

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 4, 2023.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable REDDEX Washington, Chuck Fowler, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Jim Villard and Lizzie Felter. Lee Rubin was absent. Also present were Mayor Roy, Kay Michaels, City Attorney Jonathon Goins 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 REDDEX Washington, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The invocation was pronounced by Ms. Perry and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on March 21, 2023 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 adoption or introduction of all items appearing under the heading Consent Calendar.

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

Bids were received for chlorination and dechlorination equipment for the Water and Waste Water Departments.

Name of Bidders

Fluid Process and Pumps, 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. Villard to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CHLORINATION AND DECHLORINATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024; 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 2023/2024; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 AND PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; TO PROVIDE FOR A REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING DIVISIONS; AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO APPROPRIATIONS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PERTAINING THERETO AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM BONNETTE AUCTION COMPANY, LLC AND BRISTAR AUCTION, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL AUCTIONEERING SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR FY 2023 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0393-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR READY MIX CONCRETE.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0394-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEE RUBIN TO SERVE ON THE RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

Mr. Villard moved for the adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson.

RESOLUTION NO. 0395-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR ANNUAL REQUIREMENT CONTRACT FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, NATURAL GAS AND GENERAL SITE RELATED SYSTEMS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION
SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING

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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2023

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

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. 35-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTUS CABRINI FOUNDATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE 2023 WALMART CMN GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR MAY 16, 2023 AT THE LINKS ON THE BAYOU BENEFITING CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

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. Villard and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR GIS PLANNING LOCATION ANALYSIS WEB SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

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. 37-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LINKEDIN FOR POSTING OF JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

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. 38-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE MATERIALS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

Upon request of the Administration, and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard, the following item was removed from the agenda:

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2119 ENGLAND DRIVE FROM B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO MF-1 (MULTI-FAMILY LOW DENSITY) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT COMPLEX AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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. 39-2023

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4721 SOUTH MACARTHUR DRIVE FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO MF-3 (MULTI-FAMILY HIGH DENSITY) TO ALLOW FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT COMPLEX AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Johnson the public hearing was opened at 5:12 p.m.

Ms. Perry moved for the adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson.

RESOLUTION NO. 0396-2023

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 716 MEADOW LANE.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Rubin.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 4th day of April, 2023.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the public hearing was closed at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Johnson talked about the 55th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Vice President adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

/S/ Lee Rubin
President

ATTEST:
/S/ Donna P. Jones
City Clerk