

Monday, January 12, 2026
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, January 12, 2026 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, 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 Quiroz Mendez, 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 22, 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 Foutch, and by consent of all members present, communications #1, and 2 were accepted and filed (8/0).

1. City Attorney Amy Beckman Fields memorandum re: Energy Risk Management Policy Compliance Report.
2. Chief Financial Officer Ember Strange memorandum to Mayor Terry C. Hartwick and City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey re: November 2025 Financial Update.

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-26-01, R-26-

02, R-26-03, R-26-04, and R-26-05 were adopted (8/0). R-26-06 was pulled and called under new business.

R-26-01 (RESOLUTION NO. 11210 – COUNCIL MEMBERS ROSS AND FOWLER)
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MARION TO THE
AT-LARGE POSITION ON THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ADVERTISING AND
PROMOTION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-26-02 (RESOLUTION NO. 11211 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING VERTINA BANKS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-26-03 (RESOLUTION NO. 11212 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DICK BLANKENBEKER TO THE NORTH LITTLE
ROCK SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted
(8/0).

R-26-04 (RESOLUTION NO. 11213 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARLEENE CALVIN TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (8/0).

R-26-05 (RESOLUTION NO. 11214 – MAYOR HARTWICK)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CITY'S
AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted
(8/0). (\$100,000.00)

Council Member Baxter recognized Senior Citizens Commission members Ms. Vertina Banks and Ms. Marleene Calvin who were present for their reappointments to the Senior Citizens Commission.

Mayor Hartwick asked Mr. Jim Scott to come forward and advised that he had been appointed Director of the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center. Mr. Scott is a retired North Little Rock Police Officer, City Enforcement Officer and current North Little Rock Police Fleet Manager. Current Director Mr. Dustin Free (a retired North Little Rock Fire Marshal) has resigned to take a position in the private sector. Mayor Hartwick thanked Mr. Scott and Mr. Free for their service to the city.

NEW BUSINESS

R-26-06 (RESOLUTION NO. 11215 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO DUVAL FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE VEHICLES FOR THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter. Mayor Hartwick advised the legislation was for the purchase of 12 police vehicles. Mr. Scott said the attached exhibits were correct. This includes two (2) separate purchases: 1 vehicle which is fully upfitted with cage, lights, etc. for \$56,000.00; and 11 are being purchased as a fleet. Both purchases are below the Government bid rate. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows: *strike through \$706,276.02 and insert \$762,220.02 (8/0)*. Council Member Ross asked if the police used this many F-150 trucks. Mr. Scott said these are not F-150 but Ford Responder vehicles and based on the F-150 look. These are Patrol Vehicles with the latest design changes. On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). (*\$706,276.02 – corrected amount \$762,220.02*)

R-26-07 (RESOLUTION NO. 11216 – MAYOR HARTWICK)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 610 PROTHRO 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 Ross, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0). (*owner: Ivory Disability Services c/o William Ivory*)

R-26-08 (RESOLUTION NO. 11217 – 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 Fowler and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was unanimously adopted (8/0).

O-26-01 (ORDINANCE NO. 9839 – COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW GREENHOUSES IN A C3 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4801 NORTHSHERE DRIVE 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 (8/0). A motion to adopt was made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Insalaso, III. Council Member Ross asked what they would do with the plants (they grow) since the ordinance referenced no retail sales. Council Member Baxter said sales would be wholesale-only to landscaping companies. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: Trey Rosenbaum of Natural State Land Consulting*)

O-26-02 (ORDINANCE NO. 9840 – COUNCIL MEMBERS INSALACO, III AND FOWLER)

AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE NORTHBROOK ADDITION, PHASE II, OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM R1 TO RU ZONING CLASSIFICATION, BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9263, TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE FAMILY SUBDIVISION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Insalaco, III and seconded by Council Member Fowler, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*applicant: John Pownall of Thomas Engineering*)

O-26-03 (ORDINANCE NO. 9841 - COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9713, WHICH GRANTED A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A HOTEL IN A C6 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 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 Robinson and seconded by Council Member Insalaco, III, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*on behalf of Broadway Street LLC, John Pownall of Thomas Engineering*)

O-26-04 (ORDINANCE NO. 9842 - COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 9263) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 EAST

BROADWAY STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO WAIVE TREE, LANDSCAPING, AND ENCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS: DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (8/0). Council Member Robinson asked the applicant, Mr. John Pownall to come forward. She asked Mr. Pownall about the (waiving) enclosure requirements and if it included dumpsters. Mr. Pownall advised they had not requested it. The request was to waive landscaping requirements and a decorative fence on the property line. Mayor Hartwick asked where the fence would be located on the property. Mr. Pownall advised it would be on the northwest corner at Broadway and Poplar. The initial design had a building on the corner and would have included a decorative fence along Poplar Street and eliminated landscaping requirements. The current request is to continue the fence around the corner. Mayor Hartwick asked how tall the fence would be and the type of material used. He also requested Mr. Greg Nabholz come forward. City Attorney Fields said the ordinance included Enclosure Requirements in the title but not in the body of the ordinance. This could be an error as there are three (3) waivers included in the body: front yard fences, front yard landscape strips and trees. She then asked that *and Enclosure Requirements* be deleted from the title as a scrivener's error. Without objection it was removed. Mr. Nabholz said the fence will be a continuation and referenced fencing in front of Reno's and Skinny J's on Main Street. It would be a fence with planters. Mayor Hartwick asked about the height. Mr. Nabholz said the height would be what was allowed. Council Member Ross asked if the request also included a waiver for street trees. Mr. Nabholz said they were not asking for a waiver of street trees. Ms. Fields showed the legislation to Mr. Pownall and advised if the request did not include waiving street trees, that section needed to be amended out. A motion to amend to remove Section 2: 7.2.3 Street Trees was made by Council Member Baxter and seconded by Council Member Robinson. Council Member Ross asked if landscaping strips were also being removed. Ms. Fields advised the applicant was asking that the landscaping strips waiver remain in the legislation. On the previous motion (to amend) and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as referenced above (8/0). Council Member Hart asked if there needed to be a formal removal of the Enclosure Requirements. Ms. Fields advised it was removed as a scrivener's error in the title of the item. On the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was unanimously adopted as amended (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*on behalf of Broadway Street LLC, John Pownall of Thomas Engineering*)

O-06-05 (ORDINANCE NO. 9843 - COUNCIL MEMBER BAXTER)
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW A SHORT TERM RENTAL (STR) IN AN RU ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10904 MASON DRIVE 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 (8/0). 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 unanimously adopted (8/0). Emergency clause unanimously adopted (8/0). (*Phebe Wilson of 187 FPB LLC*) Ms. Whitbey reminded the applicant to obtain a city business license.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Ross referenced the STR approved in an RU zone. STR's are not allowed in R1 or R2 zones as those are traditional neighborhood zones. RU is also single family residences but the lot lines are closer together. Council Member Hart asked for a moment of respect for Service Member Johnny Sheehan who was 82. He was a service member and a supporter of hers. They attended the same church. Without objection, the council observed a moment of silence. Mayor Hartwick advised City Offices will be closed Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Garbage and trash routes will run one-day delayed all week.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Council Member Ross and seconded by Council Member Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. (8/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2026, 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