

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 28,
2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, Chuck Fowler, REDDEX Washington and Lee Rubin. Lezzie Felter 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 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. Rubin the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on May 14, 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. Rubin moved for the introduction of all items appearing under the heading Consent Calendar.

Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

Bids were received for sulfur dioxide, technical grade, liquid one (1) ton cylinders for Wastewater Department.

Name of Bidders

PVSDX, Inc.

Univar Solutions-no bid

The above bid was referred to the Mayor and appropriate committee for tabulation and recommendation. The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Fowler to wit:

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0552-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR LIQUID CHLORINE ONE TON CYLINDER FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th day of May, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0553-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR ANNUAL VEHICLE BID CURRENT MODEL YEAR.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th day of May, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0554-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR
ARTICULATING TELESCOPIC AERIAL DEVICE FOR THE ELECTRIC
DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th day of May, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0555-2024

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 25, 2024
TO CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF (9) NINE STRUCTURES.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th day of May, 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 66-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID
SUBMITTED FOR ANNUAL WORK UNIFORMS FOR VARIOUS
DEPARTMENTS 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 67-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR READY MIX CONCRETE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CLAMPS AND COUPLINGS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR FIRE HYDRANTS AND ACCESSORIES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. 70-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CHLORINATION 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. 71-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. 72-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. 75-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. 76-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 78-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 79-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. 80-2024

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.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th day of May, 2024.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Rubin, all bids were rejected on the following item and the item was removed from the agenda:

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.

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. 81-2024

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th 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. 82-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SEWER REPLACEMENT ON MARYE STREET 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Felter.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 28th day of May, 2024.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard
President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones
City Clerk