

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. Those present were the Honorable Lee Rubin, Roosevelt Johnson, Jim Villard, 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 Lee Rubin, 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. Villard.

Kendra Gauthier, Executive Director of Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition gave a report on the homeless situation in Central Louisiana as well as a list of programs and services that they offer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Mr. Silver and seconded by Mr. Fowler the minutes taken from a regular meeting held October 18, 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. Johnson 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. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Villard the following ordinance was introduced, to wit:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR FIRE STATION NO. 2 PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ANNUAL UNIFORM BID FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TO BE USED BY

FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ALEXANDRIA CITY HALL BOILER PLANT RENOVATION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PLASTIC REFUSE BAGS FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

On a motion of Mr. Johnson 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 WATER WELL TEST HOLE PROJECT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR SECURITY FENCING REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT AT D. G. HUNTER POWER PLANT/ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

## **RESOLUTION**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9600-2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A COMBINATION JET-VAC TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**  
**SUBJECT TO PUBLIC HEARING**

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DOG PARK AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR ALEXANDRIA RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS 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. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 157-2016

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN 900MHZ, HI-FIDELITY WIRELESS MICROPHONES AS SURPLUS AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.

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. 158-2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH LOTT OIL COMPANY FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND CHEMICAL ADDITIVES FOR THE WARTSILA ENGINES AT D. G. HUNTER POWER PLANT AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WRIGHT AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR LSUA TO SERVE ON THE ALEXANDRIA CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 9601-2016

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TAMARA BATTLES TO SERVE ON THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 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, Rubin, Johnson, Villard, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.

### **RESOLUTION-PUBLIC HEARING**

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 9602-2016

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 62 15<sup>TH</sup> 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: Villard, Green, Larvadain, Fowler, Silver, Rubin, Johnson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.

### **COMMITTEES**

There were no reports from Finance and Legal Affairs Committee, Personnel/Insurance Committee, Economic Workforce and Planning Development Committee and Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee.

Utility Committee, Chair Mr. Villard read the following facts into the record:

- In March 2016, base Residential electric rates were lowered approximately 6%.
- Rates charged for Water and Wastewater services allow those systems to operate self-sufficiently without subsidy.

- *Alexandria's all-in cost for electrical service is approximately 20% lower than our nearest regional competitor.*
- *Alexandria's all-in average cost for basic utility services (electric, gas, water and wastewater combined) are the second lowest in the entire state!*
- Acquisition of Bayou Cove Unit #1 (located in Jennings, LA) provided our ratepayers with a lower cost electrical generating capacity and an additional source of revenue for the System:
  - BYC #1 saved ratepayers \$5.1 million (about \$160 per customer annually) in FY 16.
  - BYC #1 had an additional net PROFIT of \$2.5 million in FY 16.
  - BYC #1 is not a surplus asset; if the City were to sell BYC #1 it would still have to buy 75MW of electrical capacity at an unknown cost it could not control.
  - Would you sell an asset that is saving you \$7.6 million per year?
- Construction of D.G. Hunter Units 5-11 afforded ratepayers lower cost electrical energy compared with power available on the open market.
- Integration into the MISO footprint has allowed the City to recover approximately \$2.5 million in annual revenue for other utilities' use of the City's electrical transmission system.
- These additional revenues may now be reinvested in capital renewal and upgrades for our ratepayers.
- Finally, transfers from the Utility Fund to the General Fund have been reduced the minimum 5% required under the City Charter – the lowest in many years.

Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee, Chair Mr. Larvadain welcomed Ms. Haywood a high school student who was shadowing him to see how government worked.

A & E Committee, Chair Mr. Villard referred to the A & E Selection Committee meeting held at 4:50 p.m. and said he would be looking for the item discussed to appear on an upcoming agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

**/S/ Lee Rubin**

President

ATTEST:

**/S/ Donna P. Jones**

City Clerk