

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, January 19, 2022, 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) and Councilman Kenny Higginbotham (District 5)
- Staff:** Tina Emert (City Clerk), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications) Andrea Fontenot (Community & Business Development Coordinator) and Gerald de Launay (City Attorney)
- Absent:** Councilman Ray Gary (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. Council Re-Districting

Mike Hefner stated he re-configured the districts according to the way the city is growing. Plan 4A is the best plan of all. This plan does have a lot of changes for District 6 and District 3.

Mayor Bourque questioned if Plan 3 was for the additional district? Mike stated yes, he thought it might work to help the minority district, but it does not.

Mayor Bourque stated we have 3 different plans in front of us; he is trying to hold the minority district and have each council member comfortable with their proposed district.

Mike stated Plan 1, Plan 2, and Plan 4A meet the criteria, not Plan 3 with the 7 districts.

Councilman Regan stated he is comfortable with Plan 4A, and he will talk to Councilman Gary to see if he is comfortable with it also.

Mike stated that the Section 5 clearance has not been approved in Congress yet, which is what we were kind of waiting on. He does not know how long it will be before it is approved or if it will affect us when it is passed. We follow the Section 2.

This probably won't be settled for another couple of months. We definitely need to adopt a plan and get it to the Secretary of State by June 7th. Mayor Bourque stated we were targeting getting this adopted by February. Mike stated he just wants to clarify for the council that the new districts will not go into effect until next year for representation. Mayor Bourque questioned the rest of the council their thoughts on Plan 4A.

Councilwoman Racca stated she is comfortable with Plan 4A. She is also concerned about the drastic changes for Councilman Regan and Councilman Gary, this will cause. She also added that a priority for her is to keep the minority district.

Councilman Bonin stated there is nothing productive about this plan. He will lose voters and supporters with this plan. He knows whatever the council votes on that will have to happen, regardless if he is not for it.

Councilman Higginbotham stated Plan4A gives the largest minority, which is good.

Councilman Rabon stated that he likes Plan 4A.

Mike Hefner stated it sounds like Plan 4A is the preferred plan.

Mayor Bourque asked the council to study it further and he will get it put on the council agenda.

Mike stated if it is the general agreement of the council, he can prepare to draft an ordinance and have the public hearing before the ordinance is adopted.

Mayor Bourque asked Callie to send Plan4A to Councilman Gary and Councilman Delahoussaye being they could not be in attendance today.

3. ADJOURNMENT

3.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK