

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session in the City Council Chambers, on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Jim Villard, Lezzie 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 Mr. Rubin and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Felter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter the minutes taken from a regular Council Meeting and a Public Hearing held on August 20, 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.

Bids were received for turn out gear.

Name of Bidders

Siddons-Martin Emergency Group

Casco Industries

North American Fire Company (NAFCO)

Municipality Emergency Services

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 TURN OUT GEAR AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Public Safety Building transfer switch replacement.

Name of Bidders

Central Electric Company of Alexandria, Inc.
Ready Power LLC
Ernes P. Breaux Electrical

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 PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING TRANSFER SWITCH REPLACEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for DG Hunter Units 5, 6 and 9 Wartsila overhaul maintenance services.

Name of Bidders

Wartsila North America, Inc.
MSHS Wartsila

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 DG HUNTER UNITS 5, 6, AND 9 WARTSILA OVERHAUL MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for plastic refuse bags.

Name of Bidders

Interboro Packaging Corporation
Economical Janitorial and Paper Supplies, Inc.
Conserv Flag Company
Central Poly Corporation
Unipak Corporation

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 PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Bids were received for Customer Service Building HVAC Project.

Name of Bidders

Stephens Contracting Company, Inc.
Air Plus 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. Rubin to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE BUILDING HVAC PROJECT 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 A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH XEROX CORPORATION FOR A HIGH VOLUME PRODUCTION PRINTER FOR THE PRINT SHOP 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 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.

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 FROM XPRESS RECYCLING FOR THE SALE OF SCRAP METAL FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT 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 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.

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 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.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0854-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 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 3rd day of September, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0855-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR WIRE AND CABLE.

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 3rd day of September, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0856-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR NEW 2020 MODEL RAPID DEPLOYMENT VEHICLE 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 3rd day of September, 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. Rubin, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

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 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. 134-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO REAFFIRM AND CONTINUE AUTHORITY OF THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GAEDA) DISTRICT, A SPECIAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE IN RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA AUTHORIZED BY R.S. 33:2740.60 (THE ACT) AND CITY OF ALEXANDRIA ORDINANCE 286-2003 FOR THE PURPOSE OF COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA 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 3rd 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 Mr. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 135-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE 2022-2025 WATER WELL MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION CONTRACT WITH LAYNE CHRISTENSEN 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 3rd 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. 136-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EMERGENCY 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 3rd 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. 137-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM AMERICA WIRE GROUP, LLC FOR SINGLE CONDUCTOR CABLE 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 3rd 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. 138-2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM EPR SYSTEM FOR FIRE/EMS RECORD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FIRE 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 3rd day of September, 2024.

RESOLUTION – PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter, the public hearing was opened at 6:10 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0857-2024

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 1303 JACKSON STREET AND 1915 JACKSON STREET.

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 3rd day of September, 2024.

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Ms. Felter, the public hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 0858-2024

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2024 TAKING ACTION ON THE COST OF DEMOLITION OF 22 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

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 3rd day of September, 2024.

The President adjourned the meeting at 6:17p.m.

/S/ James "Jim" Villard

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk