

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 5,
2022.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 5:35 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 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. The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Washington and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fowler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Villard the minutes taken from a regular Council meeting held March 22, 2022 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.

Bids were received for operating supplies for Electric Distribution Department.

Name of Bidders

Coburn's Supply
AR Electric Co-op
Wesco

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 SUPPLIES FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for gas meters and itron erts.

Name of Bidders

United Systems and Software

KGM

Ferguson Waterworks

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 GAS METERS AND ITRON ERTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for janitorial chemicals.

Name of Bidders

Economical Janitorial

AGNI Enterprises, LLC

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 JANITORIAL CHEMICALS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for annual uniform bid for Public Safety.

Name of Bidders

Caplan's

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 ANNUAL UNIFORM BID FOR PUBLIC SAFETY 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 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.

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 BONNETTE AUCTION COMPANY FOR PROFESSIONAL AUCTIONEERING 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 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.

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 CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF LA-VETERANS AFFAIRS 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 SUBMITTED BY MEYER, MEYER, LACROIX AND HIXSON FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PSA 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 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the following ordinance was introduced, to wit:

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.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0266-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR READY MIX CONCRETE.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0267-2022

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN CYNTHIA PERRY TO SERVE ON THE RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0268-2022

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN CATHERINE DAVIDSON TO SERVE ON THE RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Davidson.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0269-2022

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA WASHINGTON TO SERVE ON THE RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION 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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0270-2022

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN BROUSSARD TO SERVE ON THE RAPIDES AREA PLANNING COMMISSION 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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0271-2022

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF HERBERT B. DIXON, SR. TO SERVE ON THE ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPAL FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0272-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PARTS AND SERVICES FOR THE WARTSILA RECIPROCATING INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES AND ANCILLARY PARTS.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0273-2022

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 17, 2022 FOR CONDEMNATION OF 25 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0274-2022

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2022 FOR CONDEMNATION OF 25 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

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 5th day of April, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0275-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMPREHENSIVELY REVIEW THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA'S ELECTRIC AND GAS FUEL COST CALCULATION AND RELATED RATE STRUCTURE.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 5th 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. 40-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR HERBICIDES 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 5th 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE MATERIALS 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 5th 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. 42-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) 40-FOOT TELESCOPIC ARTICULATING AERIAL DEVICE (BUCKET TRUCK) 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 5th 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH MOTOR SERVICES HUGO STAMP, INC. FOR RICE SPARE PARTS FOR DG HUNTER 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 5th 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 Ms. Davidson.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A POLE JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH NTS COMMUNICATION, LLC D/B/A VEXUS FIBER 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 5th 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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT ARTICLES I AND II, OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE ALEXANDRIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" IN GENERAL AND LICENSES, PERMITS AND PERMIT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE RELATIVE TO DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION RELATED TO CLASSES AND PERMITS; TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL PERMITS AND DEALERS IN BEVERAGES OF LOW ALCOHOLIC CONTENT BY ADDING A CLASS "E" (EXCEPTION) AND A MICROBREWER CLASS; TO PROVIDE FOR DEALERS IN BEVERAGES OF HIGH ALCOHOL CONTENT BY ADDING A CLASS "E" (EXCEPTION) AND CLASS "R-W" (WINE ONLY) CLASSIFICATION AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL PERMITS, DEALERS AND FEES; TO PROVIDE RELATIVE TO THE SCOPE OF THE CHAPTER AND EXCEPTIONS SO ADDED TO SPECIFY RELATIVE TO SAMPLES; TO AMEND THE SECTION REGARDING HOURS OF OPERATION AND PENALTIES CONSISTENT WITH THE CLASSES AND PERMITS AS AMENDED; TO AMEND SECTIONS RELATED TO CATERERS AND EMPLOYEES CONSISTENT WITH THE AMENDMENTS FOR PERMITS AND RELATED MATTERS; TO AMEND THE SECTION RELATIVE TO PERMIT APPLICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS AND RENEWAL; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND TO PROVIDE RELATIVE TO QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS, BUSINESSES, ETC., FOR LICENSE/PERMITS AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE 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 5th 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 Ms. Davidson.

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL LA JUNETEENTH ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2022 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION 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 5th 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. 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 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 5th 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. 48-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH STEM NOLA FOR A FOUR-WEEK CAMP 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 5th 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. 49-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CENLA RETIRED TEACHERS 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 5th day of April, 2022.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the following item was delayed for two weeks. Ms. Davidson opposed the action.

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

/S/ Catherine Davidson

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk