Monday, December 22, 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 22, 2025 was called to order at 6:02 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, STEVE BAXTER, RON HARRIS, SCOTT FOWLER and VINCE INSALACO, III (7/0). Council Member LINDA ROBINSON was absent. Chief Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Katelyn Thomas, Deputy City Clerk/Records Manager Talor Shinn, Deputy City Clerk/Revenue Officer David Pettit 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, December 8, 2025, were approved, accepted, and filed as prepared by City Clerk Diane Whitbey (7/0).

On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, and were accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Tiffany (Tiff) Trotter – Community Outreach Director Pulaski Circuit / County Clerk's Office – Press Release re: Special Primary Election for District 70 – January 2026.
2. North Little Rock Electric Department General Manager Ryan Wilson memorandum to City Clerk Diane Whitbey re: Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Rate for January 2026 ($0.0106/kWh [positive]).

PRESENTATIONS

Pulaski Circuit and County Clerk – Terri Hollingsworth – re: upcoming Special Election. Ms. Hollingsworth advised Tuesday, December 30, 2026 will be the first day of early voting for a Primary Election for House (Representative) District 70. This includes voters in parts of North Little Rock, Sherwood (neighborhoods: Overbrook, Indian Hills, Crestwood, Fairway, Lakewood, Summerwood, Shady Valley, John F. Kennedy Boulevard and Park Hill). This election is for the Democratic Candidate for State Representative who are Cordelia Smith-Johnson and Alex Holladay. Voters can check online to see if they are within the district. January 6, 2026 is the election date at assigned polling sites. The Primary Election will be held March 3, 2026. Early voting will commence February 17, 2026 thru March 2, 2026.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING
None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

CONSENT AGENDA
By voice vote and all members present having voted "aye", consent agenda items R-25-214, R-25-215, R-25-216, R-25-217, R-25-218, and R-25-219 were adopted (6/0). R-25-220 and R-25-221 were pulled and called under new business.

R-25-214 (RESOLUTION NO. 11198 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED ITEMS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS; PROVIDING FOR AUCTION THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-25-215 (RESOLUTION NO. 11199 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FROM THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-25-216 (RESOLUTION NO. 11200 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE FROM THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-25-217 (RESOLUTION NO. 11201 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND INSURANCE FROM THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE DEFENSE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-25-218 (RESOLUTION NO. 11202 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE PROPERTY INSURANCE FROM THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-25-219 (RESOLUTION NO. 11203 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PURCHASE VEHICLE INSURANCE FROM THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

NEW BUSINESS

R-25-220 (RESOLUTION NO. 11204 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK EMERGENCY SERVICES RADIO SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III. Council Member Hamilton asked why this wasn't put out for bid. North Little Rock Emergency Services / 911 Director Kim Francisco advised the City of North Little Rock participates in the AWIN (Arkansas Wireless Information Network) which is a statewide network. All of the radios within the city operate within AWIN which means the city can operate anywhere within the state of Arkansas. This includes interoperability with other agencies, some Federal agencies, State agencies, different counties and other cities. The city went with AWIN in 2009. The city purchased and went with Motorola infrastructure inside the communications center. Existing radios are expected to continue in service until the year 2030. Until that time, the city has to maintain the current system. Motorola is the only company that can work on the system which is why the city had to maintain an annual service agreement with them. Mr. Hamilton said he had heard from other cities with regard to their service. Ms. Francisco said the city will be with Motorola until 2030. There is a working group looking at options for the future. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-25-221 (RESOLUTION NO. 11205 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO AT&T ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTAINENCE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK EMERGENCY SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A MULTIYEAR CONTRACT FOR THE SUBJECT SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-25-222 (RESOLUTION NO. 11206 – 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 2511 EAST ARKANSAS AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*amount - $4,240.47*)

R-25-223 (RESOLUTION NO. 11207 – 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 4105 ROGERS STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 adopted (7/0). (*amount - $6,129.24*)

R-25-224 (RESOLUTION NO. 11208 – 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 1220 GUM STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; 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 adopted (7/0). (*amount - $5,506.88*)

R-25-225 (RESOLUTION NO. 11209 – 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 Insalaso, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

O-25-103 (ORDINANCE NO. 9831 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING RENTAL RATES AND FEES FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK EVENT CENTER; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter 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 (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). Mrs. Kim Korycki said she has received over 100 calls from people interested in renting the Event Center.

O-25-104 (ORDINANCE NO. 9832 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT NET METERING RULES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hart and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). 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 (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-25-105 (ORDINANCE NO. 9833 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW AN IN-HOME DAYCARE IN AN R3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1307 WEST 47TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Baxter and seconded by Council Member Hart, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Tina Gibbs*)

O-25-106 (ORDINANCE NO. 9834 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A DAY SPA IN AN I2 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8712 COUNTS MASSIE ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Baxter 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 (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Kim Foster of Skintastic Esthetics*)

O-25-107 (ORDINANCE NO. 9835 – COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)
AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 7 OF THE ZONING ODINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9263) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 401 OLIVE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO WAIVE LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS; WAIVING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 94 OF THE NORHT LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE TO WAIVE DRIVEWAY REQUIREMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hart and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Hart 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 (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Travis Tolley of Crafton Tull*)

O-25-108 (ORDINANCE NO. 9836 – COUNCIL MEMBER HART)
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT IN AN R4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AT 1323 WEST 9TH STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Hart and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hart and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III. Council Member Ross asked why the Council had to approve this item. Planning Director, Mr. Shawn Spencer said there were two (2) accessory dwelling unit ordinances – one approved by the state and an existing city ordinance. Applicants have the option to choose the state version or the city's. City Attorney Amy Fields said the city cannot have more restrictions than the ordinance allows. The request is about the location (on the lot) which does not fall under the state statute. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Brian Deshun Wilson*)

O-25-109 (ORDINANCE NO. 9837 – MAYOR HARTWICK *for consideration only*)
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW AUTO SALES 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 read. On the motion of Council Member Hart and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Council Member Hart 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 (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Kevin Watkins*)

O-25-110 (ORDINANCE NO. 9838 – COUNCIL MEMBER HAMILTON)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE FOURTEEN ("THE SIGN ORDINANCE") OF ORDINANCE NO. 7697 TO INCLUDE THE MAIN STREET SIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Mayor Hartwick convened a public hearing. A representative (Reverend) spoke on behalf of the church (name not provided). The request is to adjust (replace) an existing sign from a manual sign to an electronic sign and any stipulations related to the brightness, timing, content. Council Member Hart said this would set a precedence going forward and asked if there was any opposition from the surrounding community. The representative said they had not. They do have support from the community. Mr. Kevin Holmes is the sign contractor. There being no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Hartwick adjourned the public hearing. On motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Hart, and by consent of all members present, the readings

were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Hart. Council Member Ross advised the City Council reviewed and considered Electronic Changeable Copy (ECC) signs, held public hearings and discussions in the past. The current ordinance is a result of those meetings. Council Member Ross said this legislation is for ½ a block on one side and ½ a block on the other side of the (Main) street. There is a lot of (development) going on along Main including the Fire Station and remodeled buildings. Aesthetics of the area are important. She referenced the large businesses along East McCain. If this request is approved, future requests will need to be considered. She said the Old Main Building is a historic site. City Attorney said the area includes one (1) block. Council Member Hart asked when the previous discussion was held regarding the signage. Council Member Hamilton advised it was May, 2010. Planning Director Spencer said the area is from 20th to 21st Street. Council Member Hart said some of these requests are in African American communities trying to attract attention to their area. She said is seemed the opposition was opposing those communities. Council Member Hamilton said he did not object to the intent of the request. There are areas where laws are needed to regulate these signs. The existing sign includes a marquee with lights on two (2) large posts. It does not have electronic changeable copy but manual changes can be made. He said he asked why the applicant wanted to change the sign and was advised the current sign was old and run-down and looks bad. It needed to be updated. He asked the applicants if they were okay with the sign staying static for weeks at a time. The new sign would be the same size as the existing sign. Aesthetics are not an issue for this sign. A new sign would be better than the existing (old) sign. The new sign would be set on bricks, not concrete poles; as a monument sign. Council Member Hamilton said this sign location is a couple of blocks away from the High School. He referenced the Justice Center lights. In 2016, the City Council approved a waiver for an ECC sign in front of the North Little Rock Community Center, which is closer to the high school. Council Member Ross said that location is on Government property. The sign at the Community Center could be used in the event of an emergency to share public safety announcements. Council Member Fowler asked if this legislation reduces the area of the sign regulation to one-block. City Attorney Fields said it is within one-block and within the ECC ordinance. The (existing) districts range in size. Council Member Ross said this will set a precedence and referenced several businesses on the same street as an example. Council Member Baxter provided other areas as an example of deciding where these types of districts go. Council Member Hamilton mentioned flashing lights and driver safety and recommended an amendment. He then referenced the new Event Center. Council Member Hart said she wanted the record to include she was not saying there were any biases. She asked everyone to recognize unconscious bias and used the African American community as an example and said assumptions should not be made. A motion to amend was made by Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Harris to amend as follows:: *Exhibit "C" Section 14.118 – Main Street Sign Overlay District insert new subsection G.* STATIC IMAGE/WORDING ON SIGN - CHANGE ONCE EVERY TWO (2) WEEKS *and reletter former G. to* H. The applicant said the intent was to enhance the area. He referenced a marquee sign at a nearby hotel, an ECC sign at Full Counsel Church at Main and 16th. They

want to share their message to the community about their outreach, provide emergency messages if needed. They are willing to adjust their request. Some adjustment need to be considered moving forward. Council Member Ross asked if it would be a six (6) foot monument sign with a message changing every two (2) weeks. On the previous motion to amend and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Council Member Hart who voted no, the ordinance was amended (6/1). On the motion of Council Member Hamilton and seconded by Council Member Harris, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*requested by: First Baptist Church – Main Street*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Hart asked Council Members to keep Council Member Robinson and her family in their prayers as she recently lost her Aunt. Council Member Ross referenced the Sanitation pick up scheduled for the holidays. Mayor Hartwick said sanitation routes will not run Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25, 2025). Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday and Friday's route will be picked up on Saturday.

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 7:05 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for Monday, January 12, 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