

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, January 26, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.**

- Present:** Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), Councilman David Bonin (District 2), Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilman Michael Rabon (District 4), Councilman Kenny Higginbotham (District 5) and Councilman Ray Gary (District 6), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)
- Staff:** Tina Emert (City Clerk), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney), Jeremy Hidalgo (Economic Development Director), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux V (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) and Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)
- Absent:** Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Meeting
 - Motion by Councilman Rabon
 - Second by Councilwoman Racca
 - Discussion: No public comments
 - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
 - YEAS: Angel Racca
 - David Bonin
 - Jesse Regan
 - Michael Rabon
 - Kenny Higginbotham
 - Ray Gary
 - Jeff Delahoussaye

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Resolution #648-21

Authorizing and approving the renewal contract with Acadian Ambulance

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mr. Troy Guidry, Regional Vice President for Acadian Ambulance addressed the council. Mr. Guidry thanked the council for entering into a partnership with them a year ago. Since February 2020 thru December 2020, they have had 1,051 emergency calls in the city. Average response time is 8 minutes. He thanked the Mayor and Council along with the Fire and Police Department for their continued partnership. Mayor Bourque stated before we entered into this contract with Acadian, their response time was about 12 minutes. He is so glad to see the time has decreased by 4 minutes. He has received no complaints from the fire or police department. Mr. Guidry stated they appreciate the support during the year of a pandemic and several hurricanes. Every month they send out reports to the Mayor, Fire and Police Chief. Councilman Higginbotham stated the renewal of the contract gives him a better piece of mind.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
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3.2 Resolution #653-21

A resolution agreeing to accept ownership of whatever rights the State of LA, through DOTD may own, with the exception of any and all mineral rights, in and to the following described property and agrees to accept all future rights, obligations and liabilities, including, but not limited to, all future operation, maintenance, and repairs associated therewith, for its operation and maintenance as a city street subject to the conditions of the agreements for:

Segment 1- Portion of LA 182/West Main Street from South Bernard to Clara Street

Segment 2 – Port of LA 182/West Main Street to East Main Street from Clara Street to Saint de Porres

Segment 3 - Port of LA 182/East Main Street from Saint de Porres Street to Albertson Parkway

Segment 4 – State Route 731 in its entirety from US 90 Frontage Road on West Second Street to the intersection of East Second Street with state route LA 182 known as East Main Street

Segment 5 – State route LA 731-Spur known as North Morgan Street from LA 182/Main Street to the intersection of Second Streets at First Street

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: Mr. Joseph Marino with, Duplantis Design group addressed the council. Marino explained that we had previously entered into a CEA with DOTD. This will allow for the agreement to be amended with changing Segment 5. Back in Sept. 2020 they met with DOTD. The change would be the City would accept it as is. The \$150,000 would transfer from Main Street Phase 3 for Segment 3. For Segment 3 instead, DOTD decided to 3-lane that roadway but allow for the City to design it as we see fit. Mayor Bourque stated this is a small section on Morgan Street. The only thing that needs improvements is the sidewalks. Currently the Second Street section is being improved today by DOTD. The original transfer was for 2.8 million dollars, plus this \$150,000 so it will be around 2.9 million. Segment 2 is Downtown to Segment 3, Phase 3. It is all the road with the 2.9 million credit and delivered to the city in the form of construction.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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3.3 Resolution #655-21

Authorizing and approving the renewal of the garbage contract with Waste Management for 5 years

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Donald Hains with Waste Management stated we are currently under contract with Waste Management for garbage collection services. We can either renew the contract for another 5 years or we can go to full public bid. Waste Management appreciates the city's business. The new contract has no changes to the current services or price. Benefits of the new contract are:

1. A new five-year agreement allows the provider to spread the cost of services throughout the life of the contract.
2. New recycling protection language – This language protects the City and Waste Management from volatile changes in the recycling market.
3. Sustainable Waste Management Compressed Natural Gas Trucks already in operation in the City of Broussard.
4. Same rate per home.
5. Same services.
6. No price increases in 2021.
7. New placement and handling policy and swift coaching for Waste Management team members that disregard this policy.
8. Improvements to route innovation and efficiency technology.
9. New cart-reserve policy (Waste Management) will supply 20 carts for the city to fulfill emergency requests).
10. New Pandemic Language

Hains stated he hopes the council accepts this renewal proposal tonight. Councilman Delahoussaye, stated so there will be no price increase, but how much will it increase in 2022? Hains stated it will be a CPI Increase and he does not see it going above 3%. Councilman Bonin showed everyone documentation of 1 year of complaints he received. He feels the only power the council has is to pass an ordinance or a resolution for every 20 complaints we receive each month, we get credit for the next month. He feels our citizens deserve better. The older citizens cannot get their cans out of a ditch or the middle of the road on Morgan Street. Councilman Bonin stated or we can table this for 60 days. Councilman Higginbotham stated anytime he has a complaint he contacts Mr. Hains and it is resolved. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he feels we should move forward with the contract and monitor it for 60-90 days. Donald stated he has no problem coming back in 60 or 90 days. He stated all of the complaints are handled within 24 hours. Donald stated they have also added a truck to the city route. Due to COVID they only have one driver and one guy on the back of the truck. He added they are currently servicing approximately 5,000 households twice a week and one day of recycling and this is without a rate increase. Councilman Delahoussaye stated we can move forward with the approval and if we do not like the results in 90 days, we can do something else. Chad Quinn with Waste Management stated maybe instead of using the residence post, we can go look at the complaints together. He stated he understands there has been a lot of can placement problems. The council decided to approve the contract renewal and will re-visit the service in 90 days.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin

Jesse Regan
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4 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #21-675

An ordinance where the City of Broussard Main Street Corridor Overlay District is intended to promote innovation, attractive and efficient use of land, to encourage planned development.

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mr. Joseph Marino addressed the council. Marino stated this ordinance is in support of downtown, which is the Master Plan Envision Plan to help serve the downtown area from South Bernard to Albertson Parkway. The ordinance explains the intent. This was done with flexibility and design and not being overly restrictive.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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4.2 Ordinance #21-676

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$351,000.00 for the FY2020 LCDBG Sewer Systems Improvements Project in District 1, 2 and District 4

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Karen Fontenot, Chief Financial Officer stated that last year we applied for a Federal Grant for sewer re-hab and sewer improvements. We need to accept this money and amend the 2020/2021 budget to approve the bid for this project. Councilman Bonin questioned if the plans are ready for this project? Mel stated yes, they are. Walter Comeaux, stated we have to spend the money in the target

area which was based on the residence income in that area. We also have to use all of the money on sewer re-hab and sewer improvements in that area.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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5 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 Ordinance #21-673

An ordinance of the city council amending the Zoning ordinance to include:

- a) Map D-9, Portions of Youngsville Highway (LA Hwy 89), Tennyson Drive, Gordon Crockett Drive and Albertson Parkway
- b) Map E-10, Portions of Heart D Farm Road, Ambassador Caffery Parkway, Jehnna Dave Drive and Sundown Drive
- c) Map E-11, Portions of Heart D Farm Road, Ambassador Caffery Parkway, Jehnna Dave Drive, Hanna Drive, North Larriviere Road, Longleaf Drive and Sundown Drive
- d) Map E-12, Portions of West Fairfield Drive, Sylvester Drive, Foxtail, Rattan Way, McArthur Court, Tiger Court, Bronze Palm Way, Royal Palms Drive, Canary Palm Way, Ivory Palm Court, Bamboo Palm Way and Windmill Palm Lane
- e) Map F-10, Portions of Heart D Farm Road, St De Porres Street, Moulin Road, South Morgan Avenue, Longleaf Drive and Sundown Drive
- f) Map F-7, Portions of north Eola Road and North Girouard Road
- g) Map G-7, Portions of North Girouard Road
- h) Map H-8, Portions of Bayou Tortue Road

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: Mr. de Launay stated this ordinance was previously introduced at the last meeting and was advertised for adoption tonight. It did go thru the Planning and Zoning Commission without any opposition.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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Jeff Delahoussaye

5.2 Ordinance #21-674

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$57,940 for the 8" Waterline Project Along Albertson Parkway to be reimbursed from the LGAP an CWF Grants

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this will allow us to loop 2 dead end waterlines on Albertson Parkway which go under the railroad tracks.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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6 ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

To adjourn the meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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Jesse Regan
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Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk