

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Lizzie Felter, Cynthia Perry, Gary Johnson, REDDEX Washington and Lee Rubin. Chuck Fowler entered the meeting at 5:10 p.m. 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. Felter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.

PRESENTATION – RAPIDES EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK

Mr. Pat Moore gave a presentation on the Rapides Early Childhood Network.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting held on September 3, 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.

Ms. Felter 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 minimum of one rear loading refuse truck 25 cubic yard capacity.

Name of Bidders

Capitol Freightliner

Pac-Mac – 1

Pac –Mac – 2

Timmons' Truck Center

Siddons-Martin Environmental

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

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.

Bids were received for installation of 120/240 Delta 3 phase 100kw generator with transfer switch.

Name of Bidders

Allen Jenkins Contractor, Inc.

Ernest P. Breaux Electrical

Ready Power, LLC

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR INSTALLATION OF 120/240 DELTA 3 PHASE 100 KW GENERATOR WITH TRANSFER SWITCH AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for minimum of one shuttle truck.

Name of Bidders

Capitol Freightliner
Timmons' Truck Center

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

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH TEDD FINN LLC FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR MARTIN PARK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH TAYLORSCAPES FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH JEFF'S LAWN AND LANDSCAPE, LLC FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR JACKSON AND MACARTHUR AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH YANKEE HOLDING DBA YANKEE CLIPPER FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR I-49 GREENBELT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE LEASES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR CITY GOLF AND ATHLETIC FACILITY MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT CONTRACTS WITH CONTRACTORS TO PROCEED WITH ABATEMENT, DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL OF CONDEMNED BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, OR PUBLIC NUISANCES AFTER CONDEMNATION ORDERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND MORTGAGES FOR CDBG MINOR REHAB AND HOME MAJOR REHAB PROGRAMS WITH QUALIFIED HOMEOWNERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF 9.95 ACRES TRACT OF LAND BEING 3.75 ACRES, 2.25 ACRES AND 3.95 ACRES SITUATED IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH RANGE 1 WEST, RAPIDES PARISH,

LOUISIANA, AND BEING THAT PROPERTY SHOWN ON THE DESCRIPTION REQUESTED DESIGNATED ZONE C-1 (LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0588-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR KISATCHIE 24" BYPASS PHASE 1.

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 17th day of September, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0589-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CO-SPONSOR THE ARTS COUNCIL OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA FALL ART WALK ON OCTOBER 18, 2024.

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 17th day of September, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0590 -2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR TREATED WOOD POLES.

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 17th day of September, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0591-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CO-SPONSOR A FREE YOUTH SYMPOSIUM ON MARCH 15, 2025 AT BOLTON AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH MU ETA SIGMA CHAPTER OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO.

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 17th day of September, 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. 140-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ARMORED SWAT 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: Fowler, Washington, Rubin, Villard, Felter, Perry, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 17th day of September, 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. 141-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TURN OUT GEAR 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 17th day of September, 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. 142-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING TRANSFER SWITCH REPLACEMENT 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 17th day of September, 2024.

Upon request from 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 DG HUNTER UNITS 5, 6, AND 9 WARTSILA OVERHAUL MAINTENANCE SERVICES 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. 143-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS 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 17th day of September, 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. 144-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE BUILDING HVAC PROJECT 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 17th day of September, 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. 145-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH XEROX CORPORATION FOR A HIGH VOLUME PRODUCTION PRINTER FOR THE PRINT SHOP 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 17th day of September, 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. 146-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM INTERNATIONAL FOR TESTING AND MAINTENANCE OF SUBSTATION TRANSFORMERS, CIRCUIT BREAKERS 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 17th day of September, 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. 147-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM XPRESS RECYCLING FOR THE SALE OF SCRAP METAL FOR THE ELECTRIC 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 17th day of September, 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. Felter.

ORDINANCE NO. 148-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTER FOR FAMILY COUNSELING TO PROVIDE VICTIMS

ADVOCATE SERVICES AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO THROUGH VOCA
GRANT FUNDING 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 17th day of
September, 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. 149-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INCORPORATED FOR THE PURCHASE,
INSTALLATION, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE AND ALL MATTERS
RELATED THERETO OF A FLEX SUITE CAD AND RMS 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 17th day of September, 2024.

The President adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/Donna P. Jones

City Clerk