

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2023.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Lee Rubin, Chuck Fowler, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter and REDDEX Washington. Also present were Mayor Roy, Michael Caffery, City Attorney Jonathon 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 Lee Rubin, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The invocation was pronounced by Ms. Perry and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Villard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on March 7, 2023 were unanimously approved by the Council.

PRESENTATION – JB HOUSING GROUP

Ms. Julie Clark spoke about Unforgotten Veterans of Cenla. Mayor Roy presented her with a letter of commendation for her efforts in trying to eradicate homelessness in the Veteran population in Alexandria.

PRESENTATION – FIRST 100 DAYS

Mayor Roy talked about the successes of the first 100 days of his administration.

Mr. Washington announced that Mt. Zion Baptist Church was hosting Taking Back Our Youth Crusade on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 5-8:30 p.m.

Mr. Rubin stated that the Council had received the Mayor's proposed 2023-2024 annual budget and that there would be budget hearings held on April 11, 12 and 13 from 3:30-5:00 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 Consent Calendar.

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

Bids were received for herbicides.

Name of Bidders

Pro Pest and Lawn Store
Heritage Landscape Supply Group
Red River Specialties
Helena AGRI Enterprises
Nutrien Solutions
Rentokil Inc.
Site One Landscape

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 HERBICIDES 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 COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTUS CABRINI FOUNDATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE 2023 WALMART CMN GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR MAY 16, 2023 AT THE LINKS ON THE BAYOU BENEFITING CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK 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 AN AGREEMENT FOR GIS PLANNING LOCATION ANALYSIS WEB 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 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LINKEDIN FOR POSTING OF JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0375-2023

RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORING POPS IN THE PARK ON APRIL 29, 2023.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0376-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR FIRE HYDRANTS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0377-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CLAMPS AND COUPLINGS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0378-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR MILL STREET DITCH CLEANING.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0379-2023

RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, LOUISIANA BROWNFIELD CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 25-26, 2023.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0380-2023

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GAEDA); TO REMOVE STEVEN R. MCGEE AS A COMMISSIONER REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0381-2023

RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF PAULA KATZ TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GAEDA) REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1.

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

YEAS: Washington, Johnson, Villard, Felter.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Rubin, Fowler, Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0382-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR REFURBISHED SINGLE-PHASE POLE MOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0383-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR REFURBISHED SINGLE-PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0384-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR NEW THREE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0385-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR NEW SINGLE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0386-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR NEW SINGLE PHASE POLE MOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0387-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR HARDWARE AND CONDUCTOR FOR STERKX TO WILLOW GLEN 138 KV TRANSMISSION RECONDUCTOR.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0388-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR DIGITAL SUBSTATION RELAY PANELS AND EQUIPMENT PHASE 3B.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0389-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR REFURBISHED THREE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0390-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR D. G. HUNTER UNIT 5-11 MAJOR MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT PARTS AND SUPPLIES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0391-2023

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT HUD REPORT FOR PY2021-2022 CAPER.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 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. 26-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID RECEIVED FOR DG HUNTER UNITS 5-11 SPARE PARTS FOR ELECTRIC PRODUCTION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 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. 27-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID RECEIVED FOR ELECTRIC METERS AND ACCESSORIES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 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. 28-2023

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 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. Washington.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET ADDING FUNDS FOR DEMOLITION AT 2300 AND 2310 NORTH MCARTHUR DRIVE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 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. Washington.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2023

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING 50MW OF WINTER SEASONAL MISO ZONAL RESOURCE CREDITS (ZRCS) AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSFER AND SALE OF SAME TO EAST TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INCORPORATED AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 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. 31-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR WATER SECTOR PROGRAM PROJECTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 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. 32-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 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. Villard and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2023

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) REPORT FOR PY2021-2022 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) -AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FOR PY 2021-2022 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Ms. Felter the public hearing was opened at 6:27 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0392-2023

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON TWENTY-FIVE (25) STRUCTURES
THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 21st day of March, 2023.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin, the public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

Bids were received for construction and maintenance materials.

Name of Bidders

Maverick Construction, LLC

Luhr Bros., Inc.

VanTel, LLC

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID
SUBMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE MATERIALS AND
OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The President adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

/S/ Lee Rubin

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk