

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR
MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2026.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 5:43 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 Jonathon Goins, City Attorney, Michael Caffery, Mayoral Assistant 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 Mrs. June Addison, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Larvadain.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on August 11, 2026, were unanimously approved by the Council.

PRESENTATION

Presentation recognizing Alexandria Senior High School Theatre Troupe.

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. Johnson seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

Bids were received for Cheatham Park Pavilion Door Replacement.

Name of Bidders

Sothorn Craftsmen Construction, LLC

Rhodes Properties and Development, LLC

Bayou Rapides Corporation

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. Johnson to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CHEATHAM PARK PAVILION DOOR REPLACEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Jackson Street gas main replacement.

Name of Bidders

Cenla Utility Contractors, LLC

Feliciano, Inc.

Southeastern Pipeline Services

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. Johnson to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR JACKSON STREET GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EMERGENCY SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0102-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR BRASS FITTINGS.

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 25th day of August 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0103-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR 47-FOOT SHEAVE HEIGHT, HYDRAULIC DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK.

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 25th day of August 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0104-2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A FOUR-INCH HYDRAULIC DRIVE SUBMERSIBLE PUMP.

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 25th day of August 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0105-2026

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR THE YWCA GIRLS ON THE RUN CENTRAL LOUISIANA FALL 2026 5K RACE IN NOVEMBER 2026.

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 25th day of August 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0106-2026

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA FIND THE GOOD DAY COMMUNITY PARTY ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, AT A CITY FACILITY.

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 25th day of August 2026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0107-2026

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2026, TAKING ACTION ON THE COST OF DEMOLITION OF (21) STRUCTURES AND OTHER COSTS.

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 25th day of August 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 101-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR EXTRICATION TOOLS AND BATTERY CHARGERS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 25th day of August 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. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 102-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH SOLSCAPES LLC., FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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 ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of August 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. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 103-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH CBS CLEANING 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: Johnson, Felter, Green, Fowler, Villard, Larvadain, Perry.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of August 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. 104-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERING LLC FOR ENGINEERING AND PHMSA GRANT RELATED SERVICES 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 25th day of August 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 105-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION POLICIES AND INITIATIVE (ORDINANCE NO.174-2023) IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 0435-2023 PROVIDING FOR RECRUITMENT OF POST CERTIFIED OFFICERS 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.

NAYS: Green.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of August 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. 106-2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARC RAPIDES FOR CLEANING SERVICES AT FRANK O HUNTER GYM AND THE YOUTH AND TEEN CENTER ON SYLVESTER STREET 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 25th day of August 2026.

Upon request of the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard, all bids were rejected on the following item, and the item was removed from the agenda.

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

Upon request of the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard, all bids were rejected on the following item, and the item was removed from the agenda.

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

RESOLUTION - PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler public hearing was opened at 6:04 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0108-2026

RESOLUTION ON THE CONDEMNATION OF THE STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 2417 13TH STREET, 2904 CYPRESS STREET, 3520 QUEENS CT., AND 1411 S. HARVARD ST.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 25th day of August 2026.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the public hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m.

The president adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

/S/ Cynthia Perry
President

ATTEST:

/S/Donna P. Jones
City Clerk