PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 28, 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 5:25 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. Perry and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fowler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on January 14, 2025 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.

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 LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TRANSIT TIRE LEASE FOR ATRANS 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 RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH JANITRESS CLEANING AND STAFFING LLC FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE WASTEWATER AND LAB TESTING BUILDINGS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Upon referral of Mr. Larvadain, the following item was placed in committee to be held February 11, 2025:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH JANITRESS CLEANING AND STAFFING LLC FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE WASTEWATER AND LAB TESTING BUILDINGS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0620-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CAST/DUCTILE IRON AND RELATED ACCESSORIES.

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 28th day of January, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0621-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th day of January, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0622-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE GAS DEPARTMENT.

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 28th day of January, 2025.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING

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

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.

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

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.

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. 02-2025

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.

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 28th day of January, 2025.

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. 03-2025

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.

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 28th day of January, 2025.

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. 04-2025 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2024-2025 MAJOR BUDGET AMENDMENT 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 28th day of January, 2025.

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. 05-2025

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.

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 28th day of January, 2025.

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. 06-2025

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.

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 28th day of January, 2025.

Mr. Gist, a contracted city attorney, read the following statement into the record:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT ITS MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M. AT ITS REGULAR MEETING PLACE, THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL, 915 THIRD STREET, ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PLANS TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREIN.

The President adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

/S/ Cynthia Perry
President

ATTEST:

/S/Donna P. Jones

City Clerk