

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON December 12, 2023.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, December 12, 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, City Attorney Jonathan Goins, Michael Caffery 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. Gist.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on November 28, 2023 were unanimously approved by the Council.

RESOLUTIONS - ELECTIONS

Mr. Fowler nominated James Villard for President. A roll call vote was taken and resulted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 0486-2023

RESOLUTION ELECTING JAMES VILLARD PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Villard, Felter, Rubin.

NAYS: Perry, Johnson, Washington.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2023.

Mr. Fowler nominated Elizabeth Felter for Vice President. A roll call vote was taken and resulted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 0487-2023

RESOLUTION ELECTING ELIZABETH FELTER VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Villard, Felter, Rubin.

NAYS: Perry, Johnson, Washington.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2023.

Mr. Rubin gave the gavel to Mr. Villard to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

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 heading Consent Calendar.

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

Bids were received for water meters.

Name of Bidders

Core and Main

United Systems and Software, Inc.

Thirkettle Corporation dba Aquametric

Zenner USA

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. Rubin to wit:

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

Bids were received for MacArthur Drive Roadway Lighting Replacement Phase 5.

Name of Bidders

Central Electric Company of Alexandria, Inc.

EMS Electric of Monroe, LLC.

JB Group of Louisiana

Preferred Electric, 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. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR MACARTHUR DRIVE ROADWAY LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PHASE 5 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM BRADDOCK COMPANIES, LLC FOR SWAT TEAM RENOVATION AND WATERPROOFING AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH RAPIDES ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH LATANIER WATER ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY AMBIENT AIR MONITORING SITE AT 1103 BROADWAY AVENUE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0488-2023

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN CARROLL TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0489-2023

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DECLARE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023 AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 AS A CITY HOLIDAY.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0490-2023

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR COST TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2024 FOR THE AUTHORITY TO FILE LIENS ON SIXTEEN (16) STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED BY THE CITY.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0491-2023

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT- METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT INDUSTRIAL PARK SITE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION (H.012599).

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0492-2023

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DATES OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 2024.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0493-2023

RESOLUTION CANCELING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 182-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS 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, Rubin, Felter, Washington, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 183-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH CROWDER GULF, LLC AND CERES ENVIRONMENTAL FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL, REDUCTION AND DISPOSAL 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, Rubin, Felter, Washington, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 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. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 184-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH TETRA TECH FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL MONITORING SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 185-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FULLSTREAM OPERATIONS, LLC AT LINKS ON THE BAYOU FOR PAYMENT PROCESSING 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, Rubin, Felter, Washington, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 186-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM SCRD WOOD PRODUCTS, LLC FOR MIXED DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL 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, Rubin, Felter, Washington, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 187-2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR QUALIFIED ELECTRIC LINEWORKER 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, Rubin, Felter, Washington, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 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. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Villard.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 4761 S. MACARTHUR DRIVE WITH MGM DEVELOPMENT FOR \$1.2M IN HOME FUNDS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Washington, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: Rubin, Felter, Fowler.

ABSTAIN: Villard.

ABSENT: None.

This item failed.

The President adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

/S/ Lee Rubin

President

ATTEST:

/S/Donna P. Jones

City Clerk