

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7,
2026.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Lizzie Felter, Jules Green, Chuck Fowler, Jim Villard and Malcolm Larvadain. Also present were Mayor Roy, City Attorney Jonathon 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 Cynthia Perry, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The invocation was pronounced by Ms. June Edison, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on March 24, 2026, were unanimously approved by the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET

- (a) Concerning the 2026/2027 Budget for the City of Alexandria.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Johnson the public hearing was opened at 6:36 p.m.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the public hearing was closed at 6:49 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 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 operating supplies for the Electric Distribution Department.

Name of Bidders

Adam's Cable Equipment

Techline Utility Supply

GRESKO Utility Supply

Wesco Distribution

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 OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for full spectrum imaging system II color lab system and full spectrum imaging system II color mobile system for the Police Department.

Name of Bidders

Thomas Scientific Holdings dba Arrowhead Forensics

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 FULL SPECTRUM IMAGING SYSTEM II COLOR LAB SYSTEM AND FULL SPECTRUM IMAGING SYSTEM II COLOR MOBILE SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for electric meters and accessories for the Electric Distribution Department.

Name of Bidders

Vision Metering

Wesco Distribution

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 ELECTRIC METERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for operating chemicals for the Wastewater Department.

Name of Bidders

Arrow Chemicals, LLC

Mis, 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 Ms. Felter to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING CHEMICALS FOR WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MEYER, MEYER, LACROIX AND HIXSON FOR THE WEST ALEXANDRIA WASTEWATER CAPACITY AND PLANNING STUDY AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH FLUID PROCESS AND PUMPS, LLC FOR CHLORINATION AND DECHLORINATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY FORESTS FOR THE ALEXANDRIA ZOO INVASIVE TREE REMOVAL PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0044-2026

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR 2026 POPS ON THE RIVER "COURAGE" IN APRIL 2026 PRESENTED BY THE RAPIDES SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of April 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0045-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES.

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

YEAS: Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of April 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0046-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE 30 PASSENGER TROLLEY.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of April 2026.

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. 18-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of April 2026.

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. 19-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CAST/DUCTILE IRON AND RELATED ACCESSORIES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of April 2026.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE GAS DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Mr. Larvadain and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following amendment was made to the budget ordinance.

A motion to amend the salaries as indicated in the letter from the Council President received by the mayor today and all fringe and other benefits attendant thereto.

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

YEAS: Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This amendment was added to the budget ordinance.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Larvadain, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF ALL CITY DIVISIONS, DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES, PENSIONS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATIONS; AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS AND INSURING AGREEMENTS FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, INCLUDING HEALTH, LIFE AND OTHER OPTIONAL COVERAGES; AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR ORDINARY EXPENSES AND OTHER INSURANCE, INCLUDING GENERAL LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION; ADOPTING THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 AND PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO APPROPRIATIONS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PERTAINING 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. 20-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND LEVY MILLAGE RATES FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR 2026 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of April 2026.

On a motion of Mr. Larvadain and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE 178-2024 THAT AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GAEDA) DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GENERAL SERVICES, RELATED AGREEMENT AND ADDENDA 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. Larvadain and seconded by Mr. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2026

AN ORDINANCE TO REDESIGN AND RECONSTRUCT CHEATHAM PARK TO INCLUDE A NEW BASEBALL FIELD WITH LOCKER ROOMS, WEIGHT ROOMS, DUGOUT, BATTING CAGE ALONG WITH A PARKING LOT THAT INCLUDES A TAILGATING LOT FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler, Villard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of April 2026.

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. 22-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of April 2026.

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. 23-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BONNETTE AUCTION COMPANY, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL AUCTIONEERING SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Felter, Green, Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 7th day of April 2026.

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

/S/ Cynthia Perry
President

ATTEST:
/S/Donna P. Jones
City Clerk