

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT
A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 2023.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Lee Rubin, Chuck Fowler, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter and REDDEX Washington. 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. Johnson and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. White.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on June 27, 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 replacement of existing Scada Tower located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Name of Bidders

James A. Decker Builders, Inc.

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 REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SCADA TOWER LOCATED AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for water itron erts.

Name of Bidders

United Systems and Software, Inc.

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 WATER ITRON ERTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for annual vehicle bid current model year.

Name of Bidders

Courtesy of Acadiana, LLC

Courtesy Motors of Vermillion, LLC

St. Martin Parish Acquisitions, LLC

Walker Automotive

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 ANNUAL VEHICLE BID CURRENT MODEL YEAR AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for turn out gear for the Fire Department.

Name of Bidders

NAFECO

CASCO Industries

Municipal Emergency Services

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 TURN OUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for liquid chlorine one ton cylinders.

Name of Bidders

Harcros Chemicals

DPC Enterprises, LP

Allied Universal Corporation

Univar Solutions

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 LIQUID CHLORINE ONE TON CYLINDERS 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 ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FOR TRANSFORMER REPAIRS POLEMOUNT AND PADMOUNT 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 AMENDING THE 2023-2024 CAPITAL BUDGET ADDING FUNDS FOR PHASE 2 AMPHITHEATRE 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 MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MARQUETTE ENERGY ANALYTICS FOR NATURAL GAS LOAD FORECASTING SOFTWARE 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 GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR MACARTHUR DRIVE LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PHASE 5 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 RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH TRANSFORMATION JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE TRANSIT BUSES AND PASSENGER TRANSIT VANS 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 ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM SERVICEMASTER BY CLARK FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE BUILDING 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 ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM TED FINN, LLC FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR 6TH AND JOHNSTON PARKING LOT 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 ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM U.S. LAWNS ALEXANDRIA LA FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR 9TH STREET STREETScape 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 ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM E. WOOLF LANDSCAPE FOR LAND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR UPPER 3RD STREETScape 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 AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH RAPIDES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR INMATE LABOR CREWS 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 RENEW THE WATER WELL MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION CONTRACT WITH LAYNE CHRISTENSEN 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 GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR HVAC 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 GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS, LLC FOR D. G. HUNTER MAINTENANCE AND OVERHAUL SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0432-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISE PROJECT ALEXANDRIA RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PHASE II.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0433-2023

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL P. MARCOTTE TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0434-2023

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE AUDIT YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2023.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0435-2023

RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY PROVIDING FOR THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND DIRECTIVES TO CARRY OUT THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION POLICIES AND INITIATIVE; TO PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR THE VARIOUS ORDINANCES THAT MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE ENACTED AUTHORIZING SPECIFIC PARTNERSHIPS, COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO BENEFIT THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION POLICIES AND INITIATIVE; TO ACCEPT DONATION AND OTHER PARTNERING OFFERED BY STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION POLICIES AND INITIATIVE; AND TO ADDRESS THE EXIGENCIES CREATED BY CHALLENGE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT THROUGH ORGANIZATION OF OFFICES, DIVISIONS, DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS OF THE CITY TO ADDRESS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION POLICIES AND INITIATIVE: TO MAKE REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL RELATIVE TO THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION POLICIES AND INITIATIVE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO INCLUDING ADOPTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS JMR-2022-1, 2023-1 AND 2023-2 AS POLICIES OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Washington.

ORDINANCE NO. 92-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR HARDWARE AND CONDUCTOR FOR STERKX TO WILLOW GLEN 138 KV RECONDUCTOR 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, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 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. 93-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH ALEXANDRIA DIXIE GIRLS SOFTBALL TO HOST AND CO-SPONSOR THE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES FROM JULY 28-AUGUST 2, 2023 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 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. 94-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR MACARTHUR DRIVE ROADWAY LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 5 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 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. 95-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL AND COOPERATIVE SERVICES WITH CENLA BROADCASTING; TO ACCEPT DONATED SERVICES IN A MATCH PROGRAM FROM, AND WITH, CENLA BROADCASTING AND TO BUDGET WITH RESPECT THERETO; AND TO PROGRAM AND LAUNCH WITH CENLA BROADCASTING A CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE; AND TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT TO ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 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. 96-2023

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 226 NORTH BOLTON AVENUE FROM "I-1" (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO "SF-3" (SINGLE FAMILY HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AND THE EXPANSION OF NORTH PARK VILLAGE SUBDIVISION 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the public hearing was opened at 5:17 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0436-2023

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON THE COST OF DEMOLITION OF TWENTY-FIVE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2023.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Ms. Felter the public hearing was closed at 5:45 p.m.

On a motion of Ms. Felter and seconded by Mr. Fowler the public hearing was opened at 5:45 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0437-2023

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER REVOKING THE CONDEMN ORDER OF 1204 MADISON STREET.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2023.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Ms. Felter the public hearing was closed at 5:55 p.m.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

/S/ Lee Rubin

President

ATTEST:

/S/Donna P. Jones

City Clerk