

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOV. 11, 2021
AT 10:00 AM @ COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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 Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney), Andrea Fontenot (Community & Business Development Coordinator) and Karen Fontenot (CFO)

Absent: Councilman Ray Gary (District 6)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. WORKSOP ON COUNCIL RE-DISTRICTING

Mike Hefner stated after the last meeting we ended up with Plan #2. We have to develop a new plan subject to the Census Count. Census Blocks cannot be split up. Hefner stated the main area we are concerned about are in District 1 and District 2. Moving any district line will affect the next district. Plan #2 brings up District 6 to 3.49 % deviation. District #4 stays unchanged with minority mixed percentages and District 5 changes a little, whereas District 1 will lose population and picked up some from District 5. Right now, we are working with the population as of 2020 which is 13,417. Hefner stated we still have a lot to resolve, so this definitely will not be voted on today. Hefner stated this is also a good time to explore other options; perhaps adding another district. We have until June 2022 to have a final plan. Mayor Bourque stated he would like a plan adopted in time for there will not be any confusion for the voters. He feels we need to do it sooner. Mike stated he also feels sooner than later would be better. Mayor Bourque suggested that we get thru the holidays and then come up with a plan. Hefner stated yes, by February or March we should have a clearer plan. We definitely want one done by the 1st quarter of 2022. Hefner stated he has no problem with each individual council member one on one. We can do small groups between Thanksgiving and Christmas and then re-convene after New Year's. Councilwoman Racca stated she likes Plan #1 because she will keep her people. She has talked to her constituents, and they wants to stay in her district, because she has represented them for 10 years.

The council agreed to do smaller workshops between Thanksgiving and Christmas and then after the 1st of the year do another workshop with the entire council.

3. ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk