

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 9,
2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter, Gary Johnson, Chuck Fowler, REDDEX Washington and Lee Rubin. Cynthia Perry was absent. Also present were City Attorney Jonathan Goins, Assistant City Attorney Daniel Smith and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Michael Caffery 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 by the public on Optimum Cable Channel 4 or on the City of Alexandria, LA website 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. Washington and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.

PRESENTATION

The STRYK 11 U Baseball Team was acknowledged for coming in second place at the World Series in Dallas, Texas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on June 25, 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.

Bids were received for liquid chlorine one (1) ton cylinder for Water and Wastewater Departments.

Name of Bidders

Univar Solutions – no bid

PVS DS Inc.

Harcros Chemicals Inc.

Allied Universal 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. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR LIQUID CHLORINE ONE (1) TON CYLINDER FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for annual vehicle bid current model year.

Name of Bidders

Walker GMC

Courtesy Ford

Courtesy Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Fiat

Courtesy Chevrolet

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. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ANNUAL VEHICLE BID CURRENT MODEL YEAR AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for an articulating telescopic aerial device.

Name of Bidders

Terex Utilities

Altec Industries Inc.

Courtesy Ford

Timmons Truck Center

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. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR AN ARTICULATING TELESCOPIC AERIAL DEVICE 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 RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH SERVICEMASTER BY CLARK FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE UTILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE BUILDING 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 RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH U. S. LAWNS ALEXANDRIA, LA FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR NINTH STREET STREETScape 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 RENEW THE EXISTING CONTACT WITH TED FINN, LLC FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SIXTH STREET AND JOHNSTON PARKING LOT 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 ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM TRANSFORMATION JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE TRANSIT BUSES AND PASSENGER TRANSIT VANS 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 RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH E. WOOLF LANDSCAPE FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR UPPER THIRD STREETScape 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 RENEW THE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH EMERALD TRANSFORMERS, POWER ELECTRONICS AND MS-TN TRANSFORMERS, INC. FOR TRANSFORMER REPAIRS POLEMOUNT AND PADMOUNT FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION 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 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE CHATLIN LAKE CANAL BACKWATER

OVERFLOW RELIEF STRUCTURE TO RED RIVER 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 ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM SOL POWERLINES, LLC FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE SERVICES 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 CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR MACARTHUR DRIVE ROADWAY LIGHTING PHASE 5 PROJECT 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 PURCHASE A POLARIS XP 1000 AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FROM POLARIS OF RUSTON AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS/AGREEMENTS 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 REZONING PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 3031 AND 3105 DAWKINS STREET FROM SF-2 (SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL PARKING AT THE SITE FOR EXISTING BUSINESSES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0566-2024

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR THE CHRISTUS CABRINI FOUNDATION GLEAUX FOR THE GIRLS ON OCTOBER 12, 2024.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 9th day of July, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0567-2024

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE IN APRIL 2025.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 9th day of July, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0568-2024

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DONALD COLLINS TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE ALEXANDRIA CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 9th day of July, 2024.

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. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 103-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SINGLE PHASE POLEMOUNT TRANSFORMERS 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, Felter, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 9th day of July, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 104-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR THREE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS 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, Felter, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 9th day of July, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 105-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SPUN PRESTRESSED WOOD POLE EQUIVALENT CONCRETE POLES 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, Felter, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 9th day of July, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SINGLE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS 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, Felter, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 9th day of July, 2024.

Upon request of 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 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ROADWAY LIGHTING PHASE 2 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. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 107-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SETTLE AND COMPROMISE THE MATTER "ANDRE B MILTON V. CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, ET AL." (9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUIT NO. 269,713 A) 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, Felter, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 9th day of July, 2024.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard
President

ATTEST:
/S/ Donna P. Jones
City Clerk