

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 7, 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), Mel Bertrand (City Manager) Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Andrea Fontenot (Community & Business Development Coordinator), Capt. Zac Gerard (Police Dept), and Deputy Chief Justin Denais (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE APPOINTMENT OF VANCE J. OLIVIER AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Gary

To consider a motion to appoint Vance J. Olivier as the Interim Police till the end of the term ending December 31, 2022

Discussion: James Rogers approached the council. Mr. Rogers thanked the council for the opportunity to allow him to apply for this position. He is in support of the council's decision, and he is available if they need anything at all.

Mayor Bourque thanked Mr. Rogers for his extremely professionalism in this process. The City of Broussard is lucky to have an outstanding citizen as himself.

Chief Kip Judice approached the council. Chief Judice expressed how professional this process was done. It was definitely done with class and the city will be a model for any other city that needs to go thru this process. He congratulated Chief Olivier on being appointed and stated all the Lafayette Parish Chiefs are committed to working together with him.

Mayor Bourque stated Vance comes to the city with more than 30 years of law enforcement experience. He has worked as a patrol officer, field training officer, K9 officer, recruiter, watch commander and most recently, lieutenant of the criminal investigation division. He has the experience and ability to lead this department. He is looking forward to working with him and focusing on the future and safety of our great city.

Councilman Higginbotham thanked the 5 law enforcement personnel who sat on the advisory committee for this process. He also thank James Rogers and informed James he is a class act.
Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
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District III = Yea	District VI = Yea
At Large = Yea	

Chief Olivier stated when this process started, he did not know what to expect. The committee the council put together was very professionally done. He is humbled and honored to have been chosen for this position. He is looking forward to working with his fellow officers, our community leaders, and the people of Broussard. He also thanked his family and friends for their support during this process.

Mayor Bourque thanked everyone involved in the selection process, which ran seamlessly and professionally. He is grateful to the city and the police staff, our city council and those who volunteered their time for the selection committee. The process was intentionally tough, with this amount of responsibility; it should not be easy and that was something we agreed upon from the beginning. We have all been committed to make the right appointment for the voters and the people of Broussard, because it is what they deserve. I am extending my own thank you to everyone who was a part of this process. Congratulation Chief, we are here to support you.

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned.


Mayor Ray Bourque


Tina Emert, City Clerk