

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 3,
2022.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Cynthia Perry, Lee Rubin, Chuck Fowler, Gerber Porter and REDDEX Washington. Catherine Davidson 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 Jim Villard, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The Invocation was pronounced by Ms. Perry and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fowler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held April 19, 2022 were unanimously approved by the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ON THE FOLLOWING:

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.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rubin to enter executive session.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

The Council entered executive session at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Fowler made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Rubin to close the executive session.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

The Council closed executive session at 5:18 p.m.

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 Wastewater Treatment Plant Roadway Lighting Replacement Project Phase 1.

Name of Bidders

WYE Electric

Central Electric of Alexandria

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 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ROADWAY LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for clamps and couplings.

Name of Bidders

Coburn Supply

Lafayette Winwater Works

Ferguson Water Works

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 CLAMPS AND COUPLINGS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for fire hydrants and related accessories.

Name of Bidders

Coburn Supply

Lafayette Winwater Works

Ferguson Water Works

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 FIRE HYDRANTS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Bringhurst Ball Field Improvements Phase 1 Bleacher Demolition.

Name of Bidders

Quality Contracting, LLC

Hill Construction

Beard Construction

Bayou Rapides Corp.

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 BRINGHURST BALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 1 BLEACHER DEMOLITION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

No bids were received for the following item, so the Administration requested immediate re-advertisement:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PANEL RELAY FOR THE PRESCOTT SUBSTATION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0281-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-ADVERTISEMENT 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: Fowler, Washington, Porter, Villard, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 2022.

Bids were received for Prescott Road Substation Breaker One, 2.4KV conversion and reconductor.

Name of Bidders

Linetec Services

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 PRESCOTT ROAD SUBSTATION BREAKER ONE, 2.4KV TO 7.2KV CONVERSION AND RECONDUCTOR 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 AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (GOHSEP) TO OBTAIN CERTAIN FUNDS THROUGH THE FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY THE CITY DURING HURRICANE LAURA AND OTHER EVENTS 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 ACCEPT THE LOW BID RECEIVED FROM PROGRESSIVE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR MASONIC DRIVE STREETScape, PHASE 2 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 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 169-2016 ADJUSTING THE RATES FOR GREEN FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR LINKS ON THE BAYOU FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Upon request from the Administration, the following item was removed from the agenda:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 169-2016 ADJUSTING THE RATES FOR GREEN FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR LINKS ON THE BAYOU FOR THE YEARS 2024 AND 2026 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Upon request from the Administration, the following item was removed from the agenda:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 169-2016 ADJUSTING 2024 PASS HOLDER RATES AT LINKS ON THE BAYOU 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 ALEXANDRIA LITTLE LEAGUE FOR USE OF CERTAIN SPORTS FIELDS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO 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 ALEXANDRIA LITTLE LEAGUE FOR USE OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL FIELDS AND FACILITIES AT THE ALEXANDRIA YOUTH COMPLEX 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 A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 232 VERSAILLES FROM "SF-2" (SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT) TO "SF-2/ OO" (SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT WITH AN OFFICE OVERLAY) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF PROFESSIONAL OFFICES ON THE SITE 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 DECLARING ATRANS VEHICLE 2149 AS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED OR USED BY THE CITY DEPARTMENTS 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 DONATION WITH THE TOWN OF COLFAX FOR DISPOSITION OF A SURPLUS MOVABLE 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 THE RAPIDES PARISH

DRUG COURT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO 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 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 915 TWIN BRIDGE ROAD FROM "B-3" (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO "MU" (MIXED USE DISTRICT) TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY AS RESIDENTIAL 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 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1514 TEXAS AVENUE FROM "O" (OFFICE DISTRICT) TO "SF-2/OO" (SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT OVERLAY) TO ALLOW FOR RESIDENTIAL "USE" OF THE PROPERTY WITH AN OFFICE OVERLAY 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 CONTRACT OR COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL OF ALEXANDRIA, INC. FOR USE OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL FIELDS AND FACILITIES AT THE JOHNNY DOWNS SPORTS COMPLEX 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 CHRISTUS CABRINI FOUNDATION FOR THE 2022 WALMART GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10, 2022 AT LINKS ON THE BAYOU BENEFITING THE CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0282-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE ENTITY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR CIP/MPO ELLIOTT STREET.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 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. Fowler but failed for a lack of a second.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FIRST CHOICE ADDICTION CENTER FOR SERVICES RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND DETERRENCE 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. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 61-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING CHEMICAL FOR THE WASTEWATER 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, Villard, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 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. 62-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) NEW GROUNDWATER WELL AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORK AT THE EXISTING HIGHWAY 28 WELL SITE 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, Villard, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 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. 63-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH CAPLAN'S INC. FOR ANNUAL WORK UNIFORMS 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, Villard, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of

May, 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. 64-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE PROJECT FOR HORSESHOE CANAL HARDENING 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, Villard, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 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. 65-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM (DBA NEOGOV) FOR THE PROVISION OF TALENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE 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, Villard, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of

May, 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. 66-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR A CIVIL RIGHTS PARK; TO AUTHORIZE AN OFFER PURCHASE AND AN ACT OF CASH SALE AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY TO PURCHASE PROPERTY AND RELATED MATTERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: Porter.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 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. 67-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM TDA CONSULTING AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR HOME-ARP GRANT CONSULTING SERVICES 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, Villard, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE BROADBAND STRATEGIC PLAN PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM CTC TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS CONSULTING 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, Villard, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 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. Villard but failed for a lack of a second.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Villard the public hearing was opened at 5:38 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0283-2022

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON 25 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 2022.

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

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 reconsideration of final adoption on a motion of Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-2022

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 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 reconsideration of final adoption on a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Washington.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FIRST CHOICE ADDICTION CENTER FOR SERVICES RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND DETERRENCE 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, Villard, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Davidson.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 3rd day of May, 2022.

/S/ Catherine Davidson

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk