

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2023.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter, Cynthia Perry, Lee Rubin, Chuck Fowler, REDDEX Washington and Gary Johnson. Also present were Mayor Roy, City Attorney Jonathan Goins 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 Ms. Felter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.

RESOLUTIONS – ELECTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0342-2023

RESOLUTION ELECTING LEE RUBIN PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Johnson, Villard, Felter, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 10th day of January, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0343-2023

RESOLUTION ELECTING REDDEX WASHINGTON VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Johnson, Villard, Felter, Perry, Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 10th day of January, 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on December 13, 2022 and a Special Meeting on December 21, 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 Consent Calendar.

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

Bids were received for Aerator Mooring at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Name of Bidders

Durable Piling Restoration, 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 AERATOR MOORING AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Capital Improvement Project Phase 1 site demolition and clearance for the Tiger and Siamang Habitat and Restaurant Development.

Name of Bidders

Ducote Development

Womack and Sons

Bayou Rapides Corporation

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Merrick

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 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1 SITE DEMOLITION AND CLEARANCE FOR THE TIGER AND SIAMANG HABITAT AND RESTAURANT DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Louisiana Watershed Initiative Project Horseshoe Canal Hardening.

Name of Bidders

Womack and Sons

Shavers-Whittle

Gilcrease Construction

Merrick

Apeck Construction

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 LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE PROJECT HORSESHOE CANAL HARDENING AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

As no bids were received for the following item, the Administration requested re-advertisement:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0344-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING READVERTISEMENT FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE GAS DEPARTMENT.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 10^h day of January, 2023.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE GAS DEPARTMENT 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 2022/2023 MAJOR BUDGET AMENDMENT 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 AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED TASERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR A FUTURE CREDIT ON NEW TASER CERTIFICATION BUNDLES; A BASIC AND UNLIMITED CARTRIDGE PLAN FOR SAID EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0345-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR EXTERIOR WATERPROOFING SWAT BUILDING FIRE STATION #5.

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

YEAS: Villard, Fowler, Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 10^h day of January, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0346-2023

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, Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 10^h day of January, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0347-2023

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, Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 10^h day of January, 2023.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION **SUBJECT TO A 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2023

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

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 10th day of January, 2023.

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. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR MIXED DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICES WITH SCRD WOOD PRODUCTS, LLC AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 10th day of January, 2023.

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. 3-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH LOTT OIL COMPANY FOR BULK FUEL FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 10th day of January, 2023.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to add an update by Mayor Roy on Project RESTOR to the agenda and Mr. Villard seconded the motion.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

An update on Project RESTOR was added to the agenda.

Mr. Washington made a motion to allow discussion on Project RESTOR and it was seconded by Ms. Felter.

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

YEAS: Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry, Villard, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Roy gave the update.

Mr. Rubin made the following announcement of a Public Meeting:

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the City Council Chambers, 1st Floor City Hall, 915 Third Street, Alexandria, Louisiana, the City Council of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to allow Mr. Cornelius Lawson White, Jr. to speak on the Martin Luther King Holiday and Mr. Washington seconded the motion.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Washington, Johnson, Rubin, Felter, Perry, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mr. White briefly spoke on Martin Luther King and various topics.

The president adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

/S/ Lee Rubin

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk