PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2025

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Lizzie Felter, Jules Green, Jim Villard and Malcolm Larvadain. Chuck Fowler entered the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Also present were Mayor Roy, City Attorney Jonathon Goins, Michael Caffery 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 Cynthia Perry, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The invocation was pronounced by Mr. Caffery and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Villard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on March 25, 2025 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. Villard moved for the introduction of all items appearing under the heading Consent Calendar.

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

Bids were received for operating chemicals for Wastewater Department.

<u>Name of Bidders</u> Duke's Root Control MIS, LLC

The above bid was referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler 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 electric meters and accessories.

Name of Bidders

GRESCO Vision Metering Vision Metering Wesco Distributors

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

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

Bids were received for chlorination and dechlorination equipment.

<u>Name of Bidders</u> 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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler to wit:

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

Bids were received for Jackson at MacArthur Enhancement Project.

Name of Bidders Yankee Clipper

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR JACKSON AT MACARTHUR ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL LOUISIANA JUNETEENTH ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED FOR JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION 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. 0649-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CLAMPS AND COUPLINGS.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0650-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR FIRE HYDRANTS AND ACCESSORIES.

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

YEAS: Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0651-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR FIRE STATION NUMBER 4 ROOF LEAK REPAIRS.

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

YEAS: Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0652-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR ANNUAL UNIFORM BID FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0653-2025

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR CENLA PRIDE 2025 ON JUNE 13 AND JUNE 14, 2025.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED 2025/2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter, the public hearing was opened at 5:12 p.m.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the public hearing was closed at 5:25 p.m.

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. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2025

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

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

YEAS: Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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. 19-2025

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: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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. Larvadain.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY JOINT READINESS TRAINING CENTER FORT JOHNSON FOR MILITARY EXERCISES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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. 21-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT 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: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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. 22-2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; 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 2025/2026; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 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: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

Mayor Roy asked that the Council reconsider the motion as he had an amendment to the budget that the Council needed to consider. On a motion of Mr. Larvadain and seconded by Mr. Johnson, Ordinance 22-2025 was brought up for reconsideration:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; 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 2025/2026; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 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: Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was therefore reconsidered.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the mayor's proposed \$1,676,938(REIGNITE) amendment was added to the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; 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 2025/2026; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 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: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This amendment to Ordinance 22-2025 was adopted.

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 Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; 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 2025/2026; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 AND PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO APPROPRIATIONS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PERTAINING THERETO AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THE THE President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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. 23-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DECLARE POLICE VEHICLE 9843 AS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED OR USED BY THE CITY DEPARTMENTS TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA LAW AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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. 24-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTUS FOUNDATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE 2025 WALMART CMN GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2025 AT 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: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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. 25-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH M2MITTON MANAGEMENT, LLC AT ITS CURRENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BE HELD PURSUANT R.S. 21.6.1(A) (2) ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- i. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SETTLE AND COMPROMISE THE MATTERS ENTITLED "DORIS FOX, ET AL. V. CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, ET AL," 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUIT NUMBER 275,974, DIVISION A AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.
- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SETTLE AND COMPROMISE THE MATTERS ENTITLED
 "JOHNNY JEANS, ET UX. V. CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, ET AL," 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUIT NUMBER 268,938, DIVISION C AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.
- iii. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SETTLE AND COMPROMISE THE MATTERS ENTITLED "MARIE SAMPSON V. CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, ET AL," 9^{TH} JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUIT NUMBER 274,100 DIVISION F AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Mr. Villard moved to enter Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler. NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Executive Session was enter at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Fowler moved to exit Executive Session, which was seconded by Mr. Villard.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Executive Session was exited at 6:27 p.m.

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. Green.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SETTLE AND COMPROMISE THE MATTERS ENTITLED "DORIS FOX, ET AL. V. CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, ET AL" 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUIT NUMBER 275,974, DIVISION A AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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. 27-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SETTLE AND COMPROMISE THE MATTERS ENTITLED "JOHNNY JEANS, ET UX. V. CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, ET AL" 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUIT NUMBER 268,938, DIVISION C AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

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. 28-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SETTLE AND COMPROMISE THE MATTERS ENTITLED "MARIE SAMPSON V. CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, ET AL" 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUIT NUMBER 274,100 DIVISION F AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

Mr. Larvadain thanked Kappa Alpha Psi for hosting the Southwest Cluster in Alexandria. There were at least 750 participants who attended the event.

The President adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

/S/ Cynthia Perry

President

ATTEST: /S/Donna P. Jones City Clerk