

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL
16, 2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Chuck Fowler, REDDEX Washington and Lee Rubin. Also present were Mayor Roy, City Attorney Jonathon Goins, Assistant City Attorney Daniel Smith and Council Staff.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana was duly convened as the governing authority of said City by the Honorable Jim Villard, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The invocation was pronounced by Mr. Washington and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Felter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the minutes taken from a special Council Meeting held on March 27, 2024 and a regular Council Meeting held on April 2, 2024 were unanimously approved by the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council next read all items found under the heading Consent Calendar and assigned them to committees.

Mr. Fowler moved for the introduction of all items appearing under the heading Consent Calendar.

Mr. Rubin seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

Bids were received for public building HVAC improvements for indoor air quality for customer service building.

Name of Bidders

Mechanical Cooling Services

Sam's Air Conditioning Maintenance Services, Inc.

Bernhard MMC, LLC

ACA

Air Plus, LLC.

The above bid was referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID
SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC BUILDING HVAC IMPROVEMENTS FOR INDOOR

AIR QUALITY FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE BUILDING AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for annual uniform bid for Police Department.

Name of Bidders

Caplan's

The above bid was referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ANNUAL UNIFORM BID FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for annual uniform bid for Fire Department.

Name of Bidders

Caplan's

The above bid was referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ANNUAL UNIFORM BID FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for operating chemicals for Wastewater Department.

Name of Bidders

Thornton, Musso and Bellemin
JWS and Associates dba ChemStation
Duke's Root Control, Inc.

The above bid was referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING CHEMICALS FOR WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Alexandria Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse Painting.

Name of Bidders

Bayou Rapides Corporation
Cenla Contracting, LLC
Tudor, Inc.

Rhodes Properties and Development, LLC

The above bid was referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE (LINKS ON THE BAYOU) CLUBHOUSE PAINTING AND MISCELLANEOUS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter, the following ordinance was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR RUSH'S CLEANER DEMOLITION LOCATED AT 210 BOLTON AVENUE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the following ordinance was introduced to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH MCCARTNEY OIL AND PETROPANGEA, INC. FOR CHEMICAL ADDITIVES FOR WARTSILA ENGINES AT D. G. HUNTER POWER PLANT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the following ordinance was introduced to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDICAL ANALYSIS TO PROVIDE WELLNESS CARE AND CERTAIN OTHER HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the following ordinance was introduced to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COMPSYCH FOR THE DELIVERY OF A GUIDANCE RESOURCE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Fowler moved for the adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Rubin.

RESOLUTION NO. 0540-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SULFUR DIOXIDE, TECHNICAL GRADE, LIQUID ONE (1) TON CYLINDERS FOR WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

Mr. Washington moved for the adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Ms. Felter.

RESOLUTION NO. 0541-2024

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A LEGAL OPINION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING THE RECENT DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE REZONING OF DISTRICTS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF A SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Washington, Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

Mr. Fowler moved for the adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Rubin.

RESOLUTION NO. 0542-2024

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL LAFLEUR TO THE ALEXANDRIA CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AS THE NOMINEE OF THE ALEXANDRIA BAR ASSOCIATION.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter, the public hearing was opened at 5:16 p.m.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED 2024/2025 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the public hearing was closed at 5:18 p.m.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard technical amendments and the 4.25% salary increase for the Council Staff was added to the budget.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin section 9 of the budget ordinance was amended to include the donation from Fire House Subs.

The following ordinance, which was previously introduced and laid over for publication of notice and no objection having been filed thereto, was brought up for final adoption as amended on a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2024

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025; TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF ALL CITY DIVISIONS, DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES, PENSIONS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATIONS; ADOPTING THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 AND PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO APPROPRIATIONS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PERTAINING THERETO AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

The following ordinance, which was previously introduced and laid over for publication of notice and no objection having been filed thereto, was brought up for final adoption on a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FOR THE STRIPING SIGNAGE FOR PUBLIC STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES 2024/2025 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

The following ordinance, which was previously introduced and laid over for publication of notice and no objection having been filed thereto, was brought up for final adoption on a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH FLUID PROCESS AND PUMPS, LLC FOR CHLORINATION AND

DECHLORINATION EQUIPMENT FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

The following ordinance, which was previously introduced and laid over for publication of notice and no objection having been filed thereto, was brought up for final adoption on a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023/2024 CAPITAL BUDGET ADDING FUNDS FOR ELLIOTT STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

The following ordinance, which was previously introduced and laid over for publication of notice and no objection having been filed thereto, was brought up for final adoption on a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID RECEIVED FROM PROGRESSIVE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING

ORGANIZATION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR ELLIOTT STREET REHAB AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

The following ordinance, which was previously introduced and laid over for publication of notice and no objection having been filed thereto, was brought up for final adoption on a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH BONNETTE AUCTION COMPANY, LLC AND BRISTER AUCTION, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL AUCTIONEERING SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

The following ordinance, which was previously introduced and laid over for publication of notice and no objection having been filed thereto, was brought up for final adoption on a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CHICK-FIL-A, INC. FOR RELOCATION OF

PRIMARY ELECTRICAL LINES AT 1300 MACARTHUR DRIVE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

The following ordinance, which was previously introduced and laid over for publication of notice and no objection having been filed thereto, was brought up for final adoption on a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL LOUISIANA 2024 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 16th day of April, 2024.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ELECTRIC METERS AND ACCESSORIES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SEWER REPLACEMENT ON MARYE STREET AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk