

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 8, 2023.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Lee Rubin, Chuck Fowler, Gary Johnson, Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter and REDDEX Washington. Cynthia Perry was absent. Also present were Mayor Roy, Kay Michiels, 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 Lee Rubin, 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 Mr. Villard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on July 25, 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. 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 SWAT Building Fire Station #5 Texas Avenue.

Name of Bidders

Hanoverian Construction, LLC
James A. Decker Builders, Incorporated
Group Contactors, LLC

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SWAT BUILDING FIRE STATION #5 TEXAS AVENUE 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 EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS

FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CHLORINE CYLINDER SCALES AT VARIOUS WATER SYSTEMS POINTS OF ENTRY 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 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THORNTON MUSSO AND BELLEMIN, INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF AN UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT 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 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DDG FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS 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 SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH GOVOLUTION, LLC FOR INTERNET BASED ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SERVICES 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 RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 94-2023 – MACARTHUR DRIVE ROADWAY LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 5, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE NEXT LOWEST BIDDER ON A LINE ITEM BASIS 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 RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 92-2023 – HARDWARE AND CONDUCTOR FOR STERKX TO WILLOW GLEN 138KV RECONDUCTOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE NEXT LOWEST BIDDER ON A LINE ITEM BASIS 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. 0444-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A 55 FOOT INSULATED, ARTICULATING NON-OVERCENTER MATERIAL HANDLING BUCKET TRUCK.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0445-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRETT BOLTON TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA ZONING COMMISSION.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0446-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMAR GAILES TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE ENGLAND AUTHORITY.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0447-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ODAY LAVERGNE TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE ENGLAND AUTHORITY.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0448-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CO-SPONSOR THE 50TH ANNUAL BAYOU CLASSIC ROADSHOW KICKOFF.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

ABSTAIN: Washington.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0449-2023

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING OLDE TOWNE SUBDIVISION PHASES I AND II NATURAL GAS AND WATER UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 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. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 114-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR D. G. HUNTER 5-11 MAJOR MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, PARTS AND SUPPLIES 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, Rubin, Fowler, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR KISATCHIE GROUND STORAGE AERATION PROJECT 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. 115-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONTRACT A ROADSIDE OPEN DITCH ENCLOSURE AND STROM WORKS MAINTENANCE 2023-2024 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 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. 116-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONTRACT C CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS 2023-2024 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 117-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONTRACT B ASPHALTIC CONCRETE RECONSTRUCTION AND OVERLAY IMPROVEMENTS 2023-2024 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 26-11 OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPAL CODES WITH RESPECT TO THE TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICES DURING EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS 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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH KNOE, INC. FOR TROUBLESHOOTING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS OF AN ELEVATOR AT THE

ALEXANDRIA GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY 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, Rubin, Fowler, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 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 Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 119-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CERTSTAFFIX FOR ONSITE LEVEL 1 EXCEL TRAINING 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, Rubin, Fowler, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 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. 120-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 CAPITAL BUDGET ADDING FUNDS FOR SCADA TOWER REPLACEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 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 Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 121-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH PETRE'S TREE SURGERY, INC. FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE 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, Rubin, Fowler, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 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. 122-2023

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0450-2023

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON 25 STRUCTURES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the public hearing was closed at 5:44 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0451-2023

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON 1908 LEVIN STREET.

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

as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the public hearing was closed at 5:52 p.m.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler, the following item was delayed until September 19, 2023.

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON 3911 AARON STREET.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0452-2023

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT RESTOR; RELATIVE TO CHALLENGES REGARDING RESTOR; AND RELATIVE TO UTILITY COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE NATURE, QUALITY, AND CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: Washington.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of August, 2023.

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

/S/ Lee Rubin

President

ATTEST:

/S/Donna P. Jones

City Clerk