

Monday, July 14, 2025
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, July 14, 2025, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Terry C. Hartwick.

The roll was called and the following Council Members answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, NICOLE HART, LINDA ROBINSON, RON HARRIS, SCOTT FOWLER and VINCE INSALACO, III (6/0). Council Members NATHAN HAMILTON and STEVE BAXTER were absent. City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk Talor/Treasurer Shinn, Deputy City Clerk/Enforcement Officer David Pettit 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 Ross and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Monday, June 23, 2025, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (6/0).

On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, 2, 3 and 5 were accepted and filed (6/0).

1. Ember Strange, Chief Financial Officer / Chair Energy Risk Management Committee re: Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) rate for July, 2025 - \$0.0100 kWh (positive).
2. Mayor Terry C. Hartwick, email from City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey re: Code Enforcement Officers (Code enforcement, Zoning Enforcement, Business/Privilege License Enforcement).
3. Anita Paul, Mayor's Office memorandum re: *Application for New Restaurant Mixed Drink Minimum* for La Catrina, 515 Main Street, by Martin Perez.
5. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange – City of North Little Rock April 2025 Financial Update.

On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, communication #5 was read, accepted and filed (6/0).

4. Ms. Peggy Wegner email re: ongoing crisis on Perin Road – Immediate Action Required (#7, 9, 11 A and B, and 31).

Mayor Hartwick asked Code Enforcement Director Felicia McHenry to come forward. Mrs. McHenry advised citations had been issued to the property owner, Mr. William Shawn

Blankenship. A District Court Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. - North Little Rock District Court – Judge Randy Morley. Mrs. McHenry advised Judge Morley told Mr. Blankenship he would oppose daily fines if the issue(s) were not corrected. Mayor Hartwick advised those present on the issue the matter is before a court. He encouraged them to attend the upcoming court hearing. Ms. Janet Stallings lives on Perin Road. She thanked Code Director McHenry who has been supportive. Ms. Stallings was joined at the podium by Mr. Ronnie Benson and another (name not provided). Ms. Stallings lives across the street. She said last night (July 13, 2025) at 1:45 p.m., Mr. Blankenship started with an empty truck bed. He returned at 4:30 a.m. with the bed of the truck full of items he collected from peoples (curbside) trash. The intent (per Ms. Stallings) was to sell the items. One of the homes mentioned in the email burned a few years ago. It has items packed on the porch and multiple inoperable vehicles present. Mayor Hartwick said he was there last week and observed the issues. There is a procedure the city has to follow. He again encouraged all of the neighbors to attend the upcoming court hearing. City Attorney Fields asked those present to contact her office and speak with Deputy City Attorney/Prosecutor Rick Hogan as they may be called to testify as the impacted neighbors. Ms. Stallings said Mr. Blankenship has missed his last two (2) court hearings, which has resulted in extensions. City Attorney Fields said she will ask Prosecutor Hogan to ask the Judge to impose (some sort of) bond. However, if the jail is full, there may not be a place to hold him. Ms. Stallings said there are neighbors who were not at this meeting as they are afraid of Mr. Blankenship. Council Member Hart asked if the city's codes and/or regulatory laws needed to be adjusted to prevent this from happening in the future. Mrs. McHenry said they have visited with Mr. Blankenship on multiple occasions. She said this is becoming more of an issue across the city. She referenced homelessness as a contributing factor. City Attorney Fields said citations were issued. Current laws and ordinances cover these violations. Ms. McHenry advised additional wording would not prevent what is currently happening. Council Member Ross said the city's outdoor storage regulations are among the simplest in the state – if an item was not made for outside it should not be outside. This particular matter is ongoing and pending before a judge.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R-25-84

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE

ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM THE INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY CLUB (IHCC); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held by sponsor Insalaco, III.

CONSENT AGENDA

By voice vote and all members present having voted “aye”, consent agenda items R-25-102, R-25-103, R-25-104, R-25-105, R-25-106, R-25-107, and R-25-108 were adopted (6/0).

R-25-102 (RESOLUTION NO. 11088 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MICHAEL MOORE, SR. TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-25-103 (RESOLUTION NO. 11089 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-25-104 (RESOLUTION NO. 11090 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERT LOCATED AT 4820 HAYWOOD STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO SHAMROCK LANDS LLC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (amount - \$2,000.00)

R-25-105 (RESOLUTION NO. 11091 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9906 HIGHWAY 165 IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO DARLA EDGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (amount - \$225,000.00)

R-25-106 (RESOLUTION NO. 11092 – 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 COMMUNITY CENTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (amount - \$61,945.00)

R-25-107 (RESOLUTION NO. 11093 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO UNIFIRST CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE NORHT LITTLE ROCK PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Traffic, Sanitation, Street and Vehicle Maintenance); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-25-108 (RESOLUTION NO. 11094 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO DELTA FIRE & SAFETY FOR THE PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0). (*amount - \$192,992.44*)

NEW BUSINESS

R-25-109 (RESOLUTION NO. 11095 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, INCLUDING THE 51ST YEAR (2025) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND THE 2025 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) PROJECTS AND BUDGETS; AND FOR OTHER

PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hart. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. Community Development Director Bailey Noland came forward. She reviewed the Annual Action Plan process. A document has been available for public view at City Hall and City Services buildings. It had also been posted on the city website. The next step will be to submit the document to HUD. Mayor Hartwick asked for an update with regard to Federal Government funding (laws). Ms. Noland said the initial budget eliminated all funding for both CDBG and HOME program. The budget was sent to the House (of Representatives) and CDBG funding was added back into the budget. There is work underway regarding HOME funds. Council Member Ross said HUD wanted the Housing Authority to have a Residents Advisory Board and asked if that had been done. Ms. Noland said that would be question for the Housing Authority. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0).

R-25-110 (RESOLUTION NO. 11096 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 15 AVALON 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. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Fowler. 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 (6/0). (*owner: David Sedberry*)

R-25-111

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 124 EUREKA GARDENS ROAD 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 NUIANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. Council Member Robinson asked if this was a former grocery store. She said the operators left the building with everything inside. Someone put a hole in the roof and went inside. She then asked Mrs. McHenry if the building was structurally sound. Mrs. McHenry said she recently spoke with the owners who indicated they intend to bring the store back. They have started cleaning out the building. They have made a lot of progress on cleaning out the contents. Back taxes have been paid and they intend to be good neighbors going forward. Ms. McHenry recommended holding the legislation. Mayor Hartwick adjourned the public hearing and held the legislation. (owner: Noah Properties LLC)

R-25-112 (RESOLUTION NO. 11097 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 129 HIGH 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. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler. 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 (6/0). (owner: Doris Pearrow c/o Travis Anthony Crain)

R-25-113 (RESOLUTION NO. 11098 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUITON DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1414 WEST 20TH 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. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hart and seconded by Council Member Fowler. 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 (6/0). (owner: John Ray Smith)

R-25-114

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 called. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and

seconded by Council Member Hart. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. There being no one present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned and the item was held.

O-25-46 (ORDINANCE NO. 9779 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9526 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A MIXED USE DEVELOPEMNT IN A C3 ZONE LOCATED AT 6820 CRYSTAL HILL ROAD 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 Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (6/0). On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Ross, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0).

Council Member Harris asked if the revocation ordinances could be called together. City Attorney Fields advised these are ordinances and must be called separately.

City Attorney Fields advised once a Conditional Use had been approved by the City Council, the applicant has one (1) year to obtain their building permits and/or (city) business license. If they fail to meet the time requirement, the city council will then revoke the use.

O-25-47 (ORDINANCE NO. 9780 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9619 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR AUTO SALES IN A C4 ZONE LOCATED AT 4620 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 Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (6/0). On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and the roll having been called and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0).

O-25-48 (ORDINANCE NO. 9781 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9662 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A HOTEL IN A C6 ZONE LOCATED AT 118 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Note: *Council Member Robinson left the council chambers.* City Attorney Fields asked for a brief delay as six (6) council members are required to pass an Emergency Clause. *Council Member Robinson returned to the council chambers.* On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (6/0). On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (6/0).

O-25-49 (ORDINANCE NO. 9782 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9657 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR TWO WAREHOUSES WITH OFFICES IN A C4 ZONE LOCATED AT 810 MICHAELA DRIVE 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 Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (6/0). On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0).

O-25-50 (ORDINANCE NO. 9783 - MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9658 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A DAYCARE CENTER IN A C6 ZONE LOCATED AT 201 WEST 4TH STREET 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 Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (6/0). On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0).

O-25-51 (ORDINANCE NO. 9784 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 9670 TO REVOKE A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A PARKING LOT IN A C6 ZONE LOCATED AT 110 SMARHOUSE WAY 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 Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (6/0). On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Ross, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0).

O-25-52 (ORDINANCE NO. 9785 – COUNCIL MEMBER INSALACO, III)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A TATTOO PARLOR IN A C4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5301 MCCLANAHAN DRIVE, SUITE B12, IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present the readings were suspended (6/0). On the motion of Council Insalaco, III and seconded by Council

Member Fowler, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0). (*applicant: Chelcie Dieterle*)

O-25-53

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW AUTO SALES AND AUTO DETAILING IN A C4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1623 EAST BROADWAY STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called. Mr. Louis Dillard spoke against the proposed legislation. He said he represented the East Argenta Neighborhood Committee. This location has had issues in the past with loitering, wrecked vehicles and other issues. Council Member Robinson said she had been contacted by the neighborhood group with concerns including people riding 4-wheelers in the lot and street, loud noise, and operating late at night. Mayor Hartwick asked City Planning Director Shawn Spencer to come forward. Mr. Spencer advised the applicant had contacted the Planning Department earlier in the day and asked to change some of the conditions. After discussion, it was decided the item would be postponed to the next (City Council) meeting. Mr. Watkins indicated he wanted to remove auto sales from the request. Council Member Hart advised she had spoke with Mr. Watkins who advised he had challenges trying to do something with this property. She then asked if Mr. Spencer was aware of any issues. Mr. Spencer advised he was not. Council Member Robinson said the neighborhood association had advised this property was a nuisance and do not want this in their community. Mayor Hartwick advised he sponsored the legislation for consideration only as the applicant is entitled to appear before the City Council and present his case. Council Member Hart asked Mr. Dillard if Mr. Watkins currently owned/operated the property. Mr. Dillard said the issue is ongoing and the business had been there before. The location is close to a church and daycare. Council Member Hart asked if the issue was with the property owner. Mr. Dillard said the applicant had problems in other parts of the city and referenced Legacy Auto in Rose City. The operator does not control the business. The business would be open until 1:00 a.m. Council Member Hart asked for clarification – was the issue with the property owner or applicant. Mayor Hartwick then held the legislation. (*applicant: Kevin Watkins*)

O-25-54

AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON WEST BETHANY ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM CONS TO I3 REZONING CLASSIFICATIONS, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9263; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held at the request of the sponsor, Council Member Hart. (*applicant: Travis Tolley of Crafton Tull and Associates*)

O-25-55

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 7946) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1800 VAN PELT STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO WAIVE HALF STREET REQUIREMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was called and held at the request of the sponsor, Council Member Hart. *(applicant: Travis Tolley of Crafton Tull and Associates)*

O-25-56 (ORDINANCE NO. 9786 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 7946) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1200 WEST LONG 17TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO WAIVE SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Council Member Robinson asked if the applicant was present. He was. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (6/0). Council Member Robinson advised there are no sidewalks in the area and supported the legislation. 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 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 (6/0). Emergency clause adopted (6/0). *(applicant: Timothy Pighee of Pighee-Branch Development)*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lynette Brown said weeds/grass have been overgrown from East Broadway to the 440 Interchange for at least 6 – 8 weeks. Stop signs and turns are blocked by the overgrowth. This is a safety issue. The area had not been this bad during her time living in the area. Mr. Brown also mentioned the railroad tracks. She said if the tracks are not being used, the City Council should work with the railroad to remove them so the area could be kept clean. Entering and exiting on Prothro Street, Mills Street and Rose Street is bad. Mayor Hartwick said the city cannot cut railroad property. Council Member Ross recommended reaching out to Traffic Services regarding the overgrown intersection. Mayor Hartwick asked Ms. Brown to call his office. Mr. Brandon Toney owns Renown Music at 104 West “F” in Park Hill. He said he had continued to have issues with flooding during heavy rain. Two times in the last week, (Thursday afternoon and Sunday night) water entered the building. In April, there was a bad instance which required him to replace several thousand square feet of flooring and two feet of drywall. Mayor Hartwick did visit the area and made suggestions that did help. He said it may be due to the area changing. The buildings behind him were residential with grass yards to absorb water. Those have since been paved over through the years. The result is the runoff runs towards his location. He has visited with Clark McGlothlin regarding the issues. He referenced the area in front of The Filling Station where water runs off the hill so fast it overwhelms drainage. Ms. Derya Bracy lives on

North Cypress. She thanked Mayor Hartwick and City Engineer David Cook for their efforts. The drain was fixed once, however water backs up into her yard and crawl space. She spent \$4,000.00 to repair damages and put in a sump pump. She doesn't have the money to spend on these water issues. She wants to protect her land, home, mental and physical well-being. She said Mr. Cook said he would send the contractor over to address the issue. Mr. John Grogan lives on West "D". He is with the Park Hill Neighborhood Association. He said water management has not been good since the Jump Start Project started. The (State) Highway Department assured them there would be no drainage problems as there were not any problems in Park Hill. People's investments need to be protected. He asked the city to get with the Highway Department to help remediate the issue as soon as possible. Mr. David Larson, Vice President of Park Hill Business Merchants Association said the association had many conversations before the Jump Start Project began. Several vehicles have died in his parking lot due to flooding. He referenced a video The Filling Station posted on Facebook of a stalled city bus. He referenced the areas of "F" and "B" Avenue. Council Member Ross advised during the process/meetings, they were advised drainage should improve in the area. She asked Mr. Cook if the Highway Department or City could run cameras through the drainage system to see if there was any blockage in the drainage system. She added there wasn't much that could be done when four inches of rain fall within an hour. However, if it happens every time it rains that is another story. Council Member Hart was at The Filling Station Thursday and recalled driving up the street and wondering if the amount of water was abnormal. Mr. Cook said the majority of runoff drains from "H" to "D". The water issues have been ongoing during high-intensity rainfall. Anything done through the right-of-way would have to go through ARDOT (Arkansas Department of Transportation). The city can make a strong request. Mayor Hartwick recalled visiting a culvert where the city had no knowledge of where it went or drained to. Mr. Cook said the city is trying to keep the water in the road. He has tracked it back two blocks over where there are two (2) driveways that slope to the edge of the pavement. All of the water on Olive Street between "D" and "F" goes to the east towards Ms. Bracy's house, then to Renown. Mayor Hartwick asked if there was a way to funnel the water. Mr. Cook said he had visited with Council Member Ross about a small project on Olive to raise the curbs in the low spot to push the water to "F". When the water reaches the driveways referenced it is being pushed behind Cypress. Council Member Hart said she had received a lot of calls about overgrown grass/weeds. She asked if the city should look at some alternatives to keep grass cut. She had some conversations with city departments and was told equipment was down and there were staffing issues. She asked if the city should consider hiring additional staff and providing equipment. Council Member Fowler said he had similar calls but attributed it to the (amount of) rain and heat. Mayor Hartwick said the city Street Department does a great job when you consider the amount of property the city has. The city goes from Maumelle Boulevard to Ashley Downs and from the (Arkansas) River back (approximately 60 square miles). He advised if the request was for more machinery to include the request in the upcoming budget (for 2026). Council Member Hart said the Street Department does do a great job. She asked if the city could evaluate the high growth time of the year and come up with a solution. She referenced contracting services out. Council Member

Ross said she did not want to see city employees in (overgrown) ditches where there are snakes, Poison Ivy and other dangers that could increase Workers Compensation claims. When the city sprays the weeds/grass the city receives complaints about the dead vegetation. Mayor Hartwick asked Council Member Hart to contact his office and provide the locations of the complaints/concerns. Council Member Fowler said he emailed the Street Department and copied Mayor Hartwick on an issue on McCain Park Drive earlier in the day. Council Member Robinson advised the area crossing the railroad track from Mills Street and other streets onto Highway 165 or Baucum Pike had been turned in last week as the result of a complaint about the grass.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. (6/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2025, 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