

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 31, 2017.

The Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, met in a regularly scheduled meeting session at its regular meeting place, on Tuesday, October 31, 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 Mr. Fowler and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fuller.

Motion by Mr. R. Johnson to reconsider Resolution Number 9708-2017 to consider adoption of a resolution confirming the appointment of Robert Weeks as Community Services Director.

Mr. Fowler moved to uphold Resolution Number 9708-2017 and Mr. Villard seconded. The President called for any discussion, a vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard.

NAYS: Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

ABSENT: None.

Therefore Resolution Number 9708-2017 appointing Mr. Robert Weeks as Community Services Director stands.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Mr. Villard and seconded by Mr. Fuller the minutes taken from a regular meeting held October 17, 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. 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 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

The Administration requested the rejection of all bids and re-advertisement for the following item:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9711-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR MASONIC DRIVE RECREATIONAL TENNIS COURT RESURFACING 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 31st day of October, 2017.

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 WITH LOTT OIL COMPANY FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS FOR THE WARTSILAS ENGINES AT D. G. HUNTER POWER PLANT 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 ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH PAUL SMITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION

CONSULTING, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FEDERAL AND/OR STATE REHABILITATION TAX CREDITS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR AN ALEXANDRIA DOWNTOWN NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES DISTRICT AND OTHER MATERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

RESOLUTIONS

On a motion of Mr. Fowler and seconded by Mr. Villard the following item was delayed for two weeks:

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2017 FOR THE COST OF DEMOLITION OF 16 STRUCTURES.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9712-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR TWO (2) 24" HIGH VOLUME, LOW LIFT PUMPS FOR MARTIN PARK PUMP ADDITIONS.

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 31st day of October, 2017.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to reject the following item and Mr. Villard seconded:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION ON WHETHER ROBERT WEEKS WAS PROPERLY CONFIRMED AS COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR AT THE OCTOBER 17, 2017 MEETING.

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

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard.

NAYS: Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

ABSENT: None.

The motion for rejection of the item passed.

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. 149-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID SUBMITTED FOR TWO (2) 20 MVA SUBSTATION 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 31st day of October, 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. Fuller and seconded by Mr. Villard.

ORDINANCE NO. 150-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE ANNUAL UNIFORM BID FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS 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 ordinance was thereupon declared adopted on this the 31st day of October, 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. 151-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH WITT O'BRIEN'S, LLC FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL MONITORING SERVICES 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 31st day of October, 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. 152-2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH UPS FOR TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF "GREEN" PODS TO FACILITATE DELIVERY OF CHRISTMAS RUSH PACKAGES IN FURTHERANCE JOINT CITY OF ALEXANDRIA/PRIVATE BUSINESS "GREEN" 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 31st day of October, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 9713-2017

RESOLUTION TAKING ACTION ON STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 924 JOHN THOMAS STREET, CLORIA WASHINGTON AND 1194 RAPIDES AVENUE, DAVID A. SHEFFIELD.

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

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

NAYS: None.

RECUSE: Larvadain.

ABSENT: None.

This resolution was thereupon declared adopted on this the 31st day of October, 2017.

COMMITTEES

There were no reports from Finance and Legal Affairs Committee, and Economic, Workforce and Planning Development Committee.

Utility Committee Chair, Mr. Villard had no report, but Mr. Fowler requested the Administration put together the different shows that Mr. Fuller has been putting on Facebook about the utility rates and present it to the Council. Mr. Fowler stated that the Council works on giving the citizens the best utility rates that can possibly be given.

Personnel/Insurance Committee Chair, Mr. Green requested a written report from Mr. Gist on the rules of Channel 4.

Public Safety, Works and Transportation Committee Chair, Mr. Larvadain requested that the Administration give a formal report on the utility rebates since he has been receiving complaints from citizens not understanding the process.

Community Affairs, Services and Events Committee Chair, Mr. Villard thanked the Fort Polk Soldiers for their community service help around the

community this past weekend and also mentioned the Sonia Quarters Outreach Ministry Cancer Awareness Walk.

/S/ Roosevelt Johnson

President

ATTEST:

/S/ Donna P. Jones

City Clerk