

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2020.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jules Green, Malcolm Larvadain, Jim Villard, Chuck Fowler, Gerber Porter, Joe Fuller. Harry Silver attended electronically. Also present were Mayor Hall, City Attorney David 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 Jules Green, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Nolley and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fuller.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:05 p.m. on a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fuller the council unanimously entered executive session on the following:

TO CONSIDER A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY IN THE MATTER OF DONALD WILKINSON AND SIDNEY WILKINSON VERSUS DAQUARIOUS BROWN, STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAFE AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY, AND CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF RAPIDES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CIVIL SUIT NO. 265,149 F.

At 5:19 p.m. on a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the council unanimously exited executive session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Fuller the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held October 13, 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. Villard seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR MARTIN PARK DRAINAGE REPAIRS AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR BRASS FITTINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR WIRE AND CABLE FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PAT WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR CONTRACT "B" BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PRACTICE FIELDS IMPROVEMENTS FOR JOHNNY DOWNS SPORTS COMPLEX REJUVENATION PROJECT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PROVIDENCE ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC FOR SUGARHOUSE ROAD EXTENSION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3620 HYNSON STREET FROM SF-2 (SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT) TO SF-3 (HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT) TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUPLEX UPON SAID PROPERTY AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6556 HWY 1 FROM I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO SF-2 (SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT) TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 11 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ON SAID PROPERTY AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0096-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Porter, Silver, Fuller, Green, Larvadain, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 27th day of October 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0097-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 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, Fuller, Green, Larvadain, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 27th day of October 2020.

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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 158-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

YEAS: Villard, Fowler, Silver, Porter, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 27th day of October 2020.

Upon request from the Legal Committee, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH QUALIFYING BUSINESS FOR LEASING OF SPACE WITHIN THE ALEXANDRIA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Finance Committee, Utility Committee, Personnel/Insurance Committee, Economic, Workforce and Planning Development Committee, Property and Zoning Committee and A&E Committee.

Legal Affairs Committee Chair, Mr. Larvadain gave a recap of the previous committee.

Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee Chair, Mr. Porter summarized the earlier committee and mentioned that the pumps/flooding issue had been referred to the Mayor for further study.

Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee Chair, Mr. Larvadain announced that on October 30, from 6-8 p.m. in the Alexandria Mini Park the City would be hosting a Candy Stop.

Mr. Porter talked about COVID-19, Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness.

/S/ Jules R. Green

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk

