

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 25, 2023.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, July 25, 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, Kay Michiels, 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. Felter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Roy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on July 11, 2023 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 introduction of all items appearing under the
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

Bids were received for D.G. Hunter 5-11 Major Maintenance Equipment, Parts and Supplies.

Name of Bidders

Wartsila North America, Inc.

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. Johnson to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR D. G. HUNTER 5-11 MAJOR MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, PARTS AND SUPPLIES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Kisatchie Ground Storage Aeration Project.

Name of Bidders

Womack and Sons

The Migues Deloach Company, LLC.

D'Argent Construction, 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. Johnson to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR KISATCHIE GROUND STORAGE AERATION PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Contract A Roadside and Open Ditch Enclosure and Storm Works Maintenance 2023-2024.

Name of Bidders

Rylee Contracting, Inc.

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. Johnson to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONTRACT A ROADSIDE OPEN DITCH ENCLOSURE AND STROM WORKS MAINTENANCE 2023-2024 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Contract C Concrete Pavement and Sidewalk Improvements 2023-2024.

Name of Bidders

Rylee Contracting, Inc.

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. Johnson to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONTRACT C CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS 2023-2024AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Contract B Asphaltic Concrete Reconstruction and Overlay Improvements 2023-2024.

Name of Bidders

TL Construction, LLC.

Diamond B Construction

Gilchrest 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. Johnson to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONTRACT B ASPHALTIC CONCRETE RECONSTRUCTION

AND OVERLAY IMPROVEMENTS 2023-2024 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 26-11 OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA MUNICIPAL CODES WITH RESPECT TO THE TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICES DURING EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH KNOE, INC. FOR TROUBLESHOOTING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS OF AN ELEVATOR AT THE ALEXANDRIA GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CERTSTAFFIX FOR ONSITE LEVEL 1 EXCEL TRAINING AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 CAPITAL BUDGET ADDING FUNDS FOR SCADA TOWER REPLACEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH PETRE'S TREE SURGERY, INC. FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE 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. 0438-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR TREATED WOOD POLES.

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 25th day of July, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0439-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS.

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 25th day of July, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0440-2023

RESOLUTION SETTING A COST PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2023 FOR AUTHORITY TO FILE LIENS ON TWENTY-FOUR STRUCTURES.

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 25th day of July, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0441-2023

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS FOR ALEXANDRIA BIKE/PED IMPLEMENTATION, PHASE I.

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 25th day of July, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0442-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR WIRE AND CABLE FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT.

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 25th day of July, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0443-2023

RESOLUTION SETTING A CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 2023 FOR THE AUTHORITY TO CONDEMN AND DEMOLISH NINE (9) STRUCTURES.

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 25th day of July, 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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SCADA TOWER LOCATED AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT 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, Fowler, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of July, 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 Mr. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR WATER ITRON ERTS 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, Fowler, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of July, 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. 99-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ANNUAL VEHICLE BID CURRENT MODEL YEAR 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: None.

ABSTAIN: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of July, 2023.

Upon request from the Administration and motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TURN OUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 100-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR LIQUID CHLORINE ONE TON CYLINDERS 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, Fowler, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of July, 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 Mr. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 101-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FOR TRANSFORMER REPAIRS POLEMOUNT AND PADMOUNT 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, Fowler, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of July, 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. 102-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 CAPITAL BUDGET ADDING FUNDS FOR PHASE 2 AMPHITHEATRE 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 25th day of July, 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. 103-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MARQUETTE ENERGY ANALYTICS FOR NATURAL GAS LOAD FORECASTING SOFTWARE 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 25th day of July, 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 Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 104-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR MACARTHUR DRIVE LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PHASE 5 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, Fowler, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of July, 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. 105-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH TRANSFORMATION JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE TRANSIT BUSES AND PASSENGER TRANSIT VANS. 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 25th day of July, 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 Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM SERVICEMASTER BY CLARK FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE BUILDING 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, Fowler, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of July, 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 Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 107-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM TED FINN, LLC FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR 6TH AND JOHNSTON PARKING LOT 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, Fowler, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of July, 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. 108-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM U.S. LAWNS ALEXANDRIA LA FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR 9TH STREET STREETSCAPE 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 25th day of July, 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 Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 109-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM E. WOOLF LANDSCAPE FOR LAND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR UPPER 3RD STREETSCAPE 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, Fowler, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of July, 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. 110-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH RAPIDES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR INMATE LABOR CREWS 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 25th day of July, 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. 111-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE WATER WELL MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION CONTRACT WITH LAYNE CHRISTENSEN 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 25th day of July, 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. 112-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS 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 25th day of July, 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. 113-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS, LLC FOR D. G. HUNTER MAINTENANCE AND OVERHAUL SERVICES 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 25th day of July, 2023.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

/S/ Lee Rubin

President

ATTEST:

/S/Donna P. Jones

City Clerk