

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 23,
2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, REDDEX Washington and Lee Rubin. Chuck Fowler was absent. Also present were Mayor Roy, City Attorney Jonathan Goins, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Michael Caffery and Council Staff.

Mr. Villard read the following statement into the record: Alexandria City Council meetings and Council Committee meetings are broadcast live and may be viewed live by the public on Optimum Cable Channel 4. A rebroadcast may be viewed on Optimum Cable Channel 4 and the City of Alexandria website. www.cityofalexandria.com

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. Washington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on July 9, 2024 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. Rubin moved for the introduction of all items appearing under the heading Consent Calendar.

Ms. Felter seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

Bids were received for pad mounted underground switch for electric distribution department.

Name of Bidders

Gresco

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PAD MOUNTED UNDERGROUND SWITCH FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for purchase and installation of dispatch consoles, bookcase, and storage locker for the Fire Department.

Name of Bidders

Ergoflex Systems

Watson Furniture Group

Link Integration Group

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF DISPATCH CONSOLES, BOOKCASE AND STORAGE LOCKER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for four inch hydraulic drive submersible pump for the Wastewater Department.

Name of Bidders

National Tank and Equipment

Red River Pump Specialists

Associated Pump and Supply

Holland Pump Company

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A FOUR INCH HYDRAULIC DRIVE SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for electric utility right of way maintenance.

Name of Bidders

Looks Great Services of Mississippi

Petre's Tree Surgery, Inc.

SolScapes, LLC

Vegetation Management Specialists

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for International CV515 truck with truck mounted jet rodder for the Wastewater Department.

Name of Bidders

Covington Sales and Services, Inc.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR INTERNATIONAL CV515 TRUCK WITH TRUCK MOUNTED JET RODDER FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for two 2024 model year Ford Explorer current model year.

Name of Bidders

Hixson Autoplex

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TWO 2024 MODEL YEAR FORD EXPLORER CURRENT MODEL YEAR OR NEWER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for minimum of one dive boat for the Fire Department.

Name of Bidders

Lower Power Sports

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE DIVE BOAT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2024 ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES ON THE MILLAGE ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA LEVIED UPON THE DOLLAR OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INCREASE IN THE 2024 ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES ON THE MILLAGE ASSESSMENTS FOR PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, BUT NOT IN EXCESS OF THE PRIOR YEAR'S MAXIMUM RATE LEVIED UPON THE DOLLAR OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH CIVIC PLUS, LLC FOR MUNICODE SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL, FOR SUGARHOUSE ROAD/EDDIE WILLIAMS BLVD. CAPITAL OUTLAY APPROPRIATIONS AND ANY OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY THERETO AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0569 -2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR TURN OUT GEAR.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0570-2024

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TERRI BLAISDELL TO SERVE ON THE ALEXANDRIA CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0571-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING TRANSFER SWITCH REPLACEMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0572-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR DG HUNTER UNITS 5, 6, AND 9 WARTSILA OVERHAUL MAINTENANCE SERVICES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0573-2024

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RODNEY JONES 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: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0574-2024

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0575-2024

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0576-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE BUILDING HVAC PROJECT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION
SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Felter, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ROADWAY LIGHTING PHASE 2 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. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 108-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR LIQUID CHLORINE ONE (1) TON CYLINDER FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 109-2024

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 110-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR AN ARTICULATING TELESCOPIC AERIAL DEVICE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 111-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH SERVICEMASTER BY CLARK FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT 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: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 112-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH U. S. LAWNS ALEXANDRIA, LA FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR NINTH STREET STREETSCAPE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 113-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTACT WITH TED FINN, LLC FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SIXTH STREET 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: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 114-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM TRANSFORMATION JANITORIAL SERVICES 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: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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. 115-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH E. WOOLF LANDSCAPE FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR UPPER THIRD STREETScape AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 116-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH EMERALD TRANSFORMERS, POWER ELECTRONICS AND MS-TN TRANSFORMERS, INC. FOR TRANSFORMER REPAIRS POLEMOUNT AND PADMOUNT FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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. 117-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE CHATLIN LAKE CANAL BACKWATER OVERFLOW RELIEF STRUCTURE TO RED RIVER AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM SOL POWERLINES, LLC FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 119-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR MACARTHUR DRIVE ROADWAY LIGHTING PHASE 5 PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 120-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A POLARIS XP 1000 AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FROM POLARIS OF RUSTON AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS/AGREEMENTS NECESSARY AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fowler.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 23rd day of July, 2024.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk