

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
ON Tuesday, July 23, 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), Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), 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), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mark Rigsby (Communications Coordinator), Gerald deLaunay (City Attorney), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation)
- Absent:** Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation done by Pastor Moak with First Baptist Church

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the July 9, 2024, Regular Meeting
Motion by Councilman Allen
Second by Councilman Delahoussaye
Discussion: No public comments.
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 District 2 - David Bonin
 District 4 - Heather Girouard
 District 6 - Kody Allen
 At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: District 3 - Jesse Regan
District 5 - David Forbes

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Resolution #797-24

A resolution consenting to a Franchise Agreement between the City of Broussard and Uniti Fiber Gulfco, LLC

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Gerald stated this resolution, and the next one are consenting to allow for negotiations with the Mayor and these companies for Franchise Agreements.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
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District 6 - Kody Allen
At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: District 3 - Jesse Regan
District 5 - David Forbes

3.2 Resolution #798-24

A resolution consenting to the Franchise Agreement between the City of Broussard and Center Point Energy

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Gerald stated this is another resolution consenting to allow for the negotiations with the Mayor for this Franchise Agreement. Mayor Bourque stated Mel is not here tonight, he is attending another meeting, but Mel has helped Gerald with this. They have incorporated some language that Mel wanted in here.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
District 2 - David Bonin
District 4 - Heather Girouard
District 6 - Kody Allen
At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: District 3 - Jesse Regan
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3.3 Resolution #799-24

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) of Recreational Facility Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said Bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for the approval of said Bonds; employing professionals in connection with said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Brennan Black with Foley and Judell and Shaun Toups with Governments Consultants addressed the council about this. Brennan stated this resolution, and the next one allows them to go to the State Bond Commission for this August 15th for bond approval. There will be a hold-off on this project, until more planning is done on this project. They just want to go ahead and get bond approval now.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
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 At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: District 3 - Jesse Regan
 District 5 - David Forbes

3.4 Resolution #800-24

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) of Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said Bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for the approval of said Bonds; employing professionals in connection with said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Brennan stated this is the same process as this bond. This bond is for Main Street. It is secured by the 1992 Sales Tax. Mayor Bourque stated they will be ready in about 60 days to go to bid for this project, at which time a presentation will be done.

The closing of this bond will be in mid-October.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
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District 6 - Kody Allen
At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye
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4 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #24-800

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) of Recreational Facility Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, in one or more series; approving the preliminary official statement in connection therewith; providing for the sale of said bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Brennan stated this ordinance, and the next ordinance is basically the same to authorize the sale of the bond.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.2 Ordinance #24-801

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) of Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, in one or more series; approving the preliminary official statement in connection therewith; providing for the sale of said bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: This ordinance is also to authorize the sale of the bond.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.3 Ordinance #24-802

An ordinance of the city amending the Code of Ordinances to add Section 54-8 relating to litter prevention

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Attorney Randy Lasseigne addressed the council about the changes to this Litter Prevention Ordinance. Randy stated the copy the council has in their packet does not reflect the penalty amount change. This ordinance will give the city authority to move forward to address anyone in violation of littering. It will also prevent companies from putting signs on telephone poles and in right of ways. This will give us additional leverage in keeping the city clean. Chuck LaGrange the Strategic Director with Parish Proud and Matt Stuller were present. Mr. LaGrange addressed the council. Mr. LaGrange stated they are in support of this ordinance. It will address the adverse effects of litter in the city. This ordinance is more comprehensive and defensive of litter in terms of notices. The most important thing about this ordinance is it will change the behavior of people who litter which is the golden rule. We will be a model for other municipalities to follow. In connection with the benefits of this ordinance we will have a clean green city, for public health and wealth. Mr. LaGrange thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and partnering with Parish Proud on this.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.4 Ordinance #24-803

An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations and procedures for permitting and placement of buildings and other structures in

the city of Broussard

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Ben and Grayson addressed the council. Ben stated this ordinance will close the gap from existing ordinances. There are more clarifications in the language. Mayor Bourque stated we recently had two properties in the city that were zoned Community Office on Ambassador. That type of property is allowed there. We will be moving that property to Community Commercial. They will also be adding required site barriers for commercial development next to residential. Councilman Delahoussaye, questioned what type of site barriers. Ben stated it could be fences or shrubs, nothing elaborate. Mayor Bourque stated we recently had to deal with the dog grooming place that was opened and under the old ordinance kennels were not allowed. This will allow them in business districts. They will all merge gas stations in the section of convenience stores.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.5 Ordinance #24-804

An ordinance annexing property located on the southern side of LA Highway 92 (Young Street) in Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana and placed in City of Broussard District 5 for the purpose of voting known as the Jace and Vanessa Lopez Annexation, 1308 Young Street, Broussard, LA

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Councilman Bonin questioned if they are requesting any services? Mayor Bourque stated they have water in that area, but not sewer and the property owner is aware of that.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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Mayor Bourque stated that Friday is Coffee in Broussard at Chop's from 7:00 am – 8:30 am.

Also Saturday is Lemonade Day starting at 8:30 am followed by Ember's Birthday Party starting at 10:00 a.m.

5 ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK