

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2020.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jules Green, Jim Villard, Gerber Porter and Joe Fuller. Harry Silver and Malcolm Larvadain attended electronically. Chuck Fowler was absent. 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. David Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Green.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Held pursuant to R.S. 42:17 (A) (2) on the following item:

- (a) TO CONSIDER A REPORT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY IN THE MATTER OF THE SUIT ENTITLED "TINA BEST V. MASHACK MCCALL, ET AL," DOCKET #257,042 DIVISION E ON THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF RAPIDES.

On a motion of Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Villard the Council unanimously entered Executive Session at 5:12 P.M.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the Council unanimously exited Executive Session at 5:20 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Villard the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held November 24, 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. Villard moved for the adoption or introduction of all items appearing under the heading of Consent Calendar.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TWO GRIT SCREW CONVEYOR WITH PARALLEL PLATE SEPARATORS FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON BY HOSTING A HOLIDAY EVENT IN DECEMBER 2020 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PROMOTE THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BY ENTERING INTO ALL CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES WITH VENDORS RELATED TO THE EVENT AND NECESSARY FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACTS WITH CROWDER GULF, LLC AND CERES ENVIRONMENTAL FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL, REDUCTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH TETRA TECH FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL AND MONITORING SERVICES AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH LOTT OIL FOR BULK FUEL AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE A CLAIM OR LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUNDS AND PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS TO BE USED FOR PAYMENT OF A COMPROMISE

AND SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY IN THE SUIT ENTITLED "TINA BEST V. MASHACK MCCALL, ET AL," DOCKET #257,042 DIVISION E ON THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF RAPIDES AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS 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. 0105-2020

RESOLUTION NAMING THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 150L WIMBLEDON BOULEVARD AS JOHNIE VARNADO ALEXANDRIA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of December 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0106-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR RIVERFRONT CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT AND WATERPROOFING OF EXTERIOR WALL SYSTEM.

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

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

NAYS: Porter.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of December 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0107-2020

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE GAS DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of December 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0108-2020

RESOLUTION DECLARING AND RECOGNIZING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020 AND THURSDAY DECEMBER 31, 2020 AS A CITY HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of December 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. 168-2020

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 4-22 OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPAL CODES WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NEAR A CHURCH, SCHOOL, PUBLIC LIBRARY, PLAYGROUND, FULL TIME DAY CARE, OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 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.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of December 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. 169-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE ENTITY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT/ METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION RAPIDES AVENUE AND THIRD STREET IMPROVEMENTS 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, Silver, Porter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of December 2020.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR WATER METERS AND ITRON ERTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED 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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fuller.

ORDINANCE NO. 170-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE CONTRACT C CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS 2020-2021 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of December 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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fuller.

ORDINANCE NO. 171-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONTRACT A ROADSIDE DITCH ENCLOSURE AND STORM WORKS MAINTENANCE 2020-2021 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 8th day of December 2020.

COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Utility Committee, Economic, Workforce and Planning Development Committee, Property and Zoning Committee, Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee and A&E Committee.

Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Fuller congratulated the incoming new Councilmembers and stated that it had been a great opportunity and challenge serving the City and wished everyone "God bless."

Legal Affairs Committee Chair, Mr. Larvadain enjoyed the privilege of serving stated that we lived in a democracy and it works. Wished everyone "God Speed."

Personnel/Insurance Committee Chair, Mr. Green announced that COVID numbers were rising and said testing would be at Frank O. Hunter Park on Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee Chair, Mr. Porter gave a committee recap and gave public information about COVID. Asked everyone to wear a mask.

Mr. Green stated that he had enjoyed working for District 3 and wished everyone the best.

Mr. Villard presented Mr. Green, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Larvadain awards for having served on the City Council.

/S/ Jules R. Green

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk