

Monday, July 8, 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, July 8, 2024, was called to order at 6:01 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). *Note:* Council Member Ross participated by telephone. Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Talor Shinn, 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 Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2024, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (8/0).

On the blanket motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. Via U.S. Mail from David Gates re: Petition for Speed Hump Evaluation Study on Saunders Drive between Lynch Drive and Rhodes Street (20 – for).
2. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: Change of Manager Application #43202 for The Olive Garden Restaurant #189, 2943 Lakewood Village Drive, North Little Rock, by Craig Satterwhite.
3. Ember Strange, Chief Financial Officer/Chair North Little Rock Energy Risk Management Committee, memorandum to City Clerk Diane Whitbey re: Power Cost Adjustment Rate for July, 2024 (\$0.0061 kWh (positive)).
4. Kenny Stephens, Parks and Recreation Director memorandum re: Notice of Public Hearing for the Parks and Recreation Department – July 15, 2024 at the Glenview Community Center, 4800 E. 19th Street, North Little Rock, at 5:15 p.m.

5. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: New Restaurant Mixed Drink – Maximum Application #43228 for Rivera Italian Restaurant, 2629 Lakewood Village Place, North Little Rock, by Besim Qerimi.
6. Email from Rock Region Metro re: Response to Citizen Communication from Hattie Temple re: Route/Time Concern.
7. Ember Strange, Chief Financial Officer re: May 2024 Financial Update (budget to financial statements – May 2024).

PRESENTATIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing re: O-24-50 – an Ordinance establishing the Heritage Park Circle Urban Service District No. 2 of North Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Bob Hardin, Attorney at Law, advised he was retained to represent the residents of Heritage Park with the statutory requirements to form an Urban Service District. He referenced petitions signed by 42 individuals who purported to be (qualified) electors within the boundaries of the district. The properties lie on Heritage Park Circle and consist of 42 lots and 41 households. The petitions were filed, notification was published of this hearing date, and notices were sent to all of the property owners, all in accordance with the statute. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if the city wanted to approve an ordinance to form the district. The statute requires 25% of the electors within the property area sign the petition. Mr. Hardin said the Pulaski County Register of Voters provided a list of all current property owners (within the area) who were shown in the records to be current voters (at an address within the area). The list included 81 individuals. 52 signatures were obtained. 42 matched those provided by Mr. Michael Razor, (Pulaski County) Voter Registration Mapping Technician. The number of qualified voters was 50% which exceeded the 25% requirement. Mr. Brooksher Banks lives at 40 Heritage Park Circle. He and his wife moved there in 1986. Heritage Park has a long-standing record of taking care of the public areas which included the entrances at McCain and from North Hills Boulevard, irrigation and plants, and the surrounding wall. The (Heritage Park) Urban Service District began approximately 15 years ago. State law included a 10 year Sunset clause. Due to the pandemic (COVID 19) the renewal was missed. They (the residents) have continued to take care of the neighborhood. Mrs. Wendy McCloud asked if signatures were collected from residents who opposed the petition. Mr. Banks said every resident was either emailed a copy of the petition or hand-delivered a petition. There were no objections. Council Member Taylor asked if there was a requirement to collect signatures in opposition of the proposal. Mr. Bank said there was not. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O-24-46

AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3811 MCCAIN BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM C3 TO C4 ZONING CLASSIFICATION, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9263; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and pulled by the sponsor, Council Member Insalaco, III. (*applicant: David Alan Bubbus of Anchor Realty Investments, LLC*)

CONSENT AGENDA

By voice vote and all members present having voted “aye”, consent agenda items R-24-144 and R-24-245 were adopted (8/0).

R-24-144 (RESOLUTION NO. 10864 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN CERTAIN BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*\$250,000.00 – Rose City Health Clinic*)

R-24-145 (RESOLUTION NO. 10865 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0). (*\$3 million – proposed Conference Center at 120 Main Street*)

NEW BUSINESS

R-24-146 (RESOLUTION NO. 10866 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4917 SCHOOL 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. 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 Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Dan Bogard c/o Anthony Burel*)

Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing on the following items:

Call #	Address	Owner:
R-24-147	1801 West 15 th St	Jimmy and Nancy Lee Wimberly
R-24-148	1424 West 18 th St	Albert Pointer
R-24-149	905 North F St	Krista McLeod
R-24-150	15 Oakview Dr	Deborah Kay Owen

R-24-151 2010 East 2nd St Grace Realty LLC

R-24-152 322 North Cherry St Queen Ester Williams

There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned (8/0).

R-24-147 (RESOLUTION NO. 10867 – 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 1801 WEST 15TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (\$5,672.83)

R-24-148 (RESOLUTION NO. 10868 – 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 1424 WEST 18TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (\$18,361.76)

R-24-149 (RESOLUTION NO. 10869 – 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 905 NORTH F STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (\$4,881.46)

R-24-150 (RESOLUTION NO. 10870 – 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 15 OAKVIEW DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 resolution was adopted (8/0). (\$5,903.53)

R-24-151 (RESOLUTION NO. 10871 – 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 2010 EAST 2ND STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council

Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (\$6,677.30)

R-24-152 (RESOLUTION NO. 10872 – 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 322 NORTH CHERRY STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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). (\$5,887.09)

R-24-153 (RESOLUTION NO. 10873 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING 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-24-48

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 QUOTA ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9648) FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was held by the sponsor, Mayor Hartwick. (*Electric, IT, and Police*)

O-24-49 (ORDINANCE NO. 9684 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES' POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL REGARDING OVERTIME COMPENSATION; 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 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).

O-24-50 (ORDINANCE NO. 9685 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROSS)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HERITAGE PARK CIRCLE URBAN SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 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 Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). Council Member Ross said before the first Urban Service District (USD) was formed residents were asked to pay voluntary dues to take care of their area. Mr. Al Ostedgaard initiated the previous USD. The residents have done everything they should to reinstate the USD. On the motion of Council Member Taylor 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). (*Initial members of administrative board: Laura Chancey, Margaret Powell, Thomas Pownell, and Laura Juels*)

O-24-51 (ORDINANCE NO. 9686 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROSS)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A PET GROOMING SALON IN A CPH ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3718 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 Ross and seconded by Council Member Hight, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). The applicant Delilah McCoy, said they will offer dog grooming and possibly cat grooming in the future. There will be no boarding or kenneling outside. On the motion of Council Member Hamilton 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). (*applicant: Delilah McCoy*)

O-24-52 (ORDINANCE NO 9687 – COUNCIL MEMBER INSALACO, III)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 9572, WHICH GRANTED A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A TATTOO PARLOR IN A C1 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5100 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 Taylor, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). Council Member Hight asked if the ordinance should be amended to include a tattoo artist school. City Attorney Fields said it is included in the (body) ordinance. On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Hight, 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: John Hall*)

O-24-53 (ORDINANCE NO. 9688 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2509 PARKER STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM C3 TO R2 ZONING CLASSIFICATION, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9263; 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). (*applicant: Staci Medlock*)

O-24-54 (ORDINANCE NO. 9689 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING SECTIN 6.2.3 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9263) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2922 EAST 2ND STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO WAIVE ON-SITE PARKING REQUIREMENTS; WAIVING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 15 OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 7946) FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO WAIVE HALF-STREET IMPROVEMENT REQUIRMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson 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 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: Steven Brooks on behalf of United Missionary Baptist Church*)

O-24-55 (ORDINANCE NO. 9690 – COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW THE OUTDOOR DISPLAY OF PORTABLE BUILDINGS IN AN I2 ZONE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 520 NORTH VINE 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 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). (*applicant: William Bell of Freedom Floors*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Lasa Martindill lives at 2505 Calico Creek Drive. On June 14, 2024, a “no parking” sign was erected in from of their house in the Overbrook Community. She attended the Overbrook Homeowners Association meeting prior to attending the City Council Meeting. She said no one knew about, discussed or voted on (the sign). The only house with a sign is hers. Mrs. Martindill said a request had been made for speed bumps for the safety of their children. She said since moving their vehicles from the street someone has hit her mailbox and the concrete on the porch. There is also an issue with water from the hill in front of her home. The culvert is not strong enough to handle the rain water. She has been told by Code Enforcement they will not

enforce the sign. Mrs. Martindill said she is a musician with a Master's Degree. She asked if they were being singled out or would the sign apply to everyone.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for Monday, July 22, 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