

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 14,
2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, May 14, 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 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 Mr. Caffery and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Rubin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on April 30, 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 work uniforms for various departments.

Name of Bidders

Caplan's Inc.

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 ANNUAL WORK UNIFORMS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for ready mix concrete.

Name of Bidders

Builders Supply Company

Bayou Ready Mix

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 READY MIX CONCRETE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for clamps and couplings.

Name of Bidders

Lafayette Winwater Works
Coburn Supply
Ferguson Waterworks

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 CLAMPS AND COUPLINGS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for fire hydrants and accessories.

Name of Bidders

Lafayette Winwater Works
Coburn Supply
Ferguson Waterworks

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 FIRE HYDRANTS AND ACCESSORIES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for chlorination equipment.

Name of Bidders

Underground Utility Supply, Inc.

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 CHLORINATION EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for former Weiss and Goldring Building Selective Demolition and Exterior Envelope Protective Measures Part A.

Name of Bidders

D'Argent 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 FORMER WEISS AND GOLDRING BUILDING SELECTIVE DEMOLITION AND EXTERIOR ENVELOPE PROTECTIVE MEASURES PART A 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 TAYLORSCAPES FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT COMPTON PARK 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 TAYLORSCAPES FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT ALEXANDRIA GATEWAYS 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 YANKEE HOLDINGS, LLC DBA YANKEE CLIPPER FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT BOLTON AVENUE RAINGARDENS 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 TAYLORSCAPES FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT HOLOCAUST PARK 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 YANKEE HOLDINGS, LLC DBA YANKEE CLIPPER FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT RAPIDES TRAIL 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 YANKEE HOLDINGS, LLC DBA YANKEE CLIPPER FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT THIRD STREET RAINGARDENS 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 TED FINN, LLC FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT HDQ PARK 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 TED FINN, LLC FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT ACADIAN PARK 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 RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 38-2024 FOR HERBICIDES BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BIDS ON A LINE ITEM BASIS 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. 0546-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DESIGNATE THE CITY ENGINEER AS THE RESPONSIBLE CHARGE FOR THE LADOTD MPO JACKSON STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT.

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 14th day of May, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0547-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SINGLE PHASE POLEMOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

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 14th day of May, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0548-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THREE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

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 14th day of May, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0549-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SPUN PRESTRESSED WOOD POLE EQUIVALENT CONCRETE POLES.

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 14th day of May, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A SUV 2024 EXPEDITION MODEL YEAR OR NEWER.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0550-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SINGLE PHASE PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS.

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 14th day of May, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0551-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ROADWAY LIGHTING PHASE 2.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14th day of May, 2024.

City Attorney Jonathon Goins made brief comments concerning the request sent to the Attorney General's Office on the redistricting.

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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 59-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR RUSH'S CLEANER DEMOLITION LOCATED AT 210 BOLTON AVENUE 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 14th day of May, 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. 60-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR JANITORIAL CHEMICALS 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 14th day of May, 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. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 61-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR GAS METERS AND ITRON ERTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14th day of May, 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. 62-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION 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, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14th day of May, 2024.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SELECTIVE DEMOLITION AND CLEARANCE OF HISTORIC BRINGHURST FIELD 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. 63-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTUS CABRINI FOUNDATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE 2024 WALMART CMN GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 25, 2024 AT LINKS ON THE BAYOU BENEFITING CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14th day of May, 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. 64-2024

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2108 BOLTON AVENUE FROM "MF-1" (MULTIFAMILY DISTRICT) AND AN I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO A "SF-3" (SINGLE FAMILY HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14th day of May, 2024.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin, the following item was delayed two weeks:
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SEWER REPLACEMENT ON MARYE STREET 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 Ms. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RETAIL STRATEGIES, LLC TO PROVIDE TRAINING 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, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Perry.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 14th day of May, 2024.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk