

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE
11, 2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:02 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Chuck Fowler, REDDEX Washington and Lee Rubin. Also present were Mayor Roy, City Attorney Jonathon Goins, 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.cityofalexandriala.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 Ms. Felter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on May 28, 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.

Ms. Felter seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

Bids were received for Public Building HVAC Improvements for Indoor Air Quality Phase One Customer Service Building.

Name of Bidders

Sam's Air Conditioning Maintenance Services, Inc.
Dove Group LLC

The Administration requested all bids be rejected and the item removed from the agenda. On motion from Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin all bids were rejected and the following item was removed from the agenda:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC BUILDING HVAC IMPROVEMENTS FOR INDOOR AIR QUALITY PHASE 1 CUSTOMER SERVICE BUILDING AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for one dive boat for the Fire Department.

Name of Bidders

Loewer Power Sports

The Administration requested all bids be rejected and re-advertisement authorized on the following:

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0556-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF ALL BIDS AND RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR MINIMUM OF ONE DIVE BOAT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 2024.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM MID-STATE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR KCMIL COMPACT ROUND, CLASS B STRAND COPPER, FILLED STRAND FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM LINETEC SERVICES, LLC, FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS FOR THE COA-MPO ASPHALT REHAB, PHASE 3 PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM ROYALTY KINGDOM CLEANING SERVICES, LLC FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR ATRANS BUS TERMINAL AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE ALEXANDRIA MARDI GRAS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER MATTERS THERETO AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT HUD REPORT 2024-2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT UPDATED PROGRAM POLICY GUIDELINES FOR HOME MAJOR REHAB AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALL CREATURES ANIMAL CARE TO PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES FOR THE ALEXANDRIA ZOOLOGICAL PARK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DR. APRIL D. BROWN, DVM FOR AS NEEDED VETERINARY SERVICES FOR THE ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL SHELTER AND THE ALEXANDRIA ZOOLOGICAL PARK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EXTENDED WARRANTY AND SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FLOODBREAK FOR MARTIN PARK FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CENLA RECYCLING, LLC TO DESTROY FIREARMS LAWFULLY COLLECTED AND SEIZED BY ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0557-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PAD-MOUNTED UNDERGROUND SWITCH FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0558-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF DISPATCH CONSOLES, BOOKCASE AND STORAGE LOCKER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0559-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A FOUR INCH HYDRAULIC DRIVE SUBMERSIBLE PUMP FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0560-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE.

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

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

NA YS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0561-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR INTERNATIONAL CV515 TRUCK WITH TRUCK MOUNTED JET RODDER FOR THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0562-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID FOR TWO (2) 2024 MODEL YEAR FORD EXPLORER CURRENT MODEL YEAR OR NEWER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0563-2024

RESOLUTION TO SUBSTANTIALLY AMEND BUDGETS AND GOALS TO HUD'S PY2020-2024 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 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. Rubin.

ORDINANCE NO. 83-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID RECEIVED FOR SULFUR DIOXIDE, TECHNICAL GRADE, LIQUID ONE (1) TON CYLINDERS FOR WASTEWATER 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, Felter, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 84-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM CONTROL DEVICES, INC., FOR TESTING CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUBSTATIONS AND D. G. HUNTER GENERATING STATION RELAYS, METERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 85-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCES, LLC AND TERRACON CONSULTANTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 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. 86-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) AND ANY AGENCY THEREUNDER; INCLUDING THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (ATF) FOR THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION IN THE ATF TASK FORCE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT TASK FORCE(S) UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 87-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND/OR AGREEMENTS TO ACCEPT ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR LIGHTING UPGRADES AT JOHNNY DOWNS SPORTS COMPLEX 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 88-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL SHELTER AND BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY TO PARTICIPATE IN SHELTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 89-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 100-2022 THAT PROVIDED APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF (2) TWO LONESTAR CUTAWAY VANS FOR ATRANS MUNICIPAL TRANSIT FROM THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 2024.

Mr. Johnson thanked the Utility Line Workers who fixed the utility outage in his district.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk