

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO.286-2003, §II.; AND, TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 37-2013, RELATIVE TO APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS OF OFFICE FOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("GAEDA") DISTRICT COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENTS TO AND REMOVAL OR REPLACEMENT OF GAEDA DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL; TO PROVIDE FOR OFFICERS FOR THE DISTRICT AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

**SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, ("the Council") in legal session convened, the Council being of the opinion the appointed members of the Board of Commissioners of The Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority, "GAEDA" district commission should be responsive to incumbent City Council persons who may nominate commissioners from time to time and that the City Council may replace commissioners. The City Council shall have the right to remove any GAEDA board commissioner with or without cause. City Council Ordinance No. 37-2013 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council that Ordinance No. 286-2003 § II. is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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SECTION II.

- I. The Board of Commissioners of the GAEDA district commission shall be seven (7) persons, one commissioner appointed by each council person and approved by the City Council by resolution. Each commissioner may serve a four year term, subject to the right of the councilperson from the district or at large council person appointing or having the authority to appoint a commissioner, having the right and privilege to remove and replace an appointed commissioner and each council person having a right to appoint, during the council persons term of office, a GAEDA commissioner of the council persons choice, subject to approval by the City Council by resolution. Any vacancy of a GAEDA commissioner by expiration of the commissioner's term of office, death, resignation or removal shall likewise be filled by the City Council on nomination by the appointing Council person and confirmation of the appointment by the City Council.
- II. The Board of Commissioners shall select annually one of its commissioners as chair and one commissioner as treasurer who shall be the chief financial officer. The Board shall meet at least semi-annually or at times designated by the chair, provided any four commissioners may call a meeting of the board. No action of the district commission shall be valid or binding unless adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority vote of the district commission's board membership and in accordance with the Open Meetings Law."

**SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and definitive judgment, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision, item or application of this Ordinance which shall be given effect as if the invalid provision, item or application had not been included in this Ordinance and to that end the provisions of this Ordinance declared to be severable.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

NOTICE PUBLISHED ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

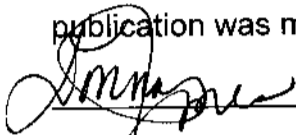
THIS ORDINANCE having been submitted in writing, introduced and published was then submitted to a final vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

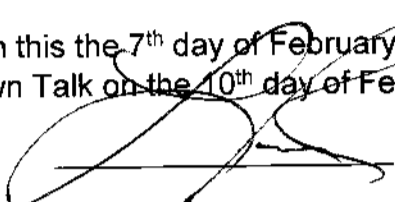
YEAS: Perry, Johnson, Villard, Felter, Washington, Rubin.

NAYS: Fowler

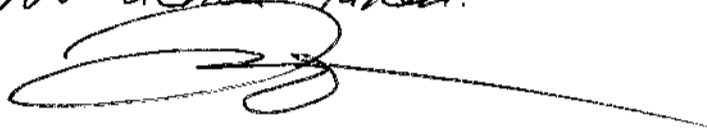
ABSENT: None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023 and final publication was made in the Alexandria Town Talk on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

  
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CITY CLERK

  
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PRESIDENT

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MAYOR'S  
APPROVAL/VETO

*No action taken.*  


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