

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH
22, 2022.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable, Catherine Davidson, Cynthia Perry, Lee Rubin, Chuck Fowler, Gerber Porter and REDDEX Washington. Jim Villard was absent. Also present were Mayor Hall, 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 Catherine Davidson, 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. Fowler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held March 8, 2022 were unanimously approved by the Council.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the Mayor's Proposed Annual Budget for 2022-2023 for City Operations and Capital Matters was received.

Upon request from the Administration, and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the executive session to be held pursuant to R.S. 42:17(A)(2) on the following was removed from the agenda:

To consider a report and recommendation from the City Attorney in the matters of the claim "Lisa Jones, et al. v. City of Alexandria, et al." Docket No. 269, 163-E 9th Judicial District Court.

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.

Bids were received for herbicides.

Name of Bidders

Nutrien AG Solutions
Pro Pest and Lawn
Helena Agriculture

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR HERBICIDES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for construction and maintenance materials.

Name of Bidders

VanTel, LLC
Luhr Brothers
Maverick Construction

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE MATERIALS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for minimum of one (1) 40-foot telescopic articulating aerial device (bucket truck).

Name of Bidders

St. Martin Parish Acquisitions
UTEC
Altec

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) 40-FOOT TELESCOPIC ARTICULATING AERIAL DEVICE (BUCKET TRUCK) 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 RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH MOTOR SERVICES HUGO STAMP, INC. FOR RICE SPARE PARTS FOR DG HUNTER 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 POLE JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH NTS COMMUNICATION, LLC D/B/A VEXUS FIBER 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 TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT ARTICLES I AND II, OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE ALEXANDRIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" IN GENERAL AND LICENSES, PERMITS AND PERMIT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE RELATIVE TO DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION RELATED TO CLASSES AND PERMITS; TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL PERMITS AND DEALERS IN BEVERAGES OF LOW ALCOHOLIC CONTENT BY ADDING A CLASS "E" (EXCEPTION) AND A MICROBREWER CLASS; TO PROVIDE FOR DEALERS IN BEVERAGES OF HIGH ALCOHOL CONTENT BY ADDING A CLASS "E" (EXCEPTION) AND CLASS "R-W" (WINE ONLY) CLASSIFICATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL PERMITS, DEALERS AND FEES; TO PROVIDE RELATIVE TO THE SCOPE OF THE CHAPTER AND EXCEPTIONS SO ADDED TO SPECIFY RELATIVE TO SAMPLES; TO AMEND THE SECTION REGARDING HOURS OF OPERATION AND PENALTIES CONSISTENT WITH THE CLASSES AND PERMITS AS AMENDED; TO AMEND SECTIONS RELATED TO CATERERS AND EMPLOYEES CONSISTENT WITH THE AMENDMENTS FOR PERMITS AND RELATED MATTERS; TO AMEND THE SECTION RELATIVE TO PERMIT APPLICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS AND RENEWAL; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND TO PROVIDE RELATIVE TO QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS, BUSINESSES, ETC., FOR LICENSE/PERMITS AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE 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 COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL LA JUNETEENTH ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2022 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION 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 REZONING PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1831 AND 1901 TURNER STREET FROM SF-2 (SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT) TO C-1 (LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) ALLOWING FOR A CHANGE OF COMMERCIAL "USE" AT THE SAID PROPERTIES 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 ANNEXING 1.53 ACRES LOT 8 AND 9 SITUATED IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH RANGE 1 WEST, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA AND BEING THAT PROPERTY SHOWN ON THE CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY BY STEPHEN BARRETT GREMILLION 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 COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH STEM NOLA FOR A FOUR-WEEK CAMP 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 COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CENLA RETIRED TEACHERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0259-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ROADWAY LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0260-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CLAMPS AND COUPLINGS.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0261-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR FIRE HYDRANTS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0262-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR BRINGHURST BALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1- BLEACHER DEMOLITION.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0263-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PANEL RELAY FOR THE PRESCOTT SUBSTATION.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0264-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID FOR PRESCOTT ROAD SUBSTATION BREAKER ONE 2.4KV TO 7.2KV CONVERSION AND RECONDUCTOR.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ELECTRIC METERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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. 35-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Rubin, Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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. 36-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CHEMICAL ADDITIVES FOR WARTSILLA ENGINES AT D. G. HUNTER POWER PLANT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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. 37-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM E. WOOLF LANDSCAPE FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR MARTIN PARK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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. 38-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM TAYLORSCAPE FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY CENTERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

Upon request from the Administration, and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the following item was removed from the agenda:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DE-ANNEXING OF A 58.66 ACRES MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN SECTION 26, 27 AND 28 TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SOUTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA AND BEING THAT PROPERTY SHOWN ON THE CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY BY BALLARD AND ASSOCIATES, INC. AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT 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. 39-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE RAPIDES PARISH EXPLORATORY EDUCATION HOUSE (T.R.E.E. HOUSE) FOR CONTINUED USE OF THE MUSEUM BUILDING AT 1403 THIRD STREET AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

Public Hearing – Community Development

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the public hearing was opened at 6:00 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0265-2022

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 5019 WELLS BLVD. – SARAH RAINEY.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 22nd day of March, 2022.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the public hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

/S/ Catherine Davidson

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk