

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2021.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 5:55 P.M. Those present were the Honorable James "Jim" Villard, Chuck Fowler, REDDEX Washington, Gerber Porter, Lee Rubin and Cynthia Perry. Harry Silver attended electronically. 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. Shane Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hall.

PRESENTATION

The Mayor and SafeAlex presented the new Mayor's Youth Council Members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND SPECIAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL FULL AND FINAL COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT IN THE WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM OF DONALD ROY AND THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND OTHERWISE AS NEEDED UNDER CODE OF ORDINANCES 2-32(D).

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the Council unanimously entered Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the Council unanimously exited Executive Session at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held January 12, 2021 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. Rubin 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.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR RENOVATIONS TO SNORKEL TRUCK BUILDING AND DRIVEWAY FOR FIRE STATION #4 AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR RIVERFRONT CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT AND WATERPROOFING OF EXTERIOR WALL SYSTEM AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE GAS DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH CBS CLEANING SERVICES FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM OF DONALD ROY AGAINST THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA; PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF THE COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE TWO GILLIG BUS ASSIGNMENT FROM CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH L&J EXTERMINATING, INCORPORATED FOR PEST CONTROL AND RELATED SERVICES AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE OFFERING THE HIGHEST DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE OFF MANUFACTURER'S SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE FOR SAFARILAND AND GOULD AND GOODRICH'S BRAND POLICE UNIFORM ACCESSORIES AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTOPHER BOWMAN AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS TIRE OPERATIONS, LLC FOR THE TRANSIT TIRE LEASE FOR ATRANS AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LSUA FOR THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAM AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN OPEN ENDED PILOT CONTRACT FOR A CONTACTLESS FARE PROGRAM FOR ATRANS AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR STREET LEVEL IMAGERY/LIDAR DATA AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0119-2021

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0120-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CAST DUCTILE IRON AND RELATED ACCESSORIES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0121-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CHLORINATION AND DECHLORINATION EQUIPMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0122-2021

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2021 TO CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF 25 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID SUBMITTED FOR JOHNNY DOWNS SPORTS COMPLEX REJUVENATION PROJECT CONTRACT "C" BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS AND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: Porter.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2021

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN ITEMS AS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED OR USED BY CITY DEPARTMENTS, TO BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ADD CV-3 FUNDING AND INCREASE PER HOUSEHOLD AWARD IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 THROUGH A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CENLA COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler and seconded by Mrs. Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE RAPIDES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND VARIOUS PARTICIPATING PUBLIC AGENCIES RELATED TO THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- LPR (LICENSE PLATE READER) GRANT PROGRAM AND PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 8-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2020-2021 MAJOR BUDGET AMENDMENT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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 Mrs. Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY GUIDELINE FOR HUD FUNDED AFFORDABLE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH CLEAN EARTH FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSPORTING, DISPOSAL AND RECLAMATION 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, Washington, Rubin, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH WARSILA NORTH AMERICAN, INC. FOR RICE SPARE PARTS FOR DG HUNTER AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler and seconded by Mrs. Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS FOR CHATLIN LAKE CANAL BACKWATER OVERFLOW RELIEF STRUCTURE TO RED RIVER AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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 Mrs. Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS FOR CHATLIN LAKE CANAL HARDENING AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEYER, MEYER, LACROIX AND HIXSON FOR HORSESHOE CANAL HARDENING AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BALLARD CLC FOR HYNSON BAYOU HARDENING AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 2021.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR DOT OPERATOR QUALIFICATION PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2021

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3616 MASONIC DRIVE FROM SF-2 (SINGLE FAMILY MODERATE DENSITY DISTRICT) TO C-1 (LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO CONTINUE THE OPERATION OF A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 26th day of January 2021.

AUDIT REPORT

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the Audit report from Kolder, Slaven and Company, LLC for the year ended April 30, 2020 was received.

COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Finance/Legal Affairs Committee, Utility Committee, Personnel/Insurance Committee, Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee, Economic, Workforce and Planning Development Committee and A&E Committee.

Property and Zoning Committee Chair, Mr. Washington said it was great working with the Administration and looked forward to working more with them on condemnations and burnt houses.

Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee Chair, Mr. Washington thanked the City Bus Drivers for doing an awesome job.

Mayor Hall congratulated Mr. Silver on his 99th Birthday.

/S/ James Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk