

Monday, November 10, 2025
Public Meeting Five o'clock p.m.
Council Meeting 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, November 10, 2025, was preceded by a public meeting to discuss the proposed 2026 City of North Little Rock Budget.

The following Council Members were present when Mayor Terry C. Hartwick convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.: Debi Ross, Nathan Hamilton, Steve Baxter, Ron Harris, Scott Fowler and Vince Insalaco, III. *Note: Council Members Nicole Hart and Linda Robinson entered the chambers after the meeting convened.*

Mayor Hartwick asked North Little Rock Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange to present an overview of the proposed budget.

Ms. Strange advised the presentation included a balanced budget proposal for the year 2026. Highlights included: General Fund revenue and expenditures were up approximately \$1.7 million or 2% over the prior year. Last year some Carry Forward Funds were used for a one-time expenditure. Revenues included: Sales Tax – 58% of the General Fund Revenue. Property Tax – up 13% or 12% over the prior year (the largest property tax collection should come in November (2025)). Expenditures included some of the following factors: 2025 negotiated a new contract with the Fire Union (included a 5% raise for fire fighters in 2026). Second year of current Police contract which was approved in 2024 (change included 4% increase for Police). Pension costs for Police and Fire go up annually. The state (of Arkansas) has a maximum contribution which was raised this year. Fire will go up from 24% to 24.5%; police will go up 23.79% to 24.5%. Employee Health Insurance is going up 20%. In the past there were two (2) plans: 1 - \$500 deductible and 2 - \$1,200 deductible. After meeting with Municipal Health and reviewing claims, it was determined, those on the \$500 deductible plan were attributing to claims. The plan for the upcoming year includes a \$1,200 deductible only. Ms. Strange said there are municipalities and corporations with much higher deductibles. Employee Only Coverage will go up from \$547.50 to \$662.50 per month. Employee Family Coverage will increase from \$680.00 to \$823.00 per month. The city covers the full costs for the employee. In the past, the city covered 75% for families. That amount will reduce to 65%. Employees with Family Coverage will see an increase of approximately \$59.00 increase per pay period. This budget includes on-going Grade and Step Increases for non-uniformed employees. A 2.5% cost of living increase was included in this budget for all non-uniformed employees. Salaries and benefits represent approximately 79% of General Fund expenditures. This leaves a balance of

about 21% for everything else. Of the 79%, 77% goes to public safety employees (Police, Fire and Emergency Services/911). Street Fund revenue and expenditures increased about 1.5%. Parks Fund revenue and expenditures increased approximately 4.5%. Ms. Strange referenced raises, health insurance and the use of \$300,000.00 from the Fund Balance for equipment needs. The IT Fund increased approximately \$1.1 million or 20%. IT houses all IT needs for the city which include software, contracts and maintenance of the same. The Sales Tax Fund and the 2023 Sales Tax Fund were provided in the proposed budget packet with a list of items covered through those funds.

Mayor Hartwick opened the floor for discussion. Council Member Ross referenced Special Appropriations. Ms. Strange referred to page 13 of the proposed budget. There is an account titled Arts and Cultural. In the past, the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Discovery were included, those organizations were not funded in this budget. The THEA Foundation was also included under this account – funding was reduced to \$10,000. There is an account titled Homeless Outreach which included River City Ministries funding in the amount of \$25,000. Potluck Food Rescue was included in this item as well to include funding in the amount of \$15,000. Every other account included one (1) agency and was self-explanatory. Council Member Ross asked for a breakdown of the remaining percentage the city has to work with after salaries and benefits. She then referred to funding for School Resource Officers. Ms. Strange advised the city has been able to send Police Officers to the schools. A new arrangement requires the school to pay 25% of the fees (salaries, benefits, equipment) in 2026 and will go up to 50% in 2027. Ms. Strange referenced the Mayor's Youth Council funds which are used for expenditures related to programs. Based on previous spending, the amount was reduced without detriment to the program. Council Member Ross said there have been cuts in some areas, but other items were added. She talked about how dark the Interstate running through the city is at night. \$500,000 has been allocated for lighting (and infrastructure). North Little Rock Electric Department General Manager Ryan Wilson said lights along the Interstate have been off 13 to 15 years. Efforts have been made to use the existing infrastructure. There may be a lot of conduit and wire missing. It will take years and millions of dollars to get this back up and running. Council Member Harris asked about the (state) Highway Department. Mr. Wilson advised DOT (Department of Transportation) will start a project; however once completed it would be turned over to the city and become the city's responsibility to maintain. Council Member Hamilton said he was familiar with the issue as well. ARDOT will put up the lights as part of a construction project if the city pays for them. It was his understanding DOT's position was signs and traffic lanes were adequate for safety. Council Member Hart said there are people in her Ward that benefit from some of the programs which have cuts. She referenced River City Ministries, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Food Bank. Many underserved people are facing issues with food insecurity, after school care, etc., who benefit from these programs and asked if there was a way to keep this funding. The budget included keeping items related to leisure, fun and entertainment. Ms. Strange advised Neighborhood Services works directly with the Food Bank and provides them a list of North Little Rock Pantries that receive funds. Mr. Dan Scott,

Director of Neighborhood Services indicated there were 19. \$38,000 was divided equally among those at the rate of \$2,000 per pantry. Ms. Strange said this is a balanced budget, which included funding cuts to all city departments. Mr. Scott said the Food Bank funding increased from \$25,000 in 2025 to \$38,000 for 2026. The 19 food pantries in North Little Rock are members of the Arkansas Food Bank. This does not include Step Ministries that provides a tutoring program and snacks. Additional funds were moved to the Dark Hollow Food Pantry. Mr. Scott said Potluck received funding through the Unsheltered Outreach. Potluck does food rescue by taking food from restaurants to food pantries and for food deliveries. They were a big help following the 2023 tornado by providing daily food deliveries to residents in impacted areas. Ms. Strange referenced one-time ARPA and COVID-19 funding which was distributed among these organizations. Council Member Hamilton referenced page 13. Ms. Strange said \$20,000 should have been included for Seis Fuentes. Council Member Hart said some items seemed to stay the same (entertainment and leisure) versus providing a necessary resource. Ms. Strange said Argenta Downtown Council (ADC) and PAL (Police Athletic League) were provided what they requested. ADC serves an area of Main Street from Broadway to Pershing. They provide staff for maintenance, beautification, etc. which prevents the city from having to contract the services or use city services to provide labor, etc. PAL is run in-house through the Police Department. In the past, unsheltered funds were given to the City of Little Rock for Jericho Way; those funds now go to River City. Council Member Harris said Providence Park requested \$50,000 and asked if they could help the city with homeless issues in the city. Council Member Robinson asked if Providence Park was open and suggested waiting until the site is open and operating. Mayor Hartwick said the site is under construction. First phases are scheduled to open in 2026. Council Member Hart said applications (for tenants) are being accepted and they continue to work with interested parties. Their plan is to start receiving residents in 2026. Council Member Fowler said the first 10-15 residents would be accepted during the first quarter of 2026. Council Member Robinson said if there were extra funds to allocate, she would like to see them go to River City Ministries and added they are already operating and have a record of accomplishment of serving the community. Providence Park will open in 2026-2027. Ms. Strange said applicants have to provide their audits, background summary, etc. for consideration. Council Member Fowler said ADC's footprint will increase in 2026 to include the new Event Center which will increase responsibilities. Council Member Hart referenced in need members of the community. Council Member Ross said leisure and entertainment provide funding through sales tax dollars. She asked if ADC still had a Downtown Ambassador's Program. Mr. Chris Kent, Director said none of the Ambassador positions had been filled. They employ six (6) full-time people and two (2) to three (3) part-time employees to handle services being provided. Ms. Strange said they (ADC) crossed the bridge (viaduct) from 13th to 18th a few years ago. In 2025, the scope extended from 18th to Pershing using the Ambassador salary. Mr. Kent said there have been significant property sales off of 13th Street, including the new fire station. Council Member Ross said there were banners on Pershing and asked what had been done from 18th to Pershing. Mr. Kent said there are safety concerns due to traffic in the area. Council Member Ross said there are issues due to Federal Funding and the

Government shutdown. She requested adding \$20,000 to River City Ministry. Council Member Hamilton said Special Appropriations totaled \$5.2 million that included \$4.5 million distributed to Rock Region Metro and the (Pulaski County) Jail. This left a balance of about \$700,000.00 or 0.6% of the entire budget. He referenced a city ordinance that requires the city to maintain a 25% reserve balance for emergencies. He then asked CFO Strange the amount projected for 2026. Ms. Strange advised approximately \$22.3 million. He then asked how much was projected for the unrestricted, unallocated reserve fund. Ms. Strange records indicate ending 2025 with \$49 million and need to take into consideration, any carry forward funds used, which is currently at \$551,000 from the General Fund. This leaves approximately \$26 million in unrestricted funds. Council Member Hamilton asked about the City Health Department, page 23. Ms. Strange advised this is the site by the Community Center. The majority of the funding is provided by the state. Council Member Hamilton asked about Recycled Bikes for Kids included in the Recreation expenses. Ms. Strange said the city received a grant in the amount of \$32,000. This represents the required matching funds (\$8,000) from the city. The city has to apply for the grant annually. Council Member Hamilton asked why PAL was listed under Special Appropriations and not in the Police Department Budget. City Attorney Fields said there is a non-profit and board affiliated with the Police Athletic League. The program is partially funded by the non-profit. Council Member Hamilton asked about the (District Court) Judges Pensions. Ms. Strange said it was based on an actuarial calculation. The judges' salary is now paid by the state and county. Ms. Strange said she needed to insert \$135,000 into that line item for 2026. Council Member Hamilton asked about Postage and Professional Services under the Administration Department. Ms. Strange said a postage meter was previously being billed to the (North Little Rock) Electric Department. It was moved to Admin to get it where it needed to be. The increase under Professional Services was due to an Initiative with (Pulaski) County to look at how to lower crime in the Little Rock, North Little Rock area. The amount will be a little over \$100,000. Council Member Hamilton asked the difference between City Beautiful and Keep North Little Rock Beautiful. Mr. Scott said City Beautiful is a city commission. Applications (for grants) are turned in through Neighborhood Services and the commission votes on how to allocate funds to beautify neighborhoods. Keep North Little Rock Beautiful is a non-profit associated with Keep Arkansas Beautiful that participates annually in the Great Arkansas River Cleanup and North Little Rock Citywide Cleanup. Council Member Robinson asked about City Beautiful Grants and if they go to communities. Mr. Scott said they do. One of the recent programs was painting traffic boxes around the city through a partnership with Argenta Downtown Council and the Argenta Arts Council. Funds were also allocated to the Park Hill Business Owners Association to paint concrete abutments in the area. Any neighborhood group has the opportunity to apply for grants. Ms. Letha Todd is with River City Ministries. She said they are the only organization in the city that provides medical examinations, showers, dental and vision care for the marginalized/unsheltered population. She asked the City Council to reconsider and reinstate the allocation to what it was and to consider the services provided to the community. Ms. Cindy Doramus is the CEO of the Central Arkansas Boys and Girls Clubs. Ms. Doramus said they have been grateful for what they have received in the past. The reduction for

2026 will be a struggle. They had to increase membership fees. They do find ways to make sure youth have access to the program. Any funding would be appreciated. Programs have close to 400 members who are North Little Rock children ages 6 to 18. The Boys and Girls Club also provide outreach programs through the schools. Council Member Ross asked how funding would be provided. Last year funds were divided into two payments. Council Member Hamilton supported a quarterly allocation. Council Member Ross referenced \$600,000 going towards the Main Street Viaduct.

Mayor Hartwick adjourned the public meeting at 5:52 p.m.

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025 was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Terry C. Hartwick.

The roll was called and the following Council Members answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, NATHAN HAMILTON, NICOLE HART, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, SCOTT FOWLER and VINCE INSALACO, III (8/0). City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Sheila Mendez Quiroz, and City Attorney Amy Beckman 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 Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting held on Monday, October 27, 2025, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (8/0).

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

1. North Little Rock Electric Department General Manager Ryan Wilson memorandum re: Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Rate for November 2025 (\$0.0128/kWh [positive]).
2. Alan C. King, Assessor for the District, memorandum re: City of North Little Rock Municipal Property Owners' Multipurpose Improvement District No. 41 (River Rock Estates Project).
3. Ember Strange, North Little Rock Chief Financial Officer memorandum re: June 2025 Financial Update.
4. Ember Strange, North Little Rock Chief Financial Officer memorandum re: July 2025 Financial Update.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

NEW BUSINESS

R-25-186 (RESOLUTION NO. 11171 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

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

R-25-187

A RESOLUTION WAIVING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO PARTICIPATE IN A VOLUNTARY SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTHCARE PLAN WITH CHAMPION HEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was withdrawn by the sponsor, Council Member Harris.

R-25-188 (RESOLUTION NO. 11172 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PRIMARY STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 208 WEST 14TH 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. 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 Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owners: Bruce E. and Helen M. Jefferson – Tate Revocable Trust*)

R-25-189 (RESOLUTION NO. 11173 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1701 NORTH MAGNOLIA 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. Ms. Sharon Davis said she is the owner of the property which burned October 14 (2024). Ms. Davis advised she is selling the property to her neighbor, Mr. Derrick Hill. City Attorney Fields said the council was considering a resolution to condemn the property. If that happens, the owner has 30 days to demolish the structure and remove the debris. Another option is a rehab agreement that would provide six (6) months to bring the property back up to code requirements. Once the property was condemned a bond/escrow would need to be paid to the city to cover the cost to demolish the structure if the property was not rehabilitated. Mr. Ward Reese, Deputy Code Enforcement Director advised Ms. Davis was not the owner of the property. The owner was deceased and Code was unable to find any records (Pulaski County) indicating the property had been willed to Ms. Davis or had been through Probate. The escrow amount would be approximately \$7,000.00. Council Member Hart asked what would happen to the property since both parents were deceased. Mr. Reese said Ms. Davis could sell or demolish the property, but would not be eligible to enter into a rehab agreement, as she is not the (listed) owner of the property. City Attorney Fields said the title is still in the name of Ms. Davis's deceased parents. Ms. Davis indicated she has a will that would have to go through Probate. This would have to happen for her to be able to sell the property. Ms. Davis produced her mother's will. Her mother died April 28, 2025. Her dad died because of the house fire October 14, 2024. Council Member Hart asked if city officials had communicated with her. She advised she had received mail. Mayor Hartwick said the property could not be sold until the property had gone through probate and suggested Ms. Davis speak to an attorney. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Hamilton, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owners: Leon J. and Gloria Davis*) Mr. Hill lives next to the property and wants to buy it from Ms. Davis; he asked if she would be given time. Ms. Fields said there is a limited amount of time. Mr. Hill said the house is in bad shape. He said if he could take it down it would save both Ms. Davis and the city any concerns. City Attorney Fields suggested Ms. Davis and Mr. Hill get in touch with her office to see if they could coordinate with Code Enforcement.

R-25-190 (RESOLUTION NO. 11174 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 2410 WEST 16TH 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 Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: IRemodel Properties LLC c/o RGB Appraisals LLC*)

R-25-191 (RESOLUTION NO. 11175 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 4909 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. 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 Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Jordan Harrelson*)

R-25-192 (RESOLUTION NO. 11176 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

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 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 Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-25-93 (ORDINANCE NO. 9821 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 QUOTA ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9751) FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF 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 (8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III. CFO Strange said this was a grade change on two (2) supervisor positions. The change would be from a graded position to a non-graded position. Mayor Hartwick said a parks employee was promoted to a General Supervisor position. On the previous motion, 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-25-94 (ORDINANCE NO. 9822 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROSS)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 161 IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM I2 TO R4 ZONING CLASSIFICATION, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9263, TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIFAMILY HOMES; 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

(8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson. Council Member Hamilton said there was a lot of industrial property in the area and asked about the bigger picture for the area. Council Member Ross advised an adjacent property was before the council recently. The applicant, Mr. Tony Burnett said he and his brother own Lot 10 to the north of this location. They realized they needed more room (for their development) and purchased Lot 9. Lots 9 and 10 will be developed to include 70 residential units consisting of 10 buildings with seven (7) units each. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Tony Burnett – Dalton Properties LLC*)

O-25-95 (ORDINANCE NO. 9823 – COUNCIL MEMBERS HARRIS AND BAXTER)
AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE SIGN ORDINANCE (ARTICLE 14 OF ORDINANCE NO. 7946) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTS MASSIE ROAD AND MAUMELLE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO WAIVE SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. At the request of Council Member Harris and without objection, Council Member Baxter was added as a co-sponsor. On the motion of Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. The applicant, Mr. George H. Grindstaff works with ALDI in multiple states. The application is for a 30-foot pylon sign. Mr. Grindstaff advised the store off McCain will open Wednesday (of this week). There being no one else present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. 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 Hamilton, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted (7/1). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: George H. Grindstaff – JJ Gift, Inc. – ALDI, Inc.*)

O-25-96 (ORDINANCE NO. 9824 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)
AN ORDINANCE WAIVING SECTION 8.4 OF THE MASTER STREET PLAN (ORDINANCE NO. 8601) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10801 MAUMELLE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO WAIVE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Harris, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Harris. 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 ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Hart thanked fellow Veterans, Council Members Baxter, Ross and Mayor Hartwick for their service. Mayor Hartwick advised City offices will be closed tomorrow (Tuesday, November 11) in observance of Veterans Day. There will be no delay in sanitation pickup. Council Member Insalaco, III announced leaf removal (leaf vacuum trucks) begins (Monday) November 17. Mayor Hartwick said pickup will begin in all (4) wards November 17. Ms. Whitbey advised the North Little Rock Christmas Parade will be held Sunday, December 14, 2025 (rain or shine) at 2:30 p.m. Information is available in the City Clerk's Office. Mr. Doug Callais said he had been a resident in Rose City for eight (8) years and owns a house at 500 Prothro. He owned a house at 1800 East 2nd Street which was burned. There have been over 100 empty houses burned in the area in the past year. He said he believed it was developers doing gentrification. There were four (4) houses burned in one-day, including his house on East 2nd Street. A man was recently arrested for burning four (4) houses. Mr. Callais said the initial four (4) houses were unoccupied. The most recent fires occurred in three (3) occupied and one (1) unoccupied home. He said the person setting the fires is a white male. Ms. Kristina "KG" Gulley announced she is running for (Pulaski County) Justice of the Peace for District 10, which includes North Little Rock communities and parts of Jacksonville. She asked for support and votes. She advised she has experience and has worked with the unincorporated communities for over 20 years. The Quorum Court serves as the legislative body for unincorporated areas. Ms. Jennifer Phillips lives in the Dixie Community. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their help with the ditch in the area. She said there are weeds growing on the outside of the fence and asked if that could be cut with a weed-eater or something as it will start growing up. Council Member Harris said ARDOT has mowed the median on Maumelle Boulevard.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Harris, and by consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for Monday, November 24, 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