

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a special called council meeting on October 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Virginia R. Young, City Attorney Steve Cobb, City Clerk Angela Nicholson, Council Members Brooks, Harmon, Lilly, McMinn, Heye-Townsell, Sanders, Williams, and Broderick.

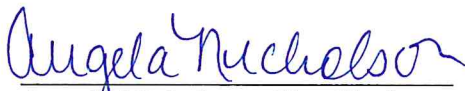
Ordinance No. 2391, entitled, "An ordinance amending Ordinance 2362 regarding Country Club Road Improvements Project, authorizing expenditure of funds, signing of contracts, declaring an emergency; and for other purposes" was read. Council Member Lilly inquired as to why the original estimate was so much less than what was bid. Richard Penn, City Engineer, stated that the dollar amount used was an estimate Garver gave back in April for the design at that time. Country Club was done as a special minor arterial and Hemphill was done as a special collector. The project on Hemphill came within the 25% cushion, and he thought it would work the same with Country Club. There was additional designing work on Country Club and that combined with price increases raised the new estimate to approximately \$7.3 million. Garver's new estimate was within \$20,000 of the bids. Mr. Penn stated that since the design from April, there have been lessons learned as to what design would be better for Country Club. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated that she has gathered information regarding what other cities are seeing regarding construction cost increases. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated she was told other cities are seeing approximately 25%. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated it is typical to get a geotechnical report and analysis by a professional design engineer, to make the call regarding whether a road needs to be reconstructed. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated the city is not doing a geotechnical report or analysis and is just assuming that the road is failing. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated that the drainage does need to be fixed on Country Club, but the city is investing too much money on something that the city is not sure if there is a problem with the road or not. Council Member Heye-Townsell asked if this could be postponed making sure there are enough funds to cover this or have a geotechnical report done to see if there is in fact a problem. Council Member Brooks stated that Ward 3 has the oldest streets in Sherwood. Country Club has not been improved and has a drainage issue. Council Member Brooks stated there are several road improvements needed in Sherwood, but when the bond issue was taken to the voters, during the meetings they were told that Country Club would be repaired from the end of Country Club at North Hills to Beaconsfield. Council Member Brooks feels that the residents of the original part of Sherwood would be handed a bad deal if the city backs out. Council Member Brooks stated that Ward 4 is getting Jacksonville Cato, Ward 1 is getting Maryland, and Ward 2 got Hemphill and the Kohl's intersection. Council Member Brooks asked the council not to forget the residents of Ward 3. Council Member Williams stated Country Club Road was laid over 74 years ago. The original families that live in this area had the initiative to form the City of Sherwood. Council Member Williams researched construction costs and found the lowest increase in construction is 28% and the highest is 391%, and neither take in the 20% increase in labor costs. Council Member Williams stated that Mr. Penn is offering a 25% increase of what was originally approved. Council Member McMinn asked if the drainage portion of Country Club is finished. Mr. Penn stated it was not. The drawings are complete, advertisements were made, and bids opened. Three bids were received all coming in over \$7.3 million, and all within 5% of each other. Council Member Broderick inquired when the city was informed of this increase. Mr. Penn stated around the first or middle of September. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated that Central Arkansas Water (CAW) was changing out pipes in the area, and if the city was not doing this project, CAW would have to be doing, not having the citizens of Sherwood pay the cost. The residents already pay a 40% surtax over what Little Rock and North Little Rock pay. Mr. Penn stated that Garver and Public Works Director Brian Galloway agreed with him that full reconstruction of the road would be best long term. Council Member Harmon stated the city shouldn't second guess the engineers' recommendations. Council Member Harmon stated the city committed to the people of Country Club to do this project and it should be done. Mayor Young for the record wanted it confirmed that CAW was not charging the city. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated the cost is to the residents by charging the residents 40% more than North Little Rock and Little Rock. Kay Moore, a resident of Sherwood, addressed the council and stated the improvements

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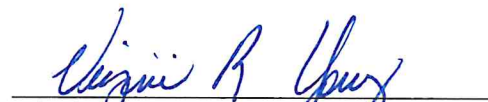
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to Country Club will benefit more than just the residents that live on or near Country Club. Ms. Moore thanked the council and staff for the work on this project. Council Member McMinn inquired if this would impact the bond funds that have been set aside for other projects. Mr. Penn stated that with the price increases that have occurred over the past 12 months, there would be adjustments to other projects. City Attorney Steve Cobb stated this ordinance needs to be passed so the commitment made on the bonds would meet the requirements set by bond counsel. Council Member Lilly stated that there will be discussion regarding the increase in costs at the Street Committee. Council Member Lilly stated that there is still another \$16 to \$17 million dollars in bonds that have not been issued. Council Member Brooks asked if the Street Committee could get an updated list of the progress on the projects. Council Member Lilly called the question. Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Heye-Townsell voted no. The ordinance was read for the second time. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McMinn, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance the third and final reading. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Heye-Townsell voted no. The ordinance was read for the third time. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Heye-Townsell voted no. The emergency clause passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes. Council Member Heye-Townsell voted no.

ATTEST:



Angela Nicholson, City Clerk



Virginia R. Young, Mayor