

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
FEBRUARY 20, 2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, February 20, 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 Jonathan 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 Jim Villard, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The invocation was pronounced by Mr. Villard and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Felter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on February 6, 2024 were unanimously approved by the Council.

PRESENTATION ON BLACK HISTORY

Mr. REDDEX Washington gave a presentation on Black History.

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.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH AQUARESOURCE/TECNXS, LLC. FOR BACKFLOW PREVENTER RECORD MANAGEMENT SERVICES 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 SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR A CHIEF 360 SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0512-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE STRIPING SIGNAGE FOR PUBLIC STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES 2024/2025.

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 20th day of February, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0513-2024

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVOCATION OF A 45' DRAINAGE SERVITUDE ON LOTS A AND 4 OF NORTHPORT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PARK.

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 20th day of February, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0514-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CHLORINATION EQUIPMENT.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 20th day of February, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0515-2024

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023 MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION AUDIT.

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 20th day of February, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0516-2024

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GAEDA); TO REMOVE TRACYE SNOW AS A COMMISSIONER REPRESENTING DISTRICT 4.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Fowler.

NAYS: Perry, Johnson.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Washington.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 20th day of February, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0517-2024

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN CALLIS TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GAEDA) REPRESENTING DISTRICT 4.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Fowler.

NAYS: Perry, Johnson.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Washington.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 20th day of February, 2024.

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. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 -2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 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 20th day of February, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST THE RATES FOR GREEN FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR LINKS ON THE BAYOU FOR THE YEAR 2024 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 20th day of February, 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. 25-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 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 20th day of February, 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. Washington.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF BLACK ANGELS OVER TUSKEGEE ON FEBRUARY 17, 2024, AND COWBOY ON MAY 11, 2024 AT COUGHLIN SAUNDERS

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 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 20th day of
February, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE ALEXANDRIA CODE OF
ORDINANCES TO SIMPLIFY, REDUCE, AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN
BUILDING PERMIT FEES, INSPECTION FEES AND TRADE LICENSING FEES
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 20th day of February, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RICK LOGGINS, M.S., M.B.A. TO ASSIST, ADVISE AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR CITY OFFICES, INCLUDING THE FINANCE DIVISION, FINANCE, UTILITY ADMINISTRATION, AND FINANCE, INFORMATION SYSTEMS, AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT TO THE AGREEMENT 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 20th day of February, 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 Ms. Felter and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CAPTIVATE MINDS MARKETING, LLC FOR MULTI-MEDIA AND RELATED SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 20th day of February, 2024.

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler a request to add the following item to the agenda by unanimous consent was considered:

Resolution concerning the commissioner appointments to the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA); to remove Candice Cheney as a commissioner.

The President called for discussion and a vote but the vote stopped at the first nay, made by Ms. Perry. No item was added to the agenda.

Mayor Roy announced and introduced Dr. Skip Fox as the new Athletic Director. Dr. Fox made brief comments.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard
President

ATTEST:
/S/ Donna P. Jones
City Clerk