with regular household garbage collections. Otherwise, recycle all cardboard and paper via Waste Management, Inc.'s green and yellow recycling containers.
- Items that we will not collect: Dirt, Rock, Concrete Products, Liquid Paint (must be dried or mixed with absorbent), Bulk Chemicals, Bulk Oil, Ammunition, Burnt Waste, Large Amounts of Insulation and Roofing Materials, Lawnmowers with Engines, Creosote Cross Ties, and Human/Animal Waste.



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To report
potholes or
street damage in
your neighborhood.

Call NLR Street
Department at
340-5356,
or use the new
North Little Rock
Report & Repair App!



North Little Rock Police Athletic League (PAL) All PAL activities are free!

Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated!!
If you are interested in becoming a PAL volunteer,
please visit our Volunteers webpage;
or contact the PAL Director at 269-5061.

The PAL 2017 **Cheerleading, Football, Kickball and Tennis**
registration began May 2nd.

Teams fill up quickly and may soon close, so sign up early!

-Football-

Football Age Requirements:

- Flag Football (4-5 yrs. old),
not 6 before August 1st, 2017
- Tackle Football (6-7 yrs. old),
not 8 before August 1st, 2017
- Tackle Football (8-9 yrs. old),
not 10 before August 1st, 2017
- Tackle Football (10-12* yrs. old)

* 2017 CAYFL rules: "Players shall not turn 12 years old August 1st, 2017. Maximum number of 4 kids per team that do not turn 13 before 12/31/2017."

Visit our website for more information,
www.ArkansasPAL.com/football.php

-Baseball-

Our 2017 Baseball Season has ended.
The 2018 Baseball Registration
period is expected to begin
in mid-January 2018.

-Kickball-

Kickball Age Requirements:

- Boys and girls, ages 4 and up.
- 4-7 yrs. old,
not 8 before April 1st, 2017
- 8-11 yrs. old,
not 12 before April 1st, 2017
- 12-15 yrs. old,
not 16 before April 1st, 2017
- 16+ yrs. (Adult league)

Visit our website for more information,
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-Cheerleading-

Cheerleading Age Requirements:

- Boys and girls, ages 4 - 14 years old.
- 4-9 yr. old squad
(not 10 before August 1st, 2017)
- 10-14 yr. old squad
(not 15 before August 1st, 2017)

Visit our website for more information,
www.ArkansasPAL.com/cheerleading.php

Follow North Little Rock Neighborhoods on Facebook. The following neighborhoods currently have pages:



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| Amboy | Lakewood |
| Argenta | Levy |
| Baring Cross | Meadow Park |
| Dark Hollow | Park Hill |
| Dixie Addition | Rose City |
| Faulkner Crossing | Scenic Hill |
| Glenview | Sherman Park |
| Holt | Stone Links |
| Indian Hills | |



Questions? Contact the Following

All meetings are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

Amboy Crime Watch

Thursday, 6:00
Bimonthly - months of
Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.
Amboy Methodist Church
311 Military/Mary Ann Conley 758-1208

Amboy Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
Burns Park Hospitality House
corner of Military Drive & Joe Poch Rd.
Jonathan Chamblee, (502) 321-9617
jnc@atw-photo.com

Argenta Community Development Corporation Board

Every 4th Thursday, 5:30
500 West 13th Street, 374-0622.

Argenta Neighborhood Boosters

Every 3rd Thursday, 6:00
NLR Heritage Center, 506 Main Street
Terri Imus, 920-7371

Baring Cross Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
ACTS Church, 13th & Franklin Sts.
Harlan Hunter, 541-1591

Dark Hollow Community Development Corporation

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:30
1400 Pine Street
Belinda Burney, 376-8144

Dixie Addition Community Development Corporation

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
914 "H" Street
Lee A. (Buck) Jeffrey, 240-5376
buckj@att.net

Glenview Neighborhood Association

Every 1st Tuesday, 7:00
Glenview Rec. Ctr, 4800 E 19th St.
Ronald Hollis, Jr., 993-7170

Hillview Village Apartments Neighborhood Watch

Every 2nd Tuesday, 5:30
Hillview Village Apt. Clubhouse
Lynn Goodson, 758-0011

HOLT Neighborhood Association

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
Gardner Memorial United Methodist
Kim Burgess, 812-9807

Indian Hills Neighborhood Association/Crime Watch

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30
North View MBC, 6801 JFK Blvd.
Stephen Whiting, 425-1942

Keep North Little Rock Beautiful

Every 2nd Tuesday, 5:30
NLR Visitors Bureau, Burns Park
Randy Naylor, 350-8775 or
Lisa Smith, 791-2568; KNLRB@aol.com
or www.Facebook.com/KNLRB

Lakewood Community Watch

Tap Pace, 416-0747

Meadow Park Neighborhood Assn.

Every 2nd Tuesday, 7:00
Bethany Baptist Church
308 Eureka Gardens Road
Evelyn Creal, 945-2870

Melrose Outreach

Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Melrose Grocery, 807 Willow St.
Margo Tenner, 372-3810 or 374-7842

Military Heights

Every 2nd Thursday, 6:30
North Little Rock Community Center

NAACP

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00
Bethel AME Church, 600 Cedar Street
Deborah Rhodes, Ph: 351-9558

Neighbors United for Levy

Every 1st Monday, 6:30
North Heights Recreation Ctr, 4801 Allen
Jennifer Johansen, 771-0520

North Little Rock CPA Alumni

3rd Tuesday in February, May, August
& November, 6:30
Downtown Police St., 8th & Main Streets
Curtis Gatewood, Jr., 258-1821

North Little Rock Friends of Animals

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30
North Little Rock Community Center
Joy Stevens, 758-5482

North Little Rock Landlords Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
NLR Community Ctr, 2700 Willow St.
Gail Blucker, 835-6679

Park Hill Neighborhood

1st Tuesday, 6:00
Location: Idlewild Park Historic Building
Intersection of D, North Cedar & Plainview
John Gregan, 758-7159
johngregan@att.net
<http://www.historicparkhill.com>
<http://groups.google.com/group/parkhill>

Ridge Road Village Neighborhood Watch

Every 4th Thursday, 5:00
4748 Ridge Road
Michelle Johnson, 771-7500

Rose City Neighborhood Association

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
Rose City Police Substation
Dennis Fisk, 519-2789

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Association

2nd Thursday, 7:00
January, March, June & September
Alice Kunce, (573) 353-2270 or
Carol Crow, 753-9044

Sertoma Club of North Little Rock

Every Wednesday, 12:00 noon
Newk's on Warden Road

Sherman Park Neighborhood

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
8th St. Baptist Church
Corner of Hickory & SA Jones Sts.

Stone Links Neighborhood Association

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00
Stone Links Golf Course Clubhouse
Willie C. Thomas, 612-2503

Willow Beach Neighborhood Association

2nd Tuesday in March & October, 6:30
Church at Willow Beach
John Santoro, 607-1755



**City of North Little Rock
City Hall 300 Main Street**

Elected Officials

Mayor Joe Smith 975-8601
 City Clerk, Diane Whitbey 975-8617
 City Attorney, Jason Carter ... 975-3755

Aldermen

Ward 1

Debi Ross 753-0733
 Beth White 758-2738

Ward 2

Linda Robinson 945-8820
 Maurice Taylor 690-6444

Ward 3

Steve Baxter 804-0928
 Ron Harris 758-2877

Ward 4

Murry Witcher 835-0009
 Charlie Hight 994-0670

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City Government
at www.nlr.ar.gov**

**2017 Recycling
Weeks**



**July 9 & 23
 August 6 & 20
 September 3 & 17
 October 1, 15 & 29
 November 12 & 26
 December 10 & 24**

Put your bins to the curb by 7:00 a.m. the day of your regular household garbage pick up. Put them away by 8:00 a.m. the next day.

Recycling Questions? Call Waste Management at (501) 565-0191.

**North Little Rock
City Meetings**

NLR Airport Commission

3rd Thursday, 12:00 pm
 120 Main Street, Room A
 City Services Building

City Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:00 p.m.
 NLR City Hall, 300 Main Street

**Planning Commission
Sign Board**

2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
 120 Main St., 2nd floor, west end

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday, 4:45 pm/300 Main St.

History Commission

2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm/506 Main St.

Historic District Commission

2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm
 506 Main St.

**Parks & Recreation
Commission**

3rd Monday, 5:00 pm
 2700 Willow St.

City Beautiful Commission

3rd Monday, 6:00 p.m.
 4601 Fairway Avenue

Senior Citizen Commission

Every 4th Monday, 3:00 p.m.
 401 West Pershing

**Planning Commission
Board of Adjustment & Appeal**

Last Thursday of each month,
 1:30 p.m.
 120 Main St., 2nd floor, west end



Budgeting 101, continued.

The third option is a penny sales tax. ½ of the penny would be used only for streets and drainage, improving fire stations, and a new police and courts building. This half cent would automatically go away after five years. The sunset clause limiting the half cent to five years is in the ballot title. The second ½ of the penny would go to the city’s general fund. With that half cent, the budget numbers look like:

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Ending Balance	8.9 million	12.5 million	15.5 million	20.4 million

40% of the sales tax will be paid by people who live outside the city. Everyone who lives in the city, including those in apartments, will pay the tax. People who spend less money will pay less tax. The reserve fund will be healthy for at least five years with predictions showing the ongoing half cent tax would keep the city fiscally healthy for at least ten years.

It is useful to remember that the city has paid down its debt from over ten million dollars four years ago to less than 2.5 million dollars today. Copies of the budget are available on line at the City’s website, or at the City Clerk’s Office in City Hall. The budgeting process is open and public each year with several televised meetings held, public input solicited, and the City Council and the Mayor discussing the budget and passing it at televised City Council meetings. Currently our city sales tax is at 1%, which is less than the surrounding cities.

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