

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2017.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Roosevelt Johnson, Jim Villard, Joe Fuller, Jules Green, Ed Larvadain, Chuck Fowler and Harry Silver. Also present were Council Staff and Council Attorney Trey Gist.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of said City by the Honorable Roosevelt Johnson, who stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business. The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Silver and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Aiden Harpe.

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Sherry Ellington, Executive Director of the Alexandria/Pineville Convention and Visitors Bureau gave a report on their activities for 2017 and a brief view of what was planned for 2018.

RESOLUTIONS-ELECTIONS

At this time, the meeting was turned over to City Council Attorney, Mr. Trey Gist to conduct the elections.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9726-2017

RESOLUTION ELECTING ROOSEVELT JOHNSON AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. Gist called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard.

NAYS: Fuller, Larvadain.

ABSTAIN: Green.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9727-2017

RESOLUTION ELECTING JIM VILLARD VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. Gist called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fowler the minutes taken from a regular meeting held November 28, 2017 Council Meeting 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 adoption or introduction of all items appearing under the heading of Consent Calendar.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TWO (2) 24" HIGH VOLUME LOW LIFT PUMPS FOR MARTIN PARK PUMP ADDITIONS AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Upon request from the Administration, the following item was delayed for two weeks:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR MASONIC DRIVE RECREATIONAL TENNIS COURT RESURFACING AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH LOTT OIL COMPANY FOR BULK FUEL FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST QUOTE RECEIVED FOR THE D. G. HUNTER ASSET RECOVERY PHASE II SALE OF SURPLUS FUEL TANKS AND ACCOMPANY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTER FOR FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING, INC., DR. HUGH BRYANT, TO PROVIDE COUNSELING SERVICES TO CRIME VICTIMS TO BE FUNDED BY BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS THROUGH THE LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 39-2017 TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT TO A NECESSARY MAJOR BUDGET AMENDMENT RELATING TO REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9728-2017

RESOLUTION CANCELING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 26, 2017.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9729-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE WATER AND SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT LEGACY SYSTEM PROJECT .

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9730-2017

RESOLUTION DECLARING DECEMBER 22, 2017 AND DECEMBER 26, 2017 AS HOLIDAYS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION
SUBJECT TO 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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fuller.

ORDINANCE NO. 159-2017

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: Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain, Fowler, Silver, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fuller.

ORDINANCE NO. 160-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR RESCUE TOOLS 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: Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain, Fowler, Silver, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

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. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fuller.

ORDINANCE NO. 161-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST QUOTE RECEIVED FROM WORLDWIDE ELECTRIC SALVAGE FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS TRANSFORMERS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain, Fowler, Silver, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

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. 162-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RAPIDES BUSINESS AND CAREER SOLUTIONS CENTER D/B/A THE RAPIDES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (LWDA-61) TO PROVIDE STUDENT WORKERS AT NO CHARGE TO THE CITY UNDER THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

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. Fuller.

ORDINANCE NO. 163-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST QUOTE RECEIVED FROM WORLDWIDE ELECTRIC SALVAGE FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS TRANSFORMERS FOR DG HUNTER AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

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. 164-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ONE (1) 300 MV SUBSTATION AUTO-TRANSFORMER AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

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. Fuller.

ORDINANCE NO. 165-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR WIRE AND 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, Silver, Johnson, Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2017.

COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Finance and Legal Affairs Committee, Utility Committee, Personnel/Insurance Committee, Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee and Economic, Workforce and Planning Development Committee.

Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee Chair, Mr. Villard mentioned that WinterFête was a fantastic event with crowds bigger than ever and that the Alexandria Christmas parade Sunday was also fantastic. He also stated that Boxing was coming back to the Coliseum on December 29th.

Mr. Johnson then gave all of the Councilmembers a chance to make there season's greetings.

/S/ Roosevelt Johnson

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk