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ORDINANCE NO. 8611

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-502 directs the City Council to provide the time and place for meetings which shall be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-46 of the North Little Rock Municipal Code (“NLRMC”) was amended by Ordinance No. 8501, adopted January 28, 2013, to change the commencement time of regular meetings of the City Council to 6:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to change the beginning of its regular meetings to an earlier time schedule to allow sufficient time for conducting business and possibly reducing late night closings; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for City Council to review and revise the rules governing the conduct of its meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That Section 2-46 of the North Little Rock Municipal Code shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-46. Regular meetings.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), regular meetings of the City Council shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, commencing at 6:306:00 pm.

(b) If the regular meeting date falls on a holiday or other inconvenient time, the meeting shall automatically be postponed until the next night which is not a holiday, commencing at 6:306:00 p.m., or, after notice has been provided in accordance with the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, until such time and place as may be agreed by a majority of the council.

SECTION 2: Any provision of the North Little Rock Municipal Code, as amended, in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed and replaced as stated herein.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that the immediate passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to insure immediate regulation of City Council meetings to more efficiently manage time for attendees, and said immediate passage being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public confidence in the proceedings of City Council meetings; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

2-24-14

APPROVED:

Joe A. Smith
Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

Murry Witcher
Alderman Murry Witcher

ATTEST

Diane Whitbey
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter
C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/bh

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas				
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