

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
On Tuesday, May 14, 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), Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), 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), Gerald deLaunay (Attorney at Law), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief) Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation),

Absent: Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation done by Pastor David Moak with First Baptist Church

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the April 23, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Recognition of Kamden Kash Green

Winner of Broussard Proud Coloring Contest

Mayor Bourque stated that Kamden is a 7-year old, 1st grader at Martial Billeaud Elementary. She won the Broussard Proud Coloring Contest.

3.2 Approve the March 2024 Financials

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated the Sales Tax Revenues are 2% ahead for the current year, 4% above the 2023 budget and 5% above this time last year.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4 RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution #787-24

A resolution approving and awarding the bid for the West Fairfield Drive and North Larriviere Road Signalization to Preferred Electric, Inc. with a bid amount of \$276,615.00

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: This project came in \$30,000 under budget.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.2 Resolution #788-24

A Resolution approving the substantial completion of the FY 2023-2024 Street Overlay Project

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Daniel stated this project was for 3 streets: Moulin Road from Ambassador to St. Etien, Stanton Street and Rosemont Drive. They have finished the project and they have done the stripping.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Ordinance #24-797

An ordinance amending the 2023/2024 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to increase authorized expenditures by \$217,000.00 for Police Capital Outlay -Police Building Renovations

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated the low bid for this project was higher than the estimated cost of construction. At the next meeting after we approve the budget amendment then we will be able to award the bid.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.1 Ordinance #24-796

An ordinance amending the 2023/2024 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to increase authorized expenditures for a contract with Retail Strategies

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated we have 2 requests from the public tonight about this item. One is from Jennifer Whitmore in favor of this item, but she does not want to address the council. The second is from Ryan LaGrange with the BEDC Board and he would like to address the council. Ryan addressed the council and asked them to approve this engagement. This company will strategically attract retail strategies and they will address reviews of retail investments. Bringing businesses into the city will allow the citizens to shop locally instead of elsewhere and it will also increase the sales tax revenues. The BEDC and LEDA have identified retail ready sites to help Retail Strategies bring retail development to the city. Mayor Bourque stated during the budget hearings today they had very good conversations about this. We want the sales tax revenues to grow, but a concern was raised about the small businesses already here in town. This is a valid concern, but we need to work with Retail Strategies about this this concern. We need to work with a professional team to bring businesses to Broussard. We need an investment in the contract, whereas a group of council members can work with them to bring in businesses that are good for the city.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:

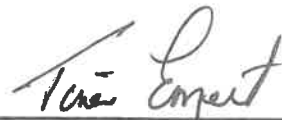
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7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK