

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, April 13, 2021 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) and Councilman Ray Gary (District 6), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Andrea Fontenot (Community & Business Development Coordinator), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux V (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the March 23, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Resolution #663-21

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of the entrance road to Fezzo's Restaurant and additional required right of ways

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that a representative from DOTD stated there needs to be a turn lane added near Fezzo's. DOTD stated they would fund it and put in a turn lane, but they cannot do it if it is a private road. Mayor Bourque stated he spoke to one of the owners and they will approve the donation of the entrance road to the city. Mel stated they did core samples of the roadway and it does meet our standards. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we would need to do any drainage improvements? Mel stated no. Councilman Bonin questioned if we would open the roadway all the way to Albertson Parkway? Mayor Bourque stated he knows there were talks in the past to do this, because we do have property near the test well site. We are beginning to look at this road extension again.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #21-687

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$395,000 in Capital Outlay to fund J-Turn #2 and J-Turn #3 on South Bernard Road

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated Daniel Hutchinson gave a report about this at the last meeting. The council did recommend to fund J-turn #2 and J-turn #3. Daniel stated this is the estimated cost, but material prices are fluctuating. This does include the right of way acquisitions. Councilman Bonin questioned why do we need any right of ways? Daniel stated we need to go around utilities and some sidewalks.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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4.2 Ordinance #21-688

An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Broussard to include the following maps:

MAP E-7.....of property to be zoned LI- Light Industrial, and CC- Community Commercial. Portions of South Bernard Road and West Pinhook Road.

MAP E-8.....of property to be zoned CC-Community Commercial, and LI- Light Industrial. Portions of West Pinhook Road and South Bernard Road.

MAP F-14.....of property to be zoned CC- Community Commercial. portions of Young Street (LA Hwy 92).

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Gerald stated the maps were presented to planning and zoning and they recommended they be adopted.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
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4.3 Ordinance #21-689

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$130,000 for Waterline Improvements from Highway 90 to Lake Talon Road along Southwood Drive and Cruise Avenue to add a 12-Inch waterline with 50% to be reimbursed by the developer

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that Comeaux Engineering met with the Fire Department to make sure this plan would work. We currently have deficiencies in this area. It will be a second waterline in that area for the target building, Loadmaster. Once done there will be new hydrants in that area. There will be a 6

inch and a 12-inch line. This will be adequate for the development in that area. The developer is agreeing to the 50% reimbursement. Councilman Regan questioned if we can use the stimulus money for reimbursement for this? Mayor Bourque stated he does not know the procedures yet for the stimulus money. We will get that around May 11th along with guidelines for the dates. Councilman Higginbotham stated we also need to see about getting Cruise Drive re-surfaced, the road is in pretty bad shape. Councilman Bonin stated when we do overlay the road, maybe we can beef up the construction on it, because of the large vehicles that will now be using it. Mayor Bourque stated we are developing a list of roads to be overlaid for our upcoming budget and he will add this one to the list.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 Ordinance #21-686

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$14,000 in the General Fund Capital Outlay to purchase a Kubota Lawn Mower for the Maintenance Department

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

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. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Mel Bertrand

Variance to release the 6-foot portion of the drainage easement for the property at 200 St. Nazaire for the building which encroaches into the city drainage easement

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mel stated the building has been there, but we also need to retain the easement on the northern side of the coulee. The coulee is in good shape.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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6.2 Jeff Faust w/Faust Holdings, LLC

Variance request for property at 222 Burgess Drive Unit 1 from Light Industrial to Community Commercial for the length of the proposed lease of 5 years

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Councilwoman Racca stated the building is being leased by LA Judo, LLC and it is Unit 1 and 2. They have it leased it or 5 years, however it could go longer.

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

To amend the original motion to grant the variance request for the property at 222 Burgess Drive, Unit 1, and Unit 2 to change the zoning from Light Industrial to Community Commercial for the length of lease from LA Judo, LLC.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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7. ADJOURNMENT

- 7.1 Motion to adjourn meeting.
Mayor Bourque adjourned the meeting.



Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk