



Routine Business

1. Opening Prayer led by Principal Planner White and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Warren.
2. Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Chad Beeson
Commissioner Diana Spielman
Commissioner Tad Stover
Commissioner Charles Tweedy
Mayor Jay Warren

Also present from staff: City Attorney Larry Schwartz, City Manager Randy Frazer, City Clerk Tiffany Parsons, Communications Director Shana Adkisson, and Police Chief Jim Holloway.

3. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Stover, Seconded by Commissioner Tweedy to approve the agenda.

Voice Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

Consent Agenda

Note: All matters listed below on the Consent Agenda are considered under one motion and enacted by one motion. There should be no separate discussion. If such discussion is desired, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and then considered separately under Section VI: New Business.

1. Approve the June 18, 2024, regular meeting minutes as written.

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, Seconded by Commissioner Tweedy to accept the minutes.

Voice Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

2. End date extension request for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Home Rehabilitation Grant. Currently, the initial grant extension is scheduled to expire on July 14, 2024. We are seeking an extension of the award date to August 14, 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Spielman, Seconded by Commissioner Stover to approve the consent agenda as written.

Voice Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved.

New Business

City Clerk Parsons offered the following items for consideration:

City Manager Department

1. An Ordinance authorizing the rezoning of 1640 N 15th Street, from “I-1” (Low Industrial District) to “R-1” (Low Density Residential District).

Principal Planner White indicated that this is the former site of LiftCo, the business has since closed. One of the buyers is interested in turning it into a residential area in order to do that the zoning would have to go down from an I-1 to R-1, making it more restrictive in term of code requirements. Homeowners are willing to abide by code to get remodeled. The surrounding area is comprised of residential and commercial uses. The Planning Commission did not see any issue with the down zone classification and recommend at their June 11, 2024, meeting voted unanimously to have the City Commission approve it.

Motion made by Commissioner Beeson, Seconded by Commissioner Tweedy to approve the item as written.

*Roll Call Voting Yea: Commissioner Beeson, Commissioner Spielman, Commissioner Stover, Commissioner Tweedy, and Mayor Warren. Mayor Warren declared the motion approved; given **Ordinance No. 2024-07-4613**.*

City Manager Updates & Reminders

City Manager Frazer provided reminders and updates before the commission.

1. City Manager recommended holding a special work session, Wednesday July 10th at noon for the City Commission to review the upcoming budget with staff. This way everyone is more prepared, able to review the information in order to make a decision by the following Friday work session. Principal Planner White and City Manager Frazer met with The Nash Group LLC who would like to explore housing development. Commission agreed and City Clerk Parsons will follow through with initiating the Public Notice of the Special Meeting.
2. Finance Director/Treasurer Jennifer Waggoner has been really watching our cash balances and last week determined we could put another \$4 Million into investments that went out for bids at 5.3% interest. An expenditure handout was given to and reviewed with the commission.
3. CPI handout update was also given to the commission to continue to watch what inflation is doing, as it continues to rise each month. Giving examples that would have cost \$118 in Jan. 2024 this year is now costing \$121 today. As we get into budget, these are the kinds of increases we are facing.

Items for Discussion by City Commissioners

Mayor Warren suggested swearing in the Hospital Board of Trustees once appointed at City Hall during the appropriate Commission Meeting. Discussion entertained among the group that State Statue does require appointed and elected officials to oath of office.

Adjournment

Mayor Warren called for Motion for Adjournment. So moved by Commissioner Stover, seconded by Commissioner Tweedy to adjourn the meeting.

The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mayor Warren declared the meeting adjourned.

**THE CITY OF ARKANSAS CITY
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS**

(Seal)

Jay Warren, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

Prepared by:

Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk

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