

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA  
ON Tuesday, August 13, 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), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mark Rigsby (Communications Coordinator), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works) Oscar Reed (City Attorney), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Aaron Spell (Assistant Chief), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation)

**Absent:**

**1. OPENING**

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

**2. MINUTES**

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the July 23, 2024, Regular Meeting  
Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye  
Second by Councilwoman Girouard  
Discussion: No public comments.  
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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Mayor Bourque requested the council take up Item #4.1, Resolution #796-24, the re-naming of Bercegeay Road to Mayor Charles Langlinais Lane, being the Langlinais family is here tonight.

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.1     Resolution #796-24

A resolution approving the re-naming of Bercegeay Road to Mayor Charles Langlinais Lane

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that Carolyn Langlinais, the wife of former Mayor Charles Langlinais, his son David and his sister Angel Greer are here tonight. Mayor Bourque stated that Charlie was a lifelong servant of Broussard and devoted his career to public service. He was a council member from March 1987 to December 2018. He became Mayor in January 1991 and served until 2018. He dedicated 30 years of his life to this city. While in office, he was an innovative leader who attracted Home Depot, Walmart, Stine's Lumber and Albertsons to the city. He also led the community during the construction of Albertson Parkway and Ambassador Caffery. Former Mayor Langlinais passed away on January 24, 2023. The family of Mr. Langlinais thanked the mayor and Council for this great honor.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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### 3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Proclamation for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at St. Julien Sports Complex

Chief Olivier stated they will be hosting National Night Out at St. Julien Park on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. They will provide vendors, plenty of food and fun for the family. There will be several displays from Acadian Ambulance, the Fire Department and the Police Department.

3.2 Variance request for 307 Canary Palm Way

Tracy and Ashley Patterson

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Councilman Regan stated the Pattersons' went to apply for a swimming pool permit and that is when they found out they would need a variance, so they reached out to him. There is an existing 50- foot set-back on North Larriviere, which would put the pool three feet from their back door. Councilman Regan stated we will never need the 50 -foot right of way because, he feels we will never widen North Larriviere. The property owners have agreed to sign a hold harmless. Walter stated this setback was formulated by LCG, which at the time we were requiring the same thing. Mel stated he spoke to Councilman Regan and Ben, and they all feel we will never use this right of way. Councilman Regan stated perhaps we can address changing this right of way for the entire road along North Larriviere, so that we do not have to grant variances in the future for of the other property owners.

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3.3 Condemnation of 215 Loul Street #A

Batiste Property

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Ben Theriot stated this property is being brought to the council, because the Building Official has recommended it be condemned and demolished. There is criminal activity going on at the property per Chief Olivier. The narcotics division has recovered weapons as well as guns being stashed in the house. Ms. Cynthia Batiste, the owner of the property, addressed the council. She stated the problem has been taken care of. She had the home demolished. The council thanked her for taking care of this matter so quickly. Ben will confirm it has been done. Councilwoman Girouard questioned, why only this home was coming up for condemnation, if there are more than one home on the property? Ben stated the other home is livable and does not need to be condemned.

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3.4    Condemnation of 200 St Des Porres  
George Norbert/Gary Benjamin Property  
Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye  
Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Ben stated this property previously came to the council. The owner was going to remodel the property and open a clinic. She had to do Fire Marshall submittals for her plans, but nothing was ever done. Now the walls are falling down. The neighbors are complaining. Mrs. Sharon Norbert addressed the council. She stated she had to have a back procedure, which is why this project has been delayed. She said the strong winds we had made the walls fall because that was the weakest point of the structure. She requested the council allow her to put a fence up around the structure and allow her to work on it. Mr. Hank Morvant, a friend of Mrs. Norbert, addressed the council. He stated he will find her a contractor or a partner to move on with this project. He is asking for 30 days, and she will put up the fence and, in the meantime, clean up the area. Mayor Bourque stated this was brought up one year ago and nothing was done. The city would be satisfied if the walls would come down. Mrs. Norbert stated she doesn't want to tear down the walls because they are sentimental value to her. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he has no problem if Mrs. Norbert puts up the fence and giving her 30 days to get a contract signed with a contractor. Mayor Bourque stated we can move forward with the 30- day condemnation notice as long as Ms. Norbert puts up the fence and has an executed with a contractor within 30 days with

her plans for the building, if not the condemnation of the building will proceed. The council had no problem with this.

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3.5    Condemnation of 308 East Monroe Street  
         Hebert/Helen Thomas Property

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Ben stated the family came forward a few months ago to stress their want to fix up the home. Today is the first day he spoke to the contractor they were hiring which was only an electrical contractor. The family was not present. Ben stated the family wanted more time and we gave them more time. Councilman Regan suggested we move forward with the 30-day condemnation notification to see if the owner gets and executed agreement with a contractor and if they do not, then we move forward with the condemnation of the home. The council agreed. Ben stated all the utilities have already been disconnected from the home.

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## 4 RESOLUTIONS

4.2    Resolution #801-24

A resolution approving the Lake Talon Road Sewer System Project as Substantial Completed

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Daniel stated this is the lift station near Safe Source. It is a couple of weeks old. A punch list was done.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.3            Resolution #802-24

A resolution declaring certain items currently owned by and in the possession of the city as salvage and no longer useful to the City of Broussard and authorizing the disposition  
Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Councilman Bonin questioned if we would send these items to an auctioneer? Tina informed him these items are all junk, with the exception of the vehicles. The others will be disposed of as we have done in the past.

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**5    ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

5.1            Ordinance #24-805

Amending the 2024/2025 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures up to \$11,000 for police equipment

Motion by Councilman Forbes

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Chief Olivier stated this is for metal detectors for the front entrance of the new building and 2 computers for the court system.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5.2 Ordinance #24-806

An ordinance declaring certain property as salvage and authorizing disposition (railroad flatcars)

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this is two 80-foot railroad flatcars. We have tried to auction them twice with no luck. After the bidders found out the cost to move the cars, they backed down from their bid.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5.3 Ordinance #24-807

An ordinance granting a waiver to Villas at Albertson, LLC for sidewalks

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this is in front of the Villas at Albertsons. Councilman Delahoussaye stated this is only on one side of Albertson Parkway to Morgan Street. If we make the contractor put the sidewalks, they will not go all the way to Morgan Street, they will drop into the ditch at the next property. Walter stated when the developer came to the Planning Commission this was one of the requirements. At first the developer wanted a pedestrian crossing to the Commons, which we do not allow. Councilman Bonin stated it is public safety issue. They will cross over somewhere. There is heavy foot traffic in that area and there are businesses on both sides. The developer had agreed to this. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he is the one that feels this is not needed. Councilman Bonin stated he feels he should build it,

because it is a public safety issue. Councilman Delahoussaye stated it is also a safety issue if a sidewalk is put and they walk to the end of the sidewalk in a ditch.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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                     At Large -    Jeff Delahoussaye  
NAYS:            District 2 -    David Bonin

## 6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

### 6.1 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 Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mayor Bourque explained this was brought up at the last meeting and is up for final adoption tonight.

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### 6.2 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 Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mayor Bourque explained this was also brought up at the last meeting and is up for final adoption tonight.

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NAYS:           At Large -   Jeff Delahoussaye

6.3 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 Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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6.4 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 Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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6.5 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 Forbes

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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7. ADJOURNMENT

  
MAYOR RAY BOURQUE

  
TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK