

Monday, December 8, 2025
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, December 8, 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, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, SCOTT FOWLER and VINCE INSALACO, III (6/0). Council Members NATHAN HAMILTON and NICOLE HART were absent. City Clerk/Treasurer City Clerk Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk/Records Manager Talor Shinn, and City Attorney Amy Beckman Fields were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Mayor Hartwick.

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, November 24, 2025, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by Chief Deputy City Clerk Katelyn Thomas (6/0).

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

1. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange memorandum re: August 2025 Financial Statement Update.
2. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange memorandum re: September 2025 Financial Statement Update.
3. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange memorandum re: October 2025 Financial Statement Update.
4. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange memorandum re: Closed (North Little Rock) Police Pension Plan.
5. Derrell Hartwick, President and Chief Executive Officer North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, memorandum re: Economic Development Activity Report Q4.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

By voice vote and all members present having voted “aye”, consent agenda items R-25-207, R-25-208 and R-25-210 were adopted (6/0). R-25-209 was pulled and called under new business.

R-25-207 (RESOLUTION NO. 11191 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SETH WEAVER TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-25-208 (RESOLUTION NO. 11192 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LIZA GODWIN TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0).

R-25-210 (RESOLUTION NO. 11193 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE DBA CONNECT2FIRST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (6/0) (\$20 per pole - per year).

NEW BUSINESS

R-25-209 (RESOLUTION NO. 11194 – MAYOR HARTWICK, COUNCIL MEMBERS ROSS, HAMILTON, HART, ROBINSON, BAXTER, HARRIS, FOWLER AND INSALACO, III)
A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO UTILIZE STATE AID STREET PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE MAIN STREET OVERLAY PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Council Member Ross asked to be added as a cosponsor. City Engineer David Cook advised the State (of Arkansas) would provide a maximum of \$300,000.00 for construction. This included a 90/10 match (State 90% - City 10%). Council Member Fowler said this project would include an area from the new fire station to (North Little Rock) High School. The city’s portion will be between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for a 4-lane resurfaced roadway. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, all Council Members were added as cosponsors (6/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (6/0).

R-25-211 (RESOLUTION NO. 11195 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1120 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. 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 Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0). (*owner: Pellie Jefferson*)

R-25-212 (RESOLUTION NO. 11196 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1515 ORANGE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND CONDEMNING SAID STRUCTURES; PROVIDING PROPERTY OWNER A PERIOD OF TIME TO ABATE SAID NUISANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. Mr. James Hatchett, who is the owner, advised he is working on a property on Ludwig in Little Rock and expected to complete that project within a couple of months. He would then start working on this property. He had issues keeping the property secure due to squatters. Individuals have stolen the copper pipes under the house and AC unit. City Attorney Fields advised Mr. Hatchett the process to enter into a Rehab (rehabilitation) Agreement. Mayor Hartwick asked Mr. Hatchett his time frame to complete work on the property in Little Rock. Mr. Hatchett said is working on sub floors at this time and estimated two (2) months. City Attorney Fields reminded him he would have 30-days to enter into a Rehab Agreement (with the City) and advised him to contact her office this week. Council Member Ross asked how long the city had been working on this property. Mrs. Felicia McHenry, Code Enforcement Director advised the property had been vacant since 2020. Code Enforcement maintained the grass, etc. at this location since 2015. There being no one else present wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0). (*owner: James Hatchett*)

R-25-213 (RESOLUTION NO. 11197 – 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 Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (6/0).

O-25-100 (ORDINANCE NO. 9828 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES' POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL REGARDING POLICIES FOR ANNUAL LEAVE, SICK LEAVE BENEFITS, AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. 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). On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III, and seconded by Council Member Robinson, 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-25-101 (ORDINANCE NO. 9829 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW AN EVENT CENTER IN A C6 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 115 WEST BROADWAY STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. 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). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Insalaco, III, and seconded by Council Member Robinson. Council Member Ross asked the name of the business. The applicant, Ms. Mollie Cerna said the name is Tea Parties and Company, with a focus on children's tea parties and events on the history of North Little Rock. On the previous motion, 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: Mollie Cerna – Tea Parties and Company*)

O-25-102 (ORDINANCE NO. 9830 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON 4600 MACARTHUR DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM R3 TO C4 ZONING CLASSIFICATION, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9263, TO ALLOW FUTURE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter 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 Baxter and seconded by Council Member Robinson, 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: Hale & Young*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Ross said the annual Christmas Parade would be this Sunday, December 14, 2025. Mayor Hartwick advised it would commence by the (North Little Rock) High School.

Participants are (supposed to be) lined up by 1:30 p.m. The parade will end south of Broadway (North Little Rock). Mayor Hartwick encouraged everyone to remember the reason for the season; enjoy family and friends. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m. (6/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for Monday, December 22, 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