

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, September 22, 2020 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), Councilman Ray Gary (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Don Landry (City Attorney), Jeremy Hidalgo (COO), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) and Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of minutes of the Sept. 8, 2020 regular meeting

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

3. KAREN FONTENTOT, FINANCIAL OFFICER

3.1 Approval of the August Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Bourque

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Karen stated she e-mailed the August Financial Report to the council last week. The one thing different is that we have received baseball revenues in August, which were from last season, due to COVID. Sales Tax came in at \$450,000 each, which is about a \$68,000 drop, but we are still 15% above what we budgeted. We also have gotten rid of 12 vehicles under Enterprise. We have 13 newer vehicles and we have reduced the maintenance costs. Councilman Regan questioned about the bond to be re-financed? Karen stated we have 2 difference scenarios right now. The current options are not as good as they appeared to be in February. We will decide in the upcoming weeks on what we will do.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
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 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
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 Jeff Delahoussaye

4. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #20-659

An ordinance of the City Council amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding the following maps:

Map D-7, Portions of Medical Park Drive

Map C-8, Portions of Kaiser Drive, Siesta Drive, Raphael Drive and Bonin Road

Map C-9, Portions of Chemin Metairie Rd., Oak Aly, Ambergis Lane, Aaron Drive, Seychelles Lane, Saint Martinque Lane, Abaco Lane, Vivian Drive, La Neuville Rd., Kaiser Drive, Siesta Drive, Raphael Drive, Bonin Road, Waterstone Drive, Whizbang Drive, Genna Lane, SugarcreekDrive, Marietta Drive and Sea Pines Drive

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this has gone thru the planning commission and there was no opposition.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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Kenny Higginbotham
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4.2 Ordinance #20-660

An ordinance of the city council amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fire Department Capital Outlay for the purchase of an ice machine

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Racca

Discussion: Chief Champagne stated the ice machine at Station #2 went out. It is 12 years old and the cost to repair it is half the cost of a new one. He spoke to Karen about this and she did not feel we should repair it at that cost. He is here to ask for approval to amend the Fire Department budget to purchase a new one.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.3 Ordinance #20-661

An ordinance of the city council creating Broussard Re-Development Downtown Districts

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Ryan Lagrange, Vice President of the Economic Development Board, addressed the council. Ryan stated they have received calls from developers about tax incentives when developing in the downtown area. In the mid 90's a Downtown Development District was created by legislation. Whenever a company or a resident wants to re-store a structure, they can receive a tax abatement, which freezes the property tax for 10 years at the current value. The State administers this program. Right now, there are no boundaries for this district and this ordinance would create that. Councilman Higginbotham

questioned; how we will coordinate this thru the parish level? Ryan stated the State approves the application for the tax abatement and the eligibility not us. It is then sent to the parish. It can go retroactive from when the application is filed. The map presented will be the official boundary map. Mayor Bourque thanked Ryan for all of us his hard work on this. This will be a great program with great incentives.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Daniel Hutchinson

Update on Southfield Patch and Overlay

Daniel stated they did RFP's for this project. The money has already been allocated in the 2020/2021 budget. This is to overlay Overbrook and do patching in Southfield Subdivision. The lowest quote is from Elliott Construction, LLC for \$67,073.00. The estimated project quote was \$71,500.

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

To adjourn the meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye



Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk