

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable James "Jim" Villard, Gerber Porter, Catherine Davidson, REDDEX Washington, Lee Rubin and Cynthia Perry. Chuck Fowler 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 Mr. Washington and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Perry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Perry the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held October 19, 2021 were unanimously approved by the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BE HELD PURSUANT R.S. 42:17

(A) (2) ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

- (a) To consider a report and recommendation from the City Attorney in the matters of settlements of the claims "Temeka Latanya Brown AKA Temekia Turner, individually and on behalf of her deceased daughter Ashley Mortle v. city of Alexandria, Ronney L. Howard and Joseph Rachal." Docket # 271,449-F on the docket of the 9th Judicial District Court; and, "Wayne Compton, Sr. and Chasity H. Compton, individually and on behalf of their deceased daughter, Destiny Compton v. City of Alexandria, Ronney L. Howard and Joseph Rachal", Docket #271,450-E on the Docket of the 9th Judicial District Court.

On a motion of Ms. Perry and seconded by Ms. Davidson to go into Executive Session. The President asked for a roll call. The following vote was taken and resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

The meeting was called back to order by President Jim Villard with a motion made by Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Perry to come out of executive session. The following vote was taken and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Rubin, Davidson, Porter, Washington, Villard, Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council next read all items found under the heading Consent Calendar and assigned them to committees.

Mr. Rubin moved for the adoption or introduction of all items appearing under the heading of Consent Calendar.

Ms. Davidson seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

Bids were received for Soccer equipment.

Name of Bidders

Creative Academic

Winning Teams

Third Coast Soccer

PY School Products

BSN Sports

The above bids were referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Davidson to wit:

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE FOUR ARBOC SPIRIT OF EQUSS 30' HEAVY DUTY TRANSIT BUSES FROM STATE OF OKLAHOMA PROCUREMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE OPTION AGREEMENT WITH RAPIDES HOUSING, LP CONCERNING A PROPOSED SALE OF SIX ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF PROPERTY WITH FRONTAGE ON THIRD STREET AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SIX ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SURPLUS PROPERTY AND OTHERWISE NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO ENTER INTO AN ACT OF CASH SALE AND OTHER NECESSARY CONTRACTS WITH RAPIDES HOUSING, LP PROVIDING FOR A SALE OF 6 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF PROPERTY FROM THE CITY AND OTHERWISE CONCERNING THE SALE OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY FORMERLY BEING PART OF THE HODGES STOCKYARD TRACT LOCATED AND WITH CERTAIN FRONTAGE ON THIRD STREET; TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT OF SALE OF PROPERTY FROM THE CITY FOR CONSIDERATION TO RAPIDES HOUSING, LP AND TO OTHERWISE AUTHORIZE SUCH AGREEMENTS AS NECESSARY FOR THE SALE AND TRANSACTION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED BY GILCHRIST CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC FOR THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – RAPIDES AVENUE AND THIRD STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PRECISION INSPECTION OF PLAUCHEVILLE TO HANG HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON TWO WATER TOWERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RETAIL STRATEGIES FOR A 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN ALEXANDRIA AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 3105, 3107, 3011, 3031 DAWKINS FROM A SF-2(SINGLE FAMILY MODERATE DENSITY DISTRICT) TO A B-3(GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4108 COLISEUM BOULEVARD FROM A B-1(COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO A C-1(LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0025-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A DIGITAL FULL COLOR PRINTING PRESS FOR THE PRINT SHOP.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 2nd day of November, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0026-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR FUEL BULK FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 2nd day of November, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0027-2021

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAULA K. C. NELSON TO THE ALEXANDRIA/PINEVILLE AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 2nd day of November, 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. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 179-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION HOURLY PRICING SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 2nd day of November, 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 180-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A THREE WHEEL BROOM STREET SWEEPER AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 2nd day of November, 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 Ms. Davidson and seconded by Ms. Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 181-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED BY DIAMOND B CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC FOR THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NORTH 16TH STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 2nd day of November, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Ms. Davidson and seconded by Mr. Washington the public hearing was opened.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0223-2021

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON THE STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 403 DOUGLAS STREET, 706/708 LEE STREET, 2907 LOCUST STREET, 1515 TURNER, 1125 VANCE STREET, 1802 BEECH STREET, 903 BOGAN STREET, 2019 LEVIN STREET APT A & B.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 2nd day of November, 2021.

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Davidson the Council closed the public hearing

PUBLIC HEARING-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon request of the Administration, and a motion by Mr. Villard and seconded by Ms. Davidson the following item was removed from the agenda.

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON THE COST OF DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1918 MONROE STREET, UNITS A & B.

/S/ James Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk