

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA  
On Tuesday, March 26, 2024  
AT 6:00 P.M. AT 414 EAST MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Present:** Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), Councilman David Bonin (District 2), Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilman Kody Allen (District 6), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

**Staff:** Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Cristen Thibodeaux (Finance Manager), Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer), Susie Richard (Executive Assistant to the Mayor), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Gerald deLaunay (Attorney at Law), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief)

**Absent:** Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

**1. OPENING**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation done by Pastor Marty Deroussel of Our Saviors Church

**2. MINUTES**

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the March 12, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca  
District 2 - David Bonin  
District 3 - Jesse Regan  
District 6 - Kody Allen  
At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: District 4 - Heather Girouard  
District 5 - David Forbes

### 3. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Brad Neuschwander

##### Concerns regarding the Fireworks Ordinance

Mr. Neuschwander stated he lives in Paige Place Subdivision. His concern is fireworks safety. He stated we have no ordinance in place regarding the safety of fireworks. His truck has been hit by fireworks, his home and his yard. Other areas have safety ordinances regarding how far you need to be from homeowners and vehicles when discharging fireworks. The Fire Marshall's Office also has stipulations. He enjoys them, but he feels we need regulations on where they can be set off. They are being aimed at vehicles and homes. Mayor Bourque stated that we do have a firework ordinance for discharging fireworks within the city limits of Broussard. Mr. Neuschwander stated he was not aware of that. Mr. Neuschwander displayed pieces of fireworks that were in his yard after they were discharged. These fragments of the fireworks are extremely dangerous when stepped on. He feels we need to have some safety protocols for this. Mayor Bourque informed Mr. Neuschwander that he will send him the current Fireworks Ordinance for his review. Ms. Wanda Waylon also had requested to address the council about this matters, but she changed her mind.

### 4. RESOLUTIONS

#### 4.1 Resolution #782-24

A resolution approving the Act of Dedication for Modera Place, LLC

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Gerald stated everything has been reviewed and he is recommending it for approval. Councilman Bonin questioned Mel if the property was inspected?

Mel stated yes it was, and everything was addressed that needed to be. Councilman Regan stated he will abstain on voting on this item, being he is part owner of this development.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:	District 1 -	Angel Racca
	District 2 -	David Bonin
	District 6 -	Kody Allen
	At Large -	Jeff Delahoussaye
ABSTAIN:	District 3 -	Jesse Regan
ABSENT:	District 4 -	Heather Girouard
	District 5 -	David Forbes

4.2 Resolution #783-24

A resolution abandoning a portion of the drainage easement behind  
600 Seychelles Lane/Todd Melancon

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Councilman Regan stated the homeowner wants to install a pool. He is requesting a portion of the drainage easement behind his home be abandoned because the pool will be encroaching on the easement. It will be butting up to the retention pond. There are several homes near him that are all the same, so this does set a precedent. Gerald stated he would like the property owner to sign a hold harmless and after all the necessary paperwork is completed it will then be filed at the courthouse for future reference if the house is ever sold.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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                     District 2 -    David Bonin  
                     District 3 -    Jesse Regan  
                     District 6 -    Kody Allen  
                     At Large -    Jeff Delahoussaye  
ABSENT:        District 4 -    Heather Girouard  
                     District 5 -    David Forbes

4.3 Resolution #784-24

A resolution abandoning a portion of the drainage easement behind  
102 Seychelles Lane/Jenna Raymond

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Councilman Regan stated this is the same scenario as the previous item. This home is just a little way further down the street. Gerald stated he will also need a hold harmless from this property owner to attach with the necessary paperwork.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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                     District 3 -    Jesse Regan  
                     District 6 -    Kody Allen  
                     At Large -    Jeff Delahoussaye  
ABSENT:        District 4 -    Heather Girouard  
                     District 5 -    David Forbes

**5. ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION**

5.1 Ordinance #24-793

An ordinance amending the 2023/2024 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$217,000.00 for equipment at the Police Department Facility on 5801 Highway 90 East

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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                     District 6 -    Kody Allen  
                     At Large -    Jeff Delahoussaye
- ABSENT:        District 4 -    Heather Girouard  
                     District 5 -    David Forbes

Mayor Bourque stated before we close the meeting he would like to make the following announcements: 1) April 13<sup>th</sup> will be opening day of Baseball and 2) April 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Beau Soleil Festival in Arceneaux Park with a Jambalaya Cookoff.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

6.1 Adjourn Meeting



**MAYOR RAY BOURQUE**



**TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK**