

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL
19, 2022.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5:05 P.M. Those present were the Honorable, Catherine Davidson, Jim Villard, Cynthia Perry, Lee Rubin, Chuck Fowler, Gerber Porter and REDDEX Washington. Also present were Mayor Hall, City Attorney Shane Williams, Finance Director David Johnson 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 Catherine Davidson, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. Councilman Rubin gave brief remarks on the life of Mr. Harry Silver and the Council held a moment of silence in his honor. The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Washington and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Perry.

RECOGNITION OF THE BOLTON HIGH SCHOOL POWERLIFTING TEAM.

Coach Carmouche gave a brief speech and introduced the Bolton High School Powerlifting Team.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Villard the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held April 5, 2022 were unanimously approved by the Council.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 47-2022 BE RECONSIDERED FOR TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE AND ADD THE PROPERTY ANNEXED TO BE ZONED C-1 ZONING DISTRICT.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the discussion of the amendment was opened. On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin the C-1 zoning designation was included in the ordinance. On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the ordinance was brought up for final adoption as amended on a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2022

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 1.53 ACRES LOT 8 AND 9 SITUATED IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH RANGE 1 WEST, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA AND BEING THAT PROPERTY SHOWN ON THE CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY BY STEPHEN BARRETT GREMILLION.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET

A public hearing on the Mayor's proposed 2022/2023 Operating and Capital Budgets.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Rubin the public hearing was opened at 5:21 p.m.

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Villard the public hearing was closed at 5:23 p.m.

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.

Bids were received for operating chemical for Wastewater Department.

Name of Bidders

MIS, LLC

Dukes Root Controls

The above bid was referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING CHEMICAL FOR WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for new groundwater well and associated site work at existing Highway 28 well site.

Name of Bidders

Bayou Rapides Corporation

Womack and Sons

The above bid was referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) NEW GROUNDWATER WELL AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORK AT THE EXISTING HIGHWAY 28 WELL SITE AND OTHER MATTERS 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 RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH CAPLAN'S INC. FOR ANNUAL WORK UNIFORMS AND OTHER MATTERS 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 EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FOR THE LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE PROJECT FOR HORSESHOE CANAL HARDENING AND OTHER MATTERS 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 GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM (DBA NEOGOV) FOR THE PROVISION OF TALENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND OTHER MATTERS 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 TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR A CIVIL RIGHTS PARK; TO AUTHORIZE AN OFFER PURCHASE AND AN ACT OF CASH SALE AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY TO PURCHASE PROPERTY AND RELATED MATTERS AND OTHER MATTERS 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 PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM TDA CONSULTING AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR HOME-ARP GRANT CONSULTING SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS 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 BROADBAND STRATEGIC PLAN PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM CTC TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS CONSULTING AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0276-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SULFUR DIOXIDE, TECHNICAL GRADE, LIQUID ONE TON CYLINDERS FOR WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE PROJECT FOR HORSESHOE CANAL HARDENING.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0277-2022

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK WILLIS TO SERVE ON THE AICUS (AIR INSTALLATION COMPATIBLE USE ZONE) APPEAL BOARD.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0278-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SPUN PRESTRESSED WOOD POLE EQUIVALENT CONCRETE POLES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0279-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2022-2025 WATER WELL MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION CONTRACT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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 Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2022

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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. 51-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR GAS METERS AND ITRON ERTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of

April, 2022.

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. 52-2022

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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. 53-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ANNUAL UNIFORM BID FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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. 54-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE ALEXANDRIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE VI. "GARBAGE, TRASH, ETC. DISPOSAL", SECTIONS 26-93; 26-95 AND 26-96 RELATIVE TO CERTAIN GARBAGE, TRASH, ETC., DISPOSAL AND RELATED SERVICES; TO PROVIDE FOR RESIDENTIAL UNIT PICKUP SERVICES; SERVICES FOR CERTAIN APARTMENTS AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, SMALL BUSINESS CUSTOMERS AND PICKUP OF RESIDENTIAL BULKY WASTE AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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. 55-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH BONNETTE AUCTION COMPANY FOR PROFESSIONAL AUCTIONEERING SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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 as amended on a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 56-2022

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023; TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF ALL CITY DIVISIONS, DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES, PENSIONS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATIONS; ADOPTING THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 AND PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO APPROPRIATIONS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PERTAINING THERETO AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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. 57-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA-VETERANS AFFAIRS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Porter, Davidson, Perry, Rubin

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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. Davidson.

ORDINANCE NO. 58-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MEYER, MEYER, LACROIX AND HIXSON FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PSA AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Villard.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARING CHOICES OF ALEXANDRIA FOR SERVICES RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND DETERRENCE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Davidson the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FIRST CHOICE ADDICTION CENTER FOR SERVICES RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND DETERRENCE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Ms. Davidson and seconded by Mr. Villard, the following item was delayed until May 17, 2022:

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 13-54 OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPAL CODES WITH RESPECT TO EMERGENCY OR NON-EMERGENCY SERVICE OPERATORS LICENSE REQUIRED AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT 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 Ms. Davidson and seconded by Ms. Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 59-2022

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE REMAINING 830 FEET (+/-) OF ROY AVENUE (STREET) AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Davidson, Perry Rubin, Washington, Porter.

NAYS: Fowler.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Villard.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

Ms. Davidson requested to add a resolution supporting the Juneteenth Holiday to the agenda. Mr. Villard moved to allow the addition and it was seconded by Mr. Washington. The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

The item was added to the agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0280-2022

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL TO DECLARE JUNETEENTH AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 19th day of April, 2022.

/S/ Catherine Davidson

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk