

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
JANUARY 14, 2025

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 5:00P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Chuck Fowler, Malcolm Larvadain and Jules Green. 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 Jim Villard, 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. Green.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on December 10, 2024 and a Special Meeting held on December 12, 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. Johnson seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

Bids were received for Statewide Flood Control/Capital Improvement Project Augusta Avenue Fairground Machine Shop Flood Control.

Name of Bidders

Turner and Turner Contracting  
Hackley Enterprises, LLC  
APEC Construction, 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 Mr. Johnson to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AUGUSTA AVENUE FAIRGROUND MACHINE SHOP FLOOD CONTROL AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for bulk fuel for vehicles and equipment for use by various departments.

Name of Bidders

Atlantic Petroleum  
WB McCartney Oil Company, Inc.  
Petroleum Traders Corporation  
SHOF Solutions

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 BULK FUEL FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS 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 PROMOTE THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BY ENTERING INTO ALL CONTRACTS WITH BANDS AND VENDORS FOR 2025 EVENTS 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 DECLARE CERTAIN ITEMS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED OR USED BY CITY DEPARTMENTS TO BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025 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 2024-2025 MAJOR BUDGET AMENDMENT 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 COMMITTING ADDITIONAL CITY FUNDS TO THE LWI CHATLIN LAKE BACKWATER OVERFLOW STRUCTURE TO THE RED RIVER (LWI-0192) 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 ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE MANNA HOUSE REGARDING THE MANNA HOUSE PROAM COCA COLA DR. PEPPER OPEN ANNIKA WOMEN'S ALL PRO GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2, 2025 AT LINKS ON THE BAYOU GOLF COURSE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0608-2025

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE PAULA KATZ FROM THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0609-2025

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN R. MCGEE TO SERVE ON THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTING DISTRICT 1.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0610-2025

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE GREGORY UPTON FROM THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0611-2025

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF EARL WILLIAMS, JR. TO SERVE ON THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0612-2025

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR ROSIA'S 3RD ANNUAL SICKLE CELL WALK AND HEALTH FAIR AT FRANK O HUNTER PARK ON APRIL 19, 2025.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

The Administration requested that the date for the following item be amended from January 25, 2025 to February 15, 2025. Mr. Fowler moved to accept the amendment and Ms. Felter seconded.

Mr. Fowler moved for the adoption of the following resolution, as amended, which was seconded by Mr. Larvadain.

RESOLUTION NO. 0613-2025

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR ZETA PHI ZETA FINER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP AT BOLTON AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER ON FEBRUARY 15, 2025.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 0614-2025

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ALEXANDRIA KIDZ FEST ON MARCH 8, 2025 AT CITY PARK WITH FRANK O HUNTER PARK AS A BACKUP.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

#### **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 Ms. Felter and seconded by Mr. Fowler.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1-2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SWAT TEAM BUILDING AND WATERPROOFING AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

#### **RESOLUTIONS - ELECTIONS**

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 0615-2025

RESOLUTION ELECTING CYNTHIA PERRY PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

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

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

NAYS: None.



ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0616-2025

RESOLUTION ELECTING JULES GREEN VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

Mr. Green and Ms. Perry both gave brief remarks on their new positions.

Mr. Larvadain asked that everyone keep their family, friends and neighbors in mind for the upcoming cold weather and thanked those responsible for the warming shelters that have been opened.

Mr. Johnson gave remarks regarding the New Year.

Pastor June Edison gave a prayer on behalf of the Council and the City of Alexandria.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

**/S/ Donna P. Jones**  
City Clerk