

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable James "Jim" Villard, Chuck Fowler, REDDEX Washington, Gerber Porter, Lee Rubin and Cynthia Perry. Harry Silver attended electronically. Also present were Mayor Hall, City Attorney Shane Williams, Trey Gist 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. Washington and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Williams.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held February 9, 2021 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.

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 LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR STRIPING AND SIGNAGE FOR PUBLIC STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTIES 2021-2022 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 LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SOCCER EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On recommendation of the Administration, Mr. Fowler moved to reject all bids on the following, and Mr. Rubin seconded:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID  
SUBMITTED FOR TENNIS COURT COMPLEX FENCING REPAIR AND OTHER MATERS  
WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0136-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR TENNIS COURT COMPLEX  
FENCING REPAIR.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
February 2021.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET FOR LEAD  
ABATEMENT GRANT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0137-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CO-SPONSOR GRACE CHRISTIAN  
COLOR RUN ON MARCH 27, 2021.

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

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

NAYS: Porter.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0138-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CO-SPONSOR GIRLS ON THE RUN CENTRAL LOUISIANA /YWCA OF ALEXANDRIA PINEVILLE SPRING 5K RACE ON MAY 15, 2021.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0139-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CO-SPONSOR THE RED RIVER RUN ON MARCH 13, 2021.

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

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

NAYS: Porter.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 0140-2021

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MARCH 23, 2021 TO CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF 25 STRUCTURES.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

### **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 Mrs. Perry.

## ORDINANCE NO. 29-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TWO GRIT SCREW CONVEYOR WITH PARALLEL PLATE SEPARATORS FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

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. 30-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HAMMONDS, SILLS, ADKINS AND GUICE LLP LAW FIRM AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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 ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

The following item, which was previously introduced and laid over for publication of notice and no objection having been filed thereto, was brought up for final adoption but received no motion so therefore failed.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ENTITY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR THE MPO ALEXANDRIA BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PLAN IMPLEMENTATION, PHASE 1 (LA 1208-3, US 165 AND LA 28) AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED 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. Rubin.

## ORDINANCE NO. 31-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SPARKHOUND TO PERFORM NETWORK VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

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 Mrs. Perry.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 32-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDING DUE TO DISASTER DECLARATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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 ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

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. 33-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VERMILLION ANALYTICS LLC TO PERFORM A SALARY SURVEY PERTAINING TO THE ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

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. 34-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTACT WITH EE CONSULTANTS, INCORPORATED FOR GENERAL ELECTRICAL DESIGN AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

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 Mrs. Perry.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 35-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CYCLOMEDIA FOR STREET LEVEL IMAGERY/LIDAR DATA AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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 ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

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. 36-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR DOT OPERATOR QUALIFICATION PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND

## OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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 ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

## **COMMITTEES**

There were no reports from Economic, Workforce and Planning Development Committee, Property and Zoning Committee and A&E Committee.

Finance/Legal Affairs Committee Chair, Mr. Rubin offered congratulations to the Mayor and thanked all the employees for doing a great job on storm recovery. He asked that there be a post storm evaluation and to consider updates/improvements to water restoration.

Utility Committee Chair, Mr. Fowler echoed Mr. Rubin's comments. He said the city had an amazing workforce during and after the storm. He asked that considerations be given to improve the electric service to the well fields.

Personnel/Insurance Committee Chair, Mr. Porter gave a committee recap and reminded everyone to keep following the COVID mitigation efforts. He also asked all to reflect on the 500,000 lives lost to COVID-19.

Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee Chair, Mrs. Perry thanked all the employees for their hard work during the storm.

Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee Chair, Mr. Washington offered thanks to city workers who worked during and after the storm. He thanked Mike Wilkerson for answering questions on a Sunday and also thanked Donta Howard for always answering his phone and going above and beyond for the city.

Mr. Villard presented a plaque to Mr. Silver for his years of service and dedication to the City of Alexandria.

**/S/ James Villard**

President

ATTEST:

**/S/ Donna P. Jones**

City Clerk



