



**MAYOR**

George B McGill

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Carl E Geffken

**CITY CLERK**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ward 1 - Jarred Rego

Ward 2 - Andre' Good

Ward 3 - Lavon Morton

Ward 4 - George Catsavis

At-Large Position 5 - Christina Catsavis

At-Large Position 6 - Kevin Settle

At-Large Position 7 - Neal Martin

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# AGENDA ~ Summary

Fort Smith Board of Directors

## REGULAR MEETING

May 2, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Blue Lion

101 North 2nd Street

Fort Smith, Arkansas

**THIS MEETING IS BEING TELECAST LIVE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<https://video.ibm.com/channel/XqbsvFPFApS>

### INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation given by Director Neal Martin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Director Andre' Good

### ROLL CALL

All physically present

Vice-Mayor Jarred Rego presiding

### PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING (*Section 2-37 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code*)

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### APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING AND APRIL 25, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

**APPROVED** as written

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Ordinance rezoning identified property and amending the zoning map (*Transitional (T) to Commercial Heavy (C-5) at 6201 Rogers Avenue, Suite H*) (*Planning & Zoning*)

**APPROVED** 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Ordinance No. 43-23

2. Ordinance rezoning identified property and amending the zoning map (*Planned Zoning District (PZD) to Planned Zoning District (PZD) at 7301 and 7323 Terry Street, 7300-7313 Buckhorn Street, 7317, 7401, 7404, 7405, and 7409 Buckhorn Street, 7412 -7429 Buckhorn Street, 7300, 7308, 7312, 7402, 7412 and 7428 Ellis Street, and 11821 Darby Street*) (*Planning & Zoning*)  
**TABLED** 4 in favor (G.Catsavis, C.Catsavis, Settle, Martin), 3 opposed (Rego, Good, Morton) pending final determination of FCRA lawsuit
3. Ordinance amending the Master Land Use Plan map and rezoning identified property and amending the zoning map (*Master Land Use Plan: Residential Detached and General Commercial to Commercial Neighborhood / Rezoning: Residential Single Family Duplex Medium/High Density Special (RSD-3 SPL) and Commercial Heavy (C-5) to Commercial Light (C-2) at 2015 and 2105 Savannah Street*)  
**APPROVED** 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Ordinance No. 44-23
4. Public hearing and resolution approving the Year 49 Community Development Block Grant Budget, the Year 30 HOME Investment Partnership Act Program Budget, authorizing the submission of the Program Year 2023 Action Plan and substantial amendment to the Year 2021 Annual Action Plan ~ *Morton/C.Catsavis placed on agenda at the April 25, 2023 study session ~ (Community Development)*  
**APPROVED** 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-82-23
5. Public hearing and resolution authorizing the submission of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and substantial amendment to the Year 2021 Annual Action Plan ~ *Morton/Good placed on agenda at the April 25, 2023 study session ~ (Community Development)*  
**APPROVED** 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-83-23
6. Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of insurance proceeds for various City Departments (*Finance*)  
**APPROVED** 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Ordinance No. 45-23
7. Ordinance amending the 2023 Budget and authorizing the appropriation of donated funds (*Police*)  
**APPROVED** 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Ordinance No. 46-23
8. Consent Agenda
  - A. Resolution authorizing and authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to a professional services agreement with Witt Global Partners (AG Witt, LLC) related to facilitating FEMA public assistance reimbursement from the 2019 Flood (*City Administrator*)  
**APPROVED** 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-84-23
  - B. Resolution authorizing execution of quitclaim deeds to Fort Smith Public Library (*Finance*)  
**APPROVED** 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-85-23

- C. Resolution accepting completion of and authorizing final payment for the 2022 Street Striping Replacement, Project No. 22-85-A (\$195,746.00 / Engineering Department / Budgeted – Sales Tax Program) (Streets & Traffic Control)  
**APPROVED** 7 in favor, 0 opposed / Resolution No. R-86-23

## OFFICIALS FORUM

- Mayor
- Board of Directors
- City Administrator

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**TABLED** 5 in favor (Rego, Good, Morton, Settle, Martin), 2 opposed (G.Catsavis, C. Catsavis) to the May 16, 2023 regular meeting with inclusion of discussion regarding a salary increase for each position effective in 2023.

- Performance evaluation – City Administrator ~ *Directors Lavon Morton, Neal Martin, Andre’ Good, and George Catsavis added to the April 18, 2023 regular meeting on April 12, 2023 / Tabled to the May 2, 2023 regular meeting at the April 18, 2023 regular meeting ~*
- Performance evaluation – Internal Auditor ~ *Directors Lavon Morton, Neal Martin, Andre’ Good, and George Catsavis added to the April 18, 2023 regular meeting on April 12, 2023 / Tabled to the May 2, 2023 regular meeting at the April 18, 2023 regular meeting ~*

## ADJOURN

6:55 p.m.