

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 7, 2020.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, July 7, 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. Porter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fuller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held June 23, 2020 were unanimously approved by the Council.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Hall presented a proclamation to Alaina Mire for being elected as President of the Louisiana Bar Association.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

Upon a request from the Administration, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TURN OUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR WOODDALE OUTFALL AND RAILROAD AVENUE DITCH IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 4AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SOCCER GOALS AND GOAL WHEELS AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR THE BAFFLE WALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SPUN PRESTRESSED WOOD POLES EQUIVALENT CONCRETE POLES FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR THREE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ANNUAL VEHICLE BID CURRENT MODEL YEAR AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SINGLE PHASE POLEMOUNT TRANSFORMERS FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SINGLE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EGW UTILITIES, INC. FOR DOT OPERATOR QUALIFICATION PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH FLEET ANALYTICS, LLC FOR THE SERVICE OF GPS FLEET TRACKING AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE RAPIDES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR USE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RELATED THERETO AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH UTILITY MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, INC., FOR THE TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF SUBSTATION TRANSFORMERS, CIRCUIT BREAKER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0064-2020

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RELEASE OF THE POLICE VIDEO FROM THE DAQUARIOUS D. BROWN ARREST TO REVEREND RANDY HARRIS AND TO THE PUBLIC.

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

YEAS: Fuller, Green, Larvadain, Porter.

NAYS: Villard, Fowler.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Silver.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of July 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0065-2020

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT SPONSORED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN AND SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR ATRANS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of July 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. Porter and seconded by Mr. Fuller.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE VARIOUS ITEMS IN SECTION 26-102 OF THE ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPAL CODES WITH RESPECT TO THE UTILITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

YEAS: Porter, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: Silver, Villard, Fowler.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of July 2020.

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. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH TRANSFORMATION JANITORIAL FOR ATRANS BUS TERMINAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of July 2020.

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. 100-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CENLA COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE TO ASSIST WITH UTILITY FUND AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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 ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of July 2020.

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. 101-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EMERGENCY 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, Fuller, Green, Larvadain, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of July 2020.

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. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 102-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FUNDING FOR CARES ACT, PHASE I IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of July 2020.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE CITY-OWNED CONFEDERATE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE RAPIDES PARISH COURTHOUSE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Property and Zoning Committee, Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee and A&E Committee.

Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Fuller reminded the Mayor that he expected a Finance Report on next Council Tuesday.

Legal Affairs Committee Chair, Mr. Larvadain expressed his opposition to delaying the vote on the Confederate Monument. He was disappointed and hoped that the City would move forward in having it removed.

Utility Committee Chair, Mr. Porter gave a recap of his previous committee.

Personnel/Insurance Committee Chair, Mr. Green asked Mr. David Williams to make sure his employees follow the no smoking on city property ordinance.

Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee Chair, Mr. Porter stated that the City had pared with Rapides Primary Health Clinic for COVID 19 testing and that on Wednesdays there would be rotating testing at various Alexandria Housing Authority Complexes and on Fridays, testing would be at Frank O. Hunter. He reminded the public that they needed to be tested.

Economic Workforce and Planning Development Committee Chair Mr. Fuller said that GAEDA would be giving a report at the next Council Meeting and that he would like a report from the Administration on Mr. Larvadain's request for any City streets named after Confederate soldiers.

/S/ Jules R. Green

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk