August 22, 2016
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, August 22, 2016, was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by the Honorable Mayor Joe A. Smith.

The roll having been called and the following Aldermen answered to their names: DEBI ROSS, BETH WHITE, LINDA ROBINSON, STEVE BAXTER, BRUCE FOUTCH, CHARLIE HIGHT, and MURRY WITCHER (7/0). Alderman MAURICE TAYLOR was absent. City Clerk Diane Whitbey, Deputy City Clerk Shelley Ussery and City Attorney C. Jason Carter were also present.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Alderman Witcher.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the minutes from the North Little Rock City Council meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communication #1 was accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: application for Restaurant Mixed Drink – NEW for Taqueria Jalisco'z, 4716 Camp Robinson Road, by Juan R. Zarate.

On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, communication #2 was read, accepted and filed (7/0).

2. Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office memorandum re: application for Retail Beer off Premises & Small Farm Wine – NEW for Murphy Express #8797, 111 West Pershing Boulevard, by William A. Grieb.

Alderwoman White asked if the distance to the High School was over 1,000' and was advised it was.

Mayor Smith referenced a letter from Animal Control Director Billy Grace and asked that the letter be included as a communication for the next meeting. Mr. Grace will retire September 9, 2016. Mayor Smith said he appreciated Mr. Grace's service and commended him on his position in Animal Control.

Mayor Smith asked Mrs. Margaret Powell, Director of Governmental Affairs to come forward. Mrs. Powell asked students who participated in the Uiwang Sister City Exchange to come forward and share their experiences. Mr. Chris Shelton - Host Dad and Chaperone, Savannah Shelton, Gavin James, Taylor Miller, Lewis Custer, Christian Chung, Grace Wiggins, Alexandria Leirer and Nina Roberts

participated in the Homestay Student Exchange Program. Mr. Shelton thanked the mayor and council for the program. His family has hosted Korean students in the past. This is an awesome program and he encouraged the city council to continue supporting the program. The relationships that were created among the participants will last a lifetime. Lewis said he was given everything he needed on the trip and warmly welcomed. The trip was very rewarding. Nina Roberts said this was her first involvement in the program and to be around people from other cultures. She felt a connection with her host family. She encouraged people to take the time to listen to others. When she was in Korea she didn't understand the language but knew she was safe and cared for. Alex said this was a once in a lifetime experience and has made a lifelong friend in South Korea. Grace Wiggins was a first time participant. She quickly became friends with her Korean host. She has traveled a lot, but found this trip to be her favorite place to visit. She thanked the city council for the opportunity. Savannah Shelton has participated in the program three times. She has hosted a student twice and was a mentor. The program has impacted her life in many ways. She found the Korean participants were no different than she was. Being able to go to South Korea and experience the culture was incredible. She encouraged the city to continue the program. Mrs. Powell said Laurie and Bill Chung were also chaperones and have been involved in the program for 7 years. Mayor Smith thanked Mrs. Powell and all of the students who represented the city. Alderwoman White said this group was very well spoken.

Mayor Smith invited Major General Retired Don Morrow, President of the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (AIMM) to come forward. Major General Morrow thanked the Mayor and council members and said it was his honor to represent AIMM. AIMM recently received a significant award from the Steamship Historical Society. The USS Hoga is an American hero due to its participation in the bombings at Pearl Harbor. The Hoga was recognized as Tug of the Year. The Hoga was built by Consolidated Ship Building at New York and commissioned in 1941, the USS Hoga was assigned to service at Pearl Harbor. The Hoga is the last surviving ship that was present in Pearl Harbor during the attack. The USS Hoga had a crew of 11. The tug began pulling vessels away from the USS Arizona (which was sinking). The USS Nevada was headed to sea and attacked. The USS Hoga then pulled the Nevada, which was bomb and eventually sank to a shallow bay which allowed Pearl Harbor to remain open. This vessel is a true piece of American history. Major General Retired Morrow then presented Mayor Smith with the award. Mayor Smith said he participated in the ceremony which was very emotional. It has taken 15 years to get the USS Hoga to North Little Rock. Mayor Smith commended all who were involved for their efforts. A formal ceremony will be held December 7, 2016, before 12 noon. The public is invited to attend.

Mayor Smith announced a Special Call meeting scheduled this date.

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Special Meeting of the North Little Rock City Council, Monday, August 22, 2016

Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council:

The purpose of this e-mail is to advise you that Mayor Smith has called a special meeting of the North Little Rock City Council at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2016, at City Hall Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

O-16-56 – AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOARD; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Sponsor: Mayor Joe A. Smith

Pursuant to Sec. 2-48(2) of the North Little Rock Municipal Code, you are entitled to 72 hours' *electronic* notice of this meeting. Please acknowledge receipt of this email as soon as possible by replying to the same. A copy of your reply will automatically be sent to City Clerk Diane Whitbey.

C. Jason Carter
City Attorney

Special Call O-16-56 (ORDINANCE NO. 8832 – MAYOR SMITH)
AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOARD; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read. On the motion of Alderman Witcher, and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Hight, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The ordinance was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter. Mayor Smith said the city has been working with the railroad for some time. He anticipated that closing on the spur property will occur within two or three weeks. The City Attorney felt this was the best way to receive this property into city inventory and is very similar to the Public Building Authority. Alderman Foutch referenced Section 4 and compensation for the Director or Manager. He was not aware of any city board or commission where compensation is provided. Mr. Carter said the language is based on state statute. He does not anticipate the use of the specific language. Members of the board are not authorized compensation. Mayor Smith recommended amending the legislation to include the names of the board members. Alderwoman Ross asked if the board would have a budget. Mr. Carter said they would have to come to the council with requests and for approval. Mr. Carter said the State Legislature gave cities the authority to set up boards and commission to provide assistance and referenced the Parks and Recreation Commission as an example. Facility Boards often manage complex property transactions. A lot of property transactions will occur in the future in the downtown area. Alderwoman Ross asked if this board would be in charge of rental or management of property. Mayor Smith said it was possible, but he didn't see it happening. He sees this as a way for the city to

receive the property from the railroad and then sell it. Alderwoman Ross referenced conflict of interest pertaining to board members. Mayor Smith said members would be from within city government. A motion to amend was made by Alderman Foutch and seconded by Alderman Witcher to amend in the names of the board members. Alderman Hight said the council had the say so in board decisions. Mr. Carter said it is based on the authority as delegated by the council to the board and provided examples. Alderman Hight said Section 3 should include that one board member be a member of the City Council. Mr. Carter then reviewed the proposed amendment. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows:: *end of Section 3 – add the following*...ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK CITY COUNCIL. THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE: a. DAN SCOTT, WHO SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF ONE YEAR; b. MURRY WITCHER, WHO SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS; c. TODD LARSON, WHO SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF THREE YEARS; d. DANNY BRADLEY, WHO SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF FOUR YEARS; AND e. KAREN SCOTT, WHO SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF FIVE YEARS (7/0). A motion to adopt as amended was made by Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Baxter. Alderwoman Ross asked about issuing bonds. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

No one signed in to speak during public comment on legislation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R-16-124 (RESOLUTION NO. 9038 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 218 MOUNT OLIVE STREET IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK 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 Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Foutch. Mayor Smith 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 (7/0). (*owner: Emmit Gober*)

CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by voice vote, and all members present having voted "aye", consent items R-16-126, R-16-127, R-16-128, R-16-129, R-16-131, and R-16-132 were adopted (7/0). R-16-130 and R-16-133, were pulled and called under new business.

R-16-126 (RESOLUTION NO. 9039 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CRYSTAL GATES TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0).

R-16-127 (RESOLUTION NO. 9040 – MAYOR SMITH)
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-16-128 (RESOLUTION NO. 9041 – ALDERWOMAN WHITE)
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A LICENSE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSAL INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (*$2,500*)

R-16-129 (RESOLUTION NO. 9042 – ALDERWOMAN WHITE)
A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ST. JOSEPH CENTER OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (*$742.00*)

R-16-130 – pulled and called under New Business.

R-16-131 (RESOLUTION NO. 9043 – ALDERWOMAN WHITE)
A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE ONE, INC.; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (*$4,980.00*)

R-16-132 (RESOLUTION NO. 9044 – ALDERWOMAN WHITE)
A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was adopted (7/0). (*$3,400.00*)

NEW BUSINESS

R-16-130 (RESOLUTION NO. 9045 – ALDERWOMAN WHITE)
A RESOLUTION RENEWING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A COMMUNITY GARDEN LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BAILEY CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderwoman White. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman White, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was amended as follows:: *in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th whereas, strike through ~~the corner of West 4th and West Orange~~*

~~*Streets*~~ *and insert* 1903 E. 2ND STREET (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted as amended (7/0). (*$2,065.00*)

R-16-133 (RESOLUTION NO. 9046 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RECOGNIZING AND CONTINUING ROCK REGION METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Foutch. Alderwoman Ross said two cities have dropped out and asked about additional funding from the remaining cities. Mayor Smith said Jacksonville and Cammack Village had dropped out. He said the funding would be minimal. Mr. Carter said with two cities dropping out the voting structure changed. Alderman Foutch said Transit Authority negotiates raises for their employees. He asked if, once the city establishes a budget if that can be a firm amount. Mayor Smith said their contracts are long-term. Alderwoman Ross suggested adding Finance Director Karen Scott to the board. Mayor Smith said he chose not to put an employee (of the city) on the board. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-16-134 (RESOLUTION NO. 9047 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT; APPROPRIATING MATCHING FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Foutch and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson. Mr. Dan Scott, Neighborhood Services Director said the property was built in 1938. There are three (3) buildings (not including the Fire Station). These include the original Park Hill Water Company building which houses Neighborhood Services Office and two storage buildings. These are all rock buildings (not a façade). Over the years, the weather has caused cracks. Mr. Scott then referenced pictures of the same. There has been water in the building and other issues. The total cost is estimated at $27,522.00. To receive the funding, the city has to turn over the easement and agree to protect the property. This is a historic property and is on the historic register. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). (*$9,174.00 – Carryover Funds*)

R-16-135 (RESOLUTION NO. 9048 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT TO REDEEM THE PROMISSORY NOTE ISSUED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 8374; TO ISSUE BONDS, NOTES, OR OTHER CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS PURSUANT TO ACT 1197 OF 2001, AS AMENDED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Foutch and seconded by Alderman Baxter. Mr. Carter said this legislation is in reference to the Baring Cross TIF (Tax Increment Funding) District and a bond issued in 2011 which is coming due. Mr. Carter referenced

certain financial peculiarities and limits regarding the same. Money will need to be appropriated in the future. Mayor Smith said this is the only TIF District in the city. Alderwoman Ross asked about the interest. Mr. Carter said the city intends to reimburse itself. More legislation will be forthcoming. Alderman Foutch asked if the TIF District would cease upon payment of the bond. Mr. Carter said it would not. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

R-16-136 (RESOLUTION 9049 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SPRINT FOR THE RELOCATION OF CABLE AND CONDUIT BURIED ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN 4TH AND 7TH STREETS AND POPLAR AND MAGNOLIA STREETS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Foutch. Alderman Hight asked why the city is paying for this. Mayor Smith said the city has been trying to resolve this for a while. The initial estimate was $250,000.00. Negotiations have reduced the price to under $80,000.00. Chief of Staff Danny Bradley said the estimated amount is approximately $74,000.00. Mayor Smith said basically, the easement and the fiber in the ground is being abandoned. There won't be any work or digging. The new fiber will be routed down 4th Street to Magnolia Street. There have been questions regarding the Tennenbaum property. There would be a collateral benefit to all property owners. Mayor Smith referenced examples including Verizon Arena, repaving roads, etc. Alderwoman White asked how this is different from working on private property. Mr. Carter said this is an abandonment of fiber that is in place (underground). The city is not paying money to have work done on someone else's property. Alderwoman Ross asked if the Mill property could be developed if the city doesn't enter into this agreement. Mayor Smith said they could develop around it by putting in a trail, etc. Alderwoman Ross asked if the city has tried to negotiate the fee with the other property owner or if they would reimburse the city. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderwoman Ross, who voted no, the resolution was adopted (6/1). (*$80,000.00 – Carryover Funds*)

R-16-137 (RESOLUTION NO. 9050 – MAYOR SMITH)
A RESOLUTON 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. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderwoman Ross. Mayor Smith convened a public hearing. Mr. Mack Colvin owns property at 4824 Francis. He said Code Enforcement cut the grass on July 20, 2016 and billed him $185.00. He said he wasn't notified, but did call and talk to someone. He said he was told he was notified in April. His son, who lives in California was taking care of cutting the grass. The person who was cutting the grass stopped because he was paid promptly. Mr. Colvin didn't know the grass wasn't being cut. He said $185.00 is a lot of

money for cutting the grass. Mr. Carter said liens are imposed for actual cost. Notice is provided to the property owner before the grass was cut. Mr. Colvin agreed he received notice in April. Mayor said the rate is based on employee salaries, notification etc. It is the property owner's responsibility to take care of their property. Alderman Hight asked Mr. Colvin why he hadn't checked on the property. He said it's not being rented. Mr. Carter said Mr. Colvin could appeal the decision. Mr. Colvin then asked who he could pay. Ms. Whitbey advised he could pay the City Clerk or give a check to Mr. Tom Wadley, Code Enforcement Director. There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public hearing was adjourned. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

O-16-52 (ORDINANCE NO. 8833 – MAYOR SMITH)
AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING AN ALLEYWAY RUNNING EAST AND WEST BETWEEN N. JOHNSON AND N. ELM STREETS, NORTH OF EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PUROSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Hight, and seconded by Alderwoman 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). (*requested by: Thomas R. Pownall*)

O-16-53
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW TRUCK AND MATERIAL STORAGE IN AN R-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1700 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read one time and held by sponsor, Alderwoman Robinson. (*applicant: Jim Walker*)

O-16-54 (ORDINANCE NO. 8834 – MAYOR SMITH, ALDERMEN ROBINSON AND TAYLOR)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8506 WHICH GRANTED A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW THE SALE OF VEHICLES AND TRAILERS IN A C-4 ZONE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 201 INMON DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading was made by Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Foutch. Mayor Smith said this property is a triangle on the interstate and service road. The applicant has put up a white picket fence and a new building. He is asking that the landscaping requirement be waived. Alderman Hight said the property adjacent and across the road does not have landscaping requirement either. Alderwoman Ross asked about waiving the street light. Mr. Shawn Spencer, Planning Director, said the original Condition Use required a street light on the property. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of

Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Foutch, 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: Ken Brockington*)

O-16-55 (ORDINANCE NO. 8835 – ALDERMEN FOUTCH AND BAXTER)
AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7015 WOODMIST DRIVE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS FROM CONSERVATION TO R-1 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; ADOPTING AN AMENDED LAND USE PLAN FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Baxter and seconded by Alderman Foutch, and by consent of all members present, the readings were suspended (7/0). A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Foutch. Mayor Smith asked if the developer is planning on building homes in the area. Mr. Mike Marlar, the applicant said the owner (Susie Witkowski) plans to build a home. 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: Mike Marlar*)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderwoman Ross asked Mr. Marlar to provide an update on the East McCain/Fairfax Grade Separation. Mr. Marlar said the project began in June. Good progress has been made. Columns are going up and fill material is in. Traffic flow has been good in the area. Mayor Smith asked if Mr. Marlar had looked into beautifying the bridge with lighting or wrought iron. Mr. Marlar said decorative lights (about 15) can be added to the bridge. A plan will be required and the cost is estimated to be $200,000.00 - $250,000.00. Mr. Marlar also checked with Metroplan regarding the same. Mr. Bobby Taylor said he spoke to Harold Ford. Mr. Taylor asked the progress on the house on Boyer that burned. The garage door is down and people are going in and out. Every time it rains the property smells. Alderwoman Robinson congratulated the city officials who were unopposed in the upcoming election. Mayor Smith expressed appreciation for all candidates. Alderwoman White said people continue to leave trash cans and recycling containers on the streets. She asked the city to begin a campaign to inform the public of the requirements regarding when to put the containers out. Alderman Baxter asked for someone to come up with a solution for residents to replace placing cement across their driveway access to reduce the bump. He suggested some type of steel device that would elevate car tire but still allow water to flow. These areas cause standing water which is a breeding ground for mosquitos. Ms. Whitbey said North Little Rock Friends of Animals provided funding which allowed the North Little Rock Animal Shelter to reduce the price of spay or neuter to $20.00 per animal, regardless of size. This resulted in a lot of adoptions. The funds have now been depleted. The public was encouraged to donate. Ms. Whitbey suggested making a donation to NLRFOA in honor of

Billy Grace's service to the city and Animal Control. Mayor Smith distributed booklets with photos from a development in Little Rock by Keith Richardson's development in Little Rock. A complex will be developed on North Hills Boulevard (across from Plantopia). The area is zoned R-4. City staff met with Mr. Richardson and discussed concerns regarding wetlands and traffic and all were satisfied that he knows what he is doing. There will be an intersection with a light on North Hills. An information document will be prepared that helps answer questions. Phase I will be close to 280 apartments and include amenities like a movie theatre, spa, etc. Alderwoman Ross has had several phone calls. She asked what would happen if the council denied this even though it is currently allowed in the zoning ordinance. Mr. Carter said people who own property have certain rights. Special Uses and Conditional Uses add rights. Mayor Smith said rent per unit is estimated at about $150,000.00. The additional residents will positively impact sales tax collections. Mayor Smith said the total area is 65 acres. Alderman Hight said most of the calls he has received have been concerning the trees along North Hills Boulevard. Alderwoman White has an elderly neighbor who is excited about this development as it is an option when she sells her home that will allow her to stay in the neighborhood.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderwoman Ross and seconded by Alderman Baxter, and by consent of all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. (7/0), until the next regularly scheduled meeting which will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016, 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 JOE A. SMITH

ATTEST:_____

DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK