

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST  
6, 2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Chuck Fowler, REDDEX Washington and Lee Rubin. Lizzie Felter was absent. Also present were City Attorney Jonathan Goins, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Michael Caffery, Assistant Attorney Daniel Smith 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.cityofalexandrialala.com](http://www.cityofalexandrialala.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 Mr. Caffery and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on July 23, 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.

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

Upon request from the Administration, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ARMORED SWAT VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MISSIONBOOST, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANT WRITING AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES TO THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE MAYOR BELIEVES REASONABLE AND NECESSARY AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE CITY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE PROJECT CHATLIN LAKE CANAL OVERFLOW RELIEF STRUCTURE TO THE RED RIVER AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 0577-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE REAR LOADING REFUSE TRUCK 25 CUBIC YARD CAPACITY.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 0578-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF 120/240 DELTA 3 PHASE 100 KW GENERATOR WITH TRANSFER SWITCH.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 0579-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE SHUTTLE TRUCK.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 0580-2024

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCUS CONNELLA, P.E. AS DIRECTOR REPRESENTING THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0581-2024

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT HUD REPORT FOR PY2023-2024 CAPER.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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. Rubin, 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.

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

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.

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. 121-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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

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.

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. 122-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED 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: Rubin, Villard, Perry, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Rubin 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 INTERNATIONAL CV515 TRUCK WITH TRUCK MOUNTED JET RODDER FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT 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. 123-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 124-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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. 125-2024

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 AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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. Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 126-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

**/S/ James "Jim" Villard**

President

ATTEST:

**/S/Donna P. Jones**

City Clerk