

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 1, 2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter, Gary Johnson, Chuck Fowler, REDDEX Washington and Lee Rubin. Cynthia Perry was absent. 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 Jim Villard, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The invocation was pronounced by Reverend Larry Turner and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Felter.

PRESENTATION

Coach Charles Smith from Peabody High School, was recognized for this achievements and congratulated for his acceptance into the Sports Hall of Fame.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a special Council Meeting on September 11, 2024 and a regular Council Meeting held on September 17, 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. Fowler 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 a minimum of one grapple truck for the Sanitation Department.

Name of Bidders

Capitol Freightliner
Custom Truck One Source
Timmons Truck Center

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 Ms. Felter to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE GRAPPLE TRUCK FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for brass fittings and miscellaneous.

Name of Bidders

Lafayette Winwater Works

Core and Main

Coburn's Supply

Ferguson Enterprises

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 Ms. Felter to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR BRASS FITTINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM JANITRESS CLEANING AND STAFFING LLC FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE ALEXANDRIA ZOOLOGICAL PARK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler 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 LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA RELATED TO FUNDING APPROPRIATED BY LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE ACT 776 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT USED IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS RELATED TO VIOLENT CRIMES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE RAPIDES PARISH

SHERIFF'S OFFICE RELATED TO FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE RECOVERY ACT EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0592-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION UNIT AND HOURLY PRICING FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0593-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SPARE PARTS FOR DG HUNTER UNITS 5 THROUGH 11 FOR WARTSILA ELECTRIC PRODUCTION ENGINES AND GENERATORS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0594-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CO-SPONSOR GIRLS ON THE RUN CENTRAL LOUISIANA FALL 2024 5K RACE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 2024.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION
SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR DG HUNTER UNITS 5, 6, AND 9 WARTSILA OVERHAUL MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE REAR LOADING REFUSE TRUCK 25 CUBIC YARD CAPACITY 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. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 150-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR INSTALLATION OF 120/240 DELTA 3 PHASE 100 KW GENERATOR WITH TRANSFER SWITCH 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, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 2024.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE SHUTTLE TRUCK 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. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 151-2024

AN ORDINANC AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH TEDD FINN LLC FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR MARTIN PARK E AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 152-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH TAYLORSCAPES FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 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. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 153-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH JEFF'S LAWN AND LANDSCAPE, LLC FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR JACKSON AND MACARTHUR AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 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. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 154-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH YANKEE HOLDING DBA YANKEE CLIPPER FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR I-49 GREENBELT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 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. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 155-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE LEASES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR CITY GOLF AND ATHLETIC FACILITY MAINTENANCE 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, Rubin, Villard, Felter, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 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. Washington.

ORDINANCE NO. 156-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT CONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTORS TO PROCEED WITH ABATEMENT, DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL OF CONDEMNED BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, OR PUBLIC NUISANCES AFTER CONDEMNATION ORDERS 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, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Washington.

ORDINANCE NO. 157-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND MORTGAGES FOR CDBG MINOR REHAB AND HOME MAJOR REHAB PROGRAMS WITH QUALIFIED HOMEOWNERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 2024.

Upon a request from the Administration, Mr. Villard moved to make a substitute motion to amend the following item to change the zoning designation from C-1 (Limited Commercial) to I-1 (Light Industrial) and include the property is located in District 5, and Mr. Fowler seconded:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF 9.95 ACRES TRACT OF LAND BEING 3.75 ACRES, 2.25 ACRES AND 3.95 ACRES SITUATED IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH RANGE 1 WEST, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING THAT PROPERTY SHOWN ON THE DESCRIPTION REQUESTED DESIGNATED ZONE C-1 (LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

The amendment to the item was adopted.

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 as amended on a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Washington.

ORDINANCE NO. 158-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF 9.95 ACRES TRACT OF LAND BEING 3.75 ACRES, 2.25 ACRES AND 3.95 ACRES SITUATED IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH RANGE 1 WEST, RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING THAT PROPERTY SHOWN ON THE DESCRIPTION REQUESTED DESIGNATED ZONE I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) LOCATED WITHIN DISTRICT 5 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 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. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 159-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL PROJECT 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: Rubin, Villard, Felter, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1st day of October, 2024.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:29p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk