

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON  
TUESDAY, October 13, 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. 22, 2020 regular meeting
  - Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye
  - Second by Councilman Regan
  - Subject to the following revision: Page 2, Item 3.1, Motion was made by Councilman Bonin, not Councilman Bourque
  - Discussion: No public comments
  - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
  - YEAS: Angel Racca
  - David Bonin
  - Jesse Regan
  - Michael Rabon
  - Kenny Higginbotham
  - Ray Gary
  - Jeff Delahoussaye

### 3. OTHER BUSINESS:

#### 3.1 Mr. George Knox

Candidate for Family Court Judge, Division M

Mr. Knox gave a little background about himself. He was born and raised in Youngsville, Louisiana. After graduating from ESA, he went to Texas A & M and also LSU where he graduated in 1990. He then moved back to Youngsville in 1993 and began to serve as Alderman for the City of Youngsville and later on became the City Attorney which he still is. He has been practicing law for 34 years now. There are 2 family courts, Division H and Division M. He is currently running against 2 women for Family Court Judge. He has 3 sons and 2 brothers. He hopes to bring wealth of family experience to this position and to be an honest straight forward litigator. He believes his experience as a parent and an attorney makes him the best qualified candidate for the position. He appreciates all of the support.

#### 3.2 Ben Theriot

Status report on property located at 506 Avenue B, Brian Breaux property, which was on the Sept. 8, 2020 agenda for condemnation

Ben stated they started the clean-up, but they sure have not made any progress. Ben thinks they may actually be living in the house. Councilwoman Racca stated the first week the dumpsters were put there, they were steady cleaning. She feels that now they are pro-longing it and if they are living there, it is definitely not safe. Ben stated they worked the first week and after that they have stopped. Mayor Bourque stated we gave them 30 days. Ben's recommendation is that we proceed with the condemnation. Don stated we can put it on the next agenda for the owner to show just cause of why the property should not be condemned. Councilman Delahoussaye stated that he had recommended at the Sept. 8, 2020 meeting, that we give Mr. Breaux 30 days to bring the property up to code, but since he has not do so, he is recommending we move forward with the condemnation.

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Gary

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
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                  Michael Rabon  
                  Kenny Higginbotham  
                  Ray Gary

#### 4. RESOLUTIONS

##### 4.1 Adopt Resolution #640-20

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard, La approving the Louisiana Systems Compliance Questionnaire for the period covering July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Karen stated this is part of the audit. This re-confirms that we are affirming that we abide by all bid laws, open meeting laws, budget laws, open meetings, and sunshine laws.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
                  David Bonin  
                  Jesse Regan  
                  Michael Rabon  
                  Kenny Higginbotham  
                  Ray Gary  
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##### 4.2 Adopt Resolution #641-20

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard, LA re-appointing William Reed and Toby Armentor to serve as the College List Members on the Broussard Police and Fire Civil Service Board for a term of (3) three years

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Don stated this is to re-appoint 2 members to the Civil Service Board. Both of these members are doing a good job and come recommended from the college list.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
                  David Bonin  
                  Jesse Regan  
                  Michael Rabon  
                  Kenny Higginbotham  
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## 5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

### 5.1 Ordinance #20-662

An ordinance of the city council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 9, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the David Bertrand II Annexation in Voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

### 5.2 Ordinance #20-663

An ordinance of the city council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 9, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Helen St. Amand Annexation in Voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
                  David Bonin  
                  Jesse Regan  
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                  Kenny Higginbotham  
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### 5.3 Ordinance #20-664

An ordinance of the city council amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditure for Hernandez Heights Water Project up to \$150,000

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Councilman Gary stated he was approached by the residents of this subdivision for water. They have been in the city limits for several years. Mel stated he did put some numbers together for this, which come from an actual project we did similar to this. It will be an 8-inch waterline with a 3-inch loop and fire hydrants every 500 feet and a meter purchase from LUS. Councilman Gary stated this will also help with the fire protection. Chief Champagne stated, this needs to move forward, definitely for fire protection in that area.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.4 Ordinance #20-665

An ordinance of the city council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located Section 20, 60 & 29, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish Louisiana, being known as the Diana Marie Keating, John E. Shepherd & Anzalone Real Estate Inc. Annexation on West Pinhook Road and in voting District 1

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this annexation is at the intersection of Bernard Road and Main Street. Don stated this annexation is necessary for the signalization at Bernard. Don complimented Walter and Daniel on their great work with this annexation.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.5 Ordinance #20-666

An ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to include the following maps:

Map D-8, Portions of Youngsville Highway (LA Hwy 89), Black Jack Lane and La Neuville Road;

Map D-9, Portions of La Neuville Road, Youngsville Hwy. (LA Hwy 89), Coachmen Drive, Rue Plaisance, Carriage Light Loop, Rue Des Vieux Chenes, Gordon Crockett Drive;

Map D-10, Portions of Youngsville Hwy (LA Hwy 89), Ambassador Caffery Parkway, Rousseau Road, Heart D Farm Road, Melissa Drive, Amberwood Drive, Teakwood Drive, Papershell Drive and Estate Lane;

Map E-10, Portions of Papershell Drive, Estates Lane, Teakwood Drive, Amberwood Drive and Heart D Farm Road

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated these areas of zoning have already been approved by the Zoning Commission and are recommended for approval. Don stated there were no objections at the planning meeting. We are making a lot of progress with zoning.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

#### 5.6 Ordinance #20-667

An ordinance of the City Council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in Sections 21 & 57, Township 10 south, Range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Blue Wing Real Estate LLC Annexation off of South Bernard Road in Voting District 1

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  
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## 6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

### 6.1 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, Sugarcreek Drive, Marietta Drive and Sea Pines Drive

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
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                  Jesse Regan  
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### 6.2 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 in the amount of \$3,000

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

6.3 Ordinance #20-661

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

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Councilman Bonin stated that a couple of years ago a Historic  
District Committee was created. His question is if the Board can levy taxes  
without council approval. Don stated that would have to come to the council for  
final approval. Once adopted this will give residents and businesses of the  
downtown area the opportunity to receive tax credits at state level, when  
developing or renovating

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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                  Ray Gary  
                  Jeff Delahoussaye

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

7.1 Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Gary

To adjourn the meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
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Mayor Ray Bourque

  
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Tina Emert, City Clerk