

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
on Monday, October 7, 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), Mark Rigsby (Communications Coordinator), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Oscar Reed (City Attorney), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief), Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation done by Deacon David Tilley with First Baptist Church

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the September 24, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:

District 1 -	Angel Racca
District 2 -	David Bonin
District 3 -	Jesse Regan
District 4 -	Heather Girouard
District 5 -	David Forbes
District 6 -	Kody Allen
At Large -	Jeff Delahoussaye

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Resolution #810-24

A resolution accepting the Act of Donation and Dedication of Sable Palms, III, LLC

Motion by Councilman Forbes

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Oscar Reed stated this is the dedication for public use and perpetual public maintenance of certain easements, drainage and utilities.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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3.2 Resolution #811-24

A resolution approving and awarding the low bid for the Main Street Phase 3-B Improvements Project

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Joseph Marino stated this is Phase 3-B which is from the railroad tracks to Albertson Parkway. Phase 3-A was completed on Sept. 27, 2024. The low bidder was Southern Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$1,248,733.40.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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3.3 Resolution #812-24

A resolution in support of Type 2 Charter School/Charter Schools USA

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated he will be bring this resolution to Baton Rouge on Tuesday, when this is to be voted on by the BESE Board, showing support of the council.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 2 - David Bonin
 District 3 - Jesse Regan
 District 4 - Heather Girouard
 District 5 - David Forbes
 District 6 - Kody Allen
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ABSTAIN: District 1 - Angel Racca

3.4 Resolution #813-24

A resolution approving to enter into an agreement with Trident of Lafayette, LLC for improvements to the drainage canal near Omega West/Loadmaster and for financial participation

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Walter stated this drainage canal is parallel to the Loadmaster Building. This will assist with the erosion and the maintenance. This is similar to what was done near the Garber building.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #24-812

An ordinance amending the 2024/2025 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fire Department for Payroll and Capital Outlay-Equipment

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Deputy Chief Denais addressed the council and explained the total requested is \$190,000. They received a grant on August 23rd. The grant is for a Fire Cascade Trailer for \$172,000 and a washer and dryer to wash fire gear for \$24,000. The washer and dryer will allow them to decontaminate the gear. Their match of the grant

is \$90,000. The remaining \$100,000 is for payroll to staff personnel 24 hours a day at the new station on Bercegeay Road. Also, the station on First Street has 2 personnel staffed their 24 hours a day. The only station that does not have 24-hour personnel is the station on Fairfield, because it does not have living quarters.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.2 Ordinance #24-813

An ordinance amending the 2024/2025 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for Capital Outlay Improvements near Omega West/Loadmaster Drainage Canal with Trident of Lafayette, LLC

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this is the funding mechanism that goes with the agreement that was voted on earlier.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 Ordinance #24-811

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2024, of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form and providing for the payment of said bonds; providing for the sales of such bonds to the purchases there of and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Girouard

Discussion: Brennan Black stated this is a 7.5-million-dollar bond that was sold on Sept. 25th. The S & P rating for the city went up to an A+ rating. They got a really good

