

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, January 23, 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 City Attorney Jonathan 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 Jim Villard, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The invocation was pronounced by Ms. Felter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Rubin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on January 9, 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. Rubin moved for the introduction of all items appearing under the heading Consent Calendar.

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

Bids were received for renovations to Broadway Avenue Basketball Courts.

Name of Bidders

TC Construction, LLC

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR RENOVATIONS TO BROADWAY AVENUE BASKETBALL COURTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM JANITRESS CLEANING AND STAFFING LLC

FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE WASTEWATER AND LAB TESTING BUILDINGS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH BRIDGESTONE AMERICANS TIRE OPERATIONS, LLC, FOR TRANSIT TIRE LEASE FOR ATRANS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GPS INSIGHT, LLC FOR AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATING SERVICES FOR THE UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH CLEAN EARTH OF ALABAMA, INCORPORATED FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SERVICES FOR THE UTILITY AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0496-2024

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA RESOURCE FOUNDATION ANNUAL SICKLE CELL RUN/WALK SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20, 2024.

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 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0497-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE GAS DEPARTMENT.

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 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0498-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

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 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0499-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CAST/DUCTILE IRON.

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 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0500-2024

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA EMPOWERMENT BREAKFAST ON APRIL 9, 2024.

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 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0501-2024

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA KIDZ FEST ON MARCH 16, 2024 AT FRANK O' HUNTER 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 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0502-2024

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR PFLAG ALEXANDRIA COME OUT FOR HEALTH ON MARCH 23, 2024 IN CONVENTION HALL.

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 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0503-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR ELECTRIC METERS AND ACCESSORIES.

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 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0504-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SEWER REPLACEMENT ON MARYE STREET.

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 23rd day of January, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0505-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES.

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 23rd day of January, 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. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A SIX INCH HYDRAULIC DRIVEN SUBMERSIBLE TRASH

PUMP WITH ELECTRIC MOTOR DRIVEN MOBILE HYDRAULIC POWER PACK 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 23rd day of January, 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. 11-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR THE REPAIRS AND REPAINTING OF THE STANDPIPE AT ADAMS STATION 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 23rd day of January, 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. 12-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR BINOCULAR OPTIC DEVICES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 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 23rd day of January, 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. 13-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MANNA HOUSE PROAM APT PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 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 23rd day of January, 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. 14-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CROSSROADS SOCCER ASSOCIATION RELATIVE TO LIMITED USE AGREEMENT RELATED TO

JOHNNY DOWNS SOCCER COMPLEX 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 23rd day of January, 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. 15-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LSUA 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 23rd day of January, 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. 16-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS WITH BANDS AND VENDORS FOR 2024 EVENTS 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 23rd day of January, 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. 17-2024

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN ITEMS AS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED OR USED BY CITY DEPARTMENTS, TO BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 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 23rd day of January, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter the public hearing was opened at 5:15 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0506-2024

RESOLUTION SETTING COST OF DEMOLITION OF SIXTEEN STRUCTURES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of January, 2024.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the public hearing was closed at 5:24 p.m.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk