

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 22, 2020.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Chuck Fowler, Gerber Porter, REDDEX Washington, Lee Rubin, Cynthia Perry and Jim Villard. Harry Silver attended electronically. Also present were Mayor Hall, Assistant City Attorney Shane Williams 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 Chuck Fowler, 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.

RESOLUTIONS – ELECTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0109-2020

RESOLUTION ELECTING JAMES "JIM" VILLARD AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0110-2020

RESOLUTION ELECTING CHARLES "CHUCK" FOWLER AS THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Perry, Villard, Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held December 8, 2020 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. Fowler moved for the adoption or introduction of all items appearing under the heading of Consent Calendar.

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

Upon request from the Administration, the following item was delayed and re-advertisement was requested:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR RENOVATIONS TO SNORKEL TRUCK BUILDING AND DRIVEWAY FOR FIRE STATION #4 AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0111-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR RENOVATIONS TO SNORKEL TRUCK BUILDING AND DRIVEWAY FOR FIRE STATION #4.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Perry, Villard, Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

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

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3616 MASONIC DRIVE FROM SF-2 (SINGLE FAMILY MODERATE DENSITY DISTRICT) TO C-1 (LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO CONTINUE THE OPERATION OF A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AND OTHER MATERS 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 ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM LINETEC SERVICES, LLC FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS 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 ACCEPT THE LOWEST QUOTE RECEIVED FROM SCRD WOOD PRODUCTS, LLC FOR MIXED DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICES AND OTHER MATERS 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 CO-SPONSOR MANNA HOUSE APT PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2021 AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0112-2020

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES F. SMITH, JR. AS COUNCILMAN JIM VILLARD'S NOMINEE TO SERVE ON THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0113-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE STRIPING AND SIGNAGE FOR PUBLIC STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES 2021-2022.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

MAYOR'S VETO

To receive and consider the Mayor's veto and veto message regarding Ordinance No. 168.2020.

Mr. Porter moved to override the Mayor's veto, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION
SUBJECT TO 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 172-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR WATER METERS AND ITRON ERTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: Porter.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

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. 173-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

The Administration requested all bids be rejected and that re-advertisement be authorized on the following item:

TO CONSIDER FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TWO GRIT SCREW CONVEYOR WITH PARALLEL PLATE SEPARATORS FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0114-2020

RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS AND AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR TWO GRIT SCREW CONVEYOR WITH PARALLEL PLATE SEPARATORS FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

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. 174-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON BY HOSTING A HOLIDAY EVENT IN DECEMBER 2020 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PROMOTE THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BY ENTERING INTO ALL CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES WITH VENDORS RELATED TO THE EVENT AND NECESSARY FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: Porter.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

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. 175-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACTS WITH CROWDER GULF, LLC AND CERES ENVIRONMENTAL FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL, REDUCTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

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. 176-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH TETRA TECH FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL AND MONITORING SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

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. 177-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH LOTT OIL FOR BULK FUEL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

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. 178-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE A CLAIM OR LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUNDS AND PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO BE USED FOR PAYMENT OF A COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY IN THE SUIT ENTITLED "TINA BEST V. MASHACK MCCALL, ET AL," DOCKET #257,042 DIVISION E ON THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF RAPIDES AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of December 2020.

COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Finance Committee, Legal Affairs Committee, Utility Committee, Personnel/Insurance Committee, Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee, Economic, Workforce and Planning Development Committee, Property and Zoning Committee, Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee and A&E Committee.

Mr. Villard gave each Councilmember and the Mayor an opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holidays. He announced that the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting would be January 12, 2021.

/S/ James Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk

