

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 5,
2026.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 5:00 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 City Attorney Jonathan 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 Cynthia Perry, 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. Larvadain.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on April 21, 2026, were unanimously approved by the Council.

The Council received and considered the Mayor's Veto Message regarding Ordinance No. 25-2026.

Mr. Larvadain made a motion to add Ordinance No. 25-2026 to the agenda for reconsideration and Mr. Green seconded the motion. The motion failed for lack of unanimous consent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council next read all items found under the heading Consent Calendar and assigned them to committees.

Mr. Villard moved for the introduction of all items appearing under the heading Consent Calendar.

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

Bids were received for gas meters and ITRON ERTS.

Name of Bidders

United Systems and Software, Inc.

KGM

Ferguson Enterprises

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

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

Bids were received for janitorial chemicals.

Name of Bidders

Long's Products
Advance Chemical and Janitorial
Wurth USA, Inc.
Staples Business
Economical Janitorial Paper Supplies

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

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

Bids were received for herbicides.

Name of Bidders

Orion Solutions, LLC
Nutrien AG Solutions
Red River Specialties
Helena Agri-Ent, LLC
United AG Supply
Opterra Solutions

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

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

Bids were received for chlorination equipment.

Name of Bidders

Aqua Water Treatment, LLC

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

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

Bids were received for annual work uniforms for various departments.

Name of Bidders

Caplan's

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ANNUAL WORK UNIFORMS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for ready mix concrete.

Name of Bidders

Bayou Ready Mix

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR READY MIX CONCRETE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for construction and maintenance materials.

Name of Bidders

Luhr Bros, Inc.

VanTell, LLC

Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE MATERIALS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for sewer replacement on Marye Street Phase 2.

Name of Bidders

Cenla Utility Contractors, LLC

Triumph

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR THE SEWER REPLACEMENT ON MARYE STREET PHASE 2 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Adams Pump Station line renovation.

Name of Bidders

Southern Covenant Construction, LLC
Cenla Utility Contractors, LLC
Womack & Sons
Dixie Overland Construction
ICMC, LLC

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ADAMS PUMP STATION LINE RENOVATION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Alexandria Zoological Park digital pylon sign refurbishment.

Name of Bidders

Phillips Signs

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR THE ALEXANDRIA ZOOLOGICAL PARK DIGITAL PYLON SIGN REFURBISHMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for electric utility right-of-way emergency services.

Name of Bidders

Green Jeans Tree Service
Crowder Gulf
Wright Tree Services
DRC Emergency Services

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

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

Bids were received for Alexandria Zoological Park Jaguar Exhibit netting.

Name of Bidders

Umpire

Containment Systems

The above bid was referred to the mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ALEXANDRIA ZOOLOGICAL PARK JAGUAR EXHIBIT NETTING AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain following ordinance was introduced to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM WESCO DISTRIBUTION FOR 15KV CABLE TO CONSTRUCT UNDERGROUND TIE FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Larvadain following ordinance was introduced to wit:

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 202 NORTH 14 STREET FROM A SF-2/MHO (SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME OVERLAY) TO A MF-2 (MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT) TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF (4) FOUR FAMILY HOUSING UNITS 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. 0053-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CITY HALL HANDICAP RAMP STRUCTURAL RENOVATIONS.

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 5th day of May 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0054-2026

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRAD SMITH TO SERVE ON THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GAEDA) BOARD REPRESENTING COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE JIM VILLARD.

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 5th day of May 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0055-2026

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 30, 2026, TAKING ACTION ON THE COST OF DEMOLITION OF (25) STRUCTURES AND OTHER COST.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 5th day of May 2026.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION
SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING

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 THE FORMER DOWNTOWN WEISS AND GOLDRING PARKING GARAGE AND ADJACENT STRUCTURE SITE DEMOLITION AND CLEARANCE 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. 33-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A 2026 CAN AM DEFENDER LIMITED HD II 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 5th day of May 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. 34-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A 2026 CAN AM DEFENDER MAX LIMITED HD II 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 5th day of May 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. 35-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CHEMICAL ADDITIVES FOR WARTSILA ENGINES AT D. G. HUNTER POWER PLANT 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 5th day of May 2026.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard, the following item was removed from the agenda:

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.

RESOLUTION – PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the public hearing was opened at 5:21 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0056-2026

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON THE STRUCTURE AT 3903 LEE STREET.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 5th day of May 2026.

On a motion of Mr. Larvadain and seconded by Mr. Johnson the public hearing was closed at 5:22 p.m.

RESOLUTION – PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Ms. Felter the public hearing was opened at 5:22 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0057-2026

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON THE COST OF DEMOLITION OF 25 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 5th day of May 2026.

On a motion of Ms. Felter and seconded by Mr. Fowler the public hearing was closed at 5:36 p.m.

The president adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

/S/ Cynthia Perry

President

ATTEST:

/S/Donna P. Jones

City Clerk