

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 29, 2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 5:00 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 Jonathan 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. Rubin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on October 15, 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.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Felter, re-advertisement was issued for the following item:

RESOLUTION NO. 0600-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR SWAT TEAM
BUILDING RENOVATION AND WATERPROOFING.

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 29th day of October, 2024.

Bids were received for Kisatchie 24" Bypass Phase I.

Name of Bidders

Womack and Son's Construction Group
Rylee Contracting Inc.
Apeck Construction

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 KISATCHIE 24" BYPASS PHASE I AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for treated wood poles.

Name of Bidders

Stella Jones
Bell Lumber and Pole Company

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 TREATED WOOD POLES 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 FOR ADAMS PUMP STATION LINE RENOVATION 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 TO DECLARE SURPLUS A CERTAIN CITY OWNED 8.231 ACRE TRACT, PARCEL AND LOT OF GROUND TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ADJACENT TO INDUSTRIAL PORT ROAD BEING A PORTION OF TRACT B-1 AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30 AND PAGE 63 RECORDS OF RAPIDES PARISH SITUATED IN SECTIONS TEN AND ELEVEN, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SOUTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, CITY OF ALEXANDRIA; AUTHORIZING AN APPRAISAL OF PROPERTIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR ON BEHALF

OF THE CITY TO SELL THE 8.231 ACRE TRACT TO THE CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT FOR FAIR MARKET VALUE AND A MINIMUM PRICE OF \$20,776 AN ACRE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING AN ACT OF SALE, WITH THE PORT UNDER REASONABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE RELATED AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD PARTIES; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT SERVITUDES AND RELATED RIGHTS IN AGREEMENTS WITH CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGIONAL PORT RELATED TO THE SALE AND TRANSACTION; AND OTHERWISE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE RELATED AGREEMENTS TO ENABLE THE CITY TO SALE PROPERTY DECLARED SURPLUS 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 TO DECLARE SURPLUS CERTAIN CITY OWNED TRACTS, PARCELS AND LOTS OF GROUND TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN LOTS FIVE (5), SIX (6) AND TEN (10) OF POWER CENTER, A SUBDIVISION OF TRACT 1A OF A PORTION OF METROCENTER AND BEING PROPERTIES COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE CITY CALL CENTER (1421 WIMBLEDON DRIVE) AND THE INCUBATOR (1501 WIMBLEDON DRIVE) PROPERTIES AND RELATED TRACTS AND PARCELS; AUTHORIZING APPRAISALS OF PROPERTIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION TO MARKET AND OFFER FOR SALE TRACTS, PARCELS AND LOTS WITH IMPROVEMENTS FOR FAIR MARKET VALUE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE BINDING PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS AND FIXING THE MINIMUM PRICE AND TERMS OF SALE RELATED THERETO AND OTHERWISE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE RELATED AGREEMENTS TO ENABLE THE CITY TO SALE PROPERTIES DECLARED SURPLUS 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 AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 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. 0601-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CITY/STATE AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY DOTD ON LA 1208-1 WILLOW GLEN RIVER ROAD.

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 29th day of October, 2024.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION
SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC HEARING

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE REAR LOADING REFUSE TRUCK 25 CUBIC YARD CAPACITY AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter all bids were rejected and the item was removed from the agenda:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE SHUTTLE TRUCK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Upon request from the Administration and a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter all bids were rejected and the item was removed from the agenda:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE GRAPPLE TRUCK FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT 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. Johnson.

ORDINANCE NO. 166-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR WIRE AND CABLE 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, Perry, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 29th day of October, 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 Ms. Perry.

ORDINANCE NO. 167-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR NEW 2020 MODEL RAPID DEPLOYMENT VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT 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, Perry, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 29th day of October, 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. 168-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRADDOCK COMPANIES,

LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN AND GENERAL 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 29th day of October, 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. 169-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO HIVE POWER ENGINEERING, LLC FOR THE ELECTRICAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES 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, Perry, Johnson, Fowler, Washington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 29th day of October, 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. 170-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ASSOCIATED DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR THE ELECTRIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING 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 29th day of October, 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. 171-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MONCEAUX-BULLER AND ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE GAS PORTION OF THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT 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 29th day of October, 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. 172-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS, LLC FOR THE WASTEWATER PORTION OF THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT 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 29th day of October, 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. 173-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD KCMIL COMPACT ROUND, CLASS B STRAND COPPER, FILLED STRAND 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, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 29th day of October, 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. 174-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MEYER, MEYER, LACROIX AND HIXSON, INC. FOR THE WATER PORTION OF THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT 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 29th day of October, 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. 175-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NATURE CONSERVANCY 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 29th day of October, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Johnson, the public hearing was opened at 5:18 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0602-2024

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON THE COST OF DEMOLITION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3120 MADONNA DRIVE.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 29th day of October, 2024.

On a motion of Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Felter the public hearing was closed at 5: 24 p.m.

The President adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/Donna P. Jones

City Clerk