

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2017.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, March 21, 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 Mayor Roy, 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 Miss Faith Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Salaycia Williams.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roy acknowledged the D.R.E.A.M. Spelling Bee organizers and the winners of the program and presented them their awards. Miss Salaycia Williams, who is in the 4th grade at Julius Patrick Elementary School and Miss Faith Marie Williams who is in the 5th grade at Alma Redwine Elementary School were the winners.

Mayor Roy then presented Peabody Magnet High School with a proclamation for being the 2017 Boys Basketball 3A State Champions.

Mayor Roy also presented a proclamation to the wife of George L. Fuller who was the third African American to join Alexandria Police Department and the first African American to reach the rank of Lieutenant, Captain and to become Chief of Detectives.

Robert Beck, III introduced himself to the council. He was confirmed as a member of the England Economic and Development District Board at the City Council meeting held on March 7, 2017 and was unable to attend that meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Silver the minutes taken from a regular meeting held March 7, 2017 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 TURN-OUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES WITH ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE, LLC AND TERRACON CONSULTANTS 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 ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018; TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF ALL CITY DIVISIONS, DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES, PENSIONS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATIONS; ADOPTING THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 AND PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO APPROPRIATIONS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PERTAINING THERETO AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9634-2017

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD APRIL 9-21, 2017 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF IN-KIND SERVICES AS NEEDED AND OTHER MATERS 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 21st day of March 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. 33-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR FLOATING AERATOR ASSEMBLIES FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT 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 21st day of March, 2017.

Upon request of the administration the following item was delayed for two weeks:

TO CONSIDER FINAL ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES.

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. 34-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR OPERATING SUPPLIES FOR THE WASTEWATER 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 21st day of March, 2017.

RESOLUTION-PUBLIC HEARING

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9635-2017

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 62 15TH STREET – JOEY INMAN 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 21st day of March 2017.

COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Utility Committee, Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee and A & E Committee.

Finance and Legal Affairs Committee Chair, Mr. Silver announced the dates of the Finance and Legal Committee Meetings to be held on the 2017/2018 City Budget. The dates were March 23, 28 and 30, 2017 and he asked that any Councilman who had questions to please get with David Crutchfield before the meetings so that the questions could be answered in a timely manner.

Personnel Insurance Committee Chair, Mr. Green reminded everyone of the Employee Insurance Health Fair that was being held this week and also offered additional congratulations to the winners of the D.R.E.A.M. Spelling Bee and the Peabody High School Boys Basketball Team.

Economic, Workforce and Planning Development Committee Chair, Mr. Fowler congratulated the children presented awards at the beginning of the meeting and thanked them for participating.

Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee Chair, Mr. Villard mentioned the Human Relations Commission 15th Annual Spirit of the Community Awards Breakfast held on March 15, 2017 and thanked the 2017 Spirit of the Community Honorees: John McLure, Ingrid Johnson, Michael Parham, Eddy Lashney, Dennis Stewart, Madison Book and Renegade Harley Davidson.

He also gave a "shout out" to Peabody High School Boys Basketball Team and LSUA Boys Basketball team for their great seasons. He thanked the Alexandria Cancer Association for the event they held with Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs and hoped they raised a lot of money.

Mr. Johnson then called on Mr. Fuller and Mr. Green, who had both been to the National League of Cities Conference in Washington DC to give a report on the conference.

Mr. Fuller said that it was a good session and he was able to learn suggestions from other cities about how to handle violence in communities. He mentioned that he got to meet with our congressman and he felt that the whole event was very informational.

Mr. Green said the conference was quite productive and he learned a great deal about infrastructure issues, poor audit reports and blight. He said he learned a lot of ideas that can be brought back to our community and used

the example that most cities don't keep the same auditor for more than five years.

Mr. Johnson then mentioned that two of the cities "Community Warriors," Ms. Sandra Bright and Ms. Pearly Aaron had passed in the last week. He then congratulated the Spelling Bee winners and the Peabody Boys Basketball Team.

/S/ Roosevelt Johnson
President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones
City Clerk