

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2016.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 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. Larvadain.

**RESOLUTIONS – ELECTIONS**

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9606-2016

A RESOLUTION ELECTING ROOSEVELT JOHNSON AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard.

NAYS: Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9607- 2016

A RESOLUTION ELECTING JIM VILLARD AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BE HELD PURSUANT TO R.S.21:6.1 (A) (2) ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

To hear from the City Attorney regarding litigation strategy as per La. R.S.42:17 et seq. in the matter of" *Jennifer Fowler et al v Daniel Verzwyvelt and the City of Alexandria et al,*" 9th Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides, docket #252,123  
Division "G."

Mr. Fowler moved to go into executive session and Mr. Villard seconded the motion. The Council went into executive session at 5:10p.m.

Mr. Fowler moved to end the executive session and Mr. Villard seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the minutes taken from a regular meeting held November 29, 2016 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. Villard seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried by the Council.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 5 ELECTRIC IMPROVEMENTS AT ADAMS PUMP STATION AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR D. G. HUNTER TRUCK CANOPY REPLACEMENT AND EXPANSION PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR A COMBINATION JET-VAC TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAMAR ADVERTISING COMPANY FOR INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR BUS ADVERTISING FOR ATRANS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED BY MERRICK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR SUGARHOUSE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, EDDIE WILLIAMS TO LINCOLN ROAD AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE ALL CLAIMS AND DISPUTES IN THE MATTER OF "*JENNIFER FOWLER ET AL V DANIEL A. VERZWYVELT AND THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA ET AL,*" 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF RAPIDES, DOCKET # 252,123; TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS

NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE RESOLUTION AND DISMISSAL OF SAME; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9608-2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PERFORMANCE STAGING 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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

The following resolution was delayed for two weeks:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CITY PARK BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS, PARKWAY DRIVE AND CAROL COURT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9609-2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE GAS 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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9610-2016

RESOLUTION CANCELING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 27, 2016 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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

**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. Fowler.

ORDINANCE NO. 180-2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH LOTT OIL COMPANY FOR FUEL-BULK FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR THE LAKE DISTRICT CALDERWOOD EXTENSION LOTS 105 THROUGH 135 PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTION 27 & 85 TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, AND RAPIDES PARISH, LOUISIANA FOR THE LAKE DISTRICT LLC AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 9611-2016

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WRIGHT TO THE FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD 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 resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 9612-2016

RESOLUTION DECLARING DECEMBER 23, 2016 AS A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEES AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

**COMMITTEES**

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

Mr. Johnson and all of the councilmen made brief remarks wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

**/S/ Roosevelt Johnson**

President

ATTEST:

**/S/ Donna P. Jones**

City Clerk