

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, January 11, 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), Councilman Kenny Higginbotham (District 5), Councilman Ray Gary (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

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), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Dennis Mouton (Assistant Fire Chief), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney) and Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief)

Absent: Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief),

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the December 14, 2021, Meeting Regular Meeting
Motion by Councilman Gary
Second by Councilman Rabon
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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3. OTHER BUSINESS:

3.1 Nicky Derouen

Request approval of street name change (private road) from Bucksnot Lane to Hidden Cypress Cove

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mr. Derouen stated he recently purchased the property and does not like the name of the property. He stated it is a private road.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
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3.2 Paul Tylock

Developer of Modera Place located at 425 Heart De Farm Road

Zoning request change from Single Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mr. Tylock stated he would like to develop this property by putting 19 townhomes on the property. In order for him to do this the zoning of the property needs to be changed. Councilman Bonin questioned how big are these units? Mr. Tylock stated they are 1876 square feet per unit and 25 feet wide. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if there was any public input when this went to the planning commission? Walter stated only one resident had concerns about the drainage. They still have to submit their drainage study before the permits are purchased. They have made provisions for the ponds.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
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Abstain: Jesse Regan

3.3 Mel Bertrand

Abandonment of 10-foot Drainage Servitude between Lots 51 and 52 in Sabal Palms Phase III-A

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mel stated this easement was done at the time the subdivision was developed. The engineer has stated it is no longer needed. The property owner at lot 52 would like to put a fence on the property line which is in the easement.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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3.4 Mr. George Norbert Property

Condemnation of property located at 200 St. Des Porres

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Ms. Sharon Norbert addressed the council. Ms. Norbert stated her husband had donated the property to her son before he passed away and then her son passed away last year from COVID. Now the ownership of the property has reverted back to her. The property has a cement floor. Because so many residents in the area stated they had no where to go; she decided to re-open it for a place they could go shoot pool and drink a soda. Then she realized they would bring alcohol in from the store next door, so she is thinking of utilizing it as place they can come in and check their vitals. It would be a more positive thing for the community. She has had several people check out the roof to re-do it. She cannot get a permit for electricity because of the condition of the roof.

Councilman Higginbotham, questioned how far is she on this? Ms. Norbert stated that someone looked at it and gave her bids. She needs someone dependable to do it. Councilman Higginbotham stated we need to know what is the time frame she is looking at. Mayor Bourque stated once she has contract signed, that will show as the timeline for proof. Mayor Bourque stated we need to send in our inspector to see what needs to be brought up to code. Mayor Bourque stated he would like her to collaborate with the inspector to get everything back in order. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned her what is her budget for this? Ms. Norbert stated she has a partner that will do the inside. She has pulled out the electrical in the building. Ms. Norbert did not give a definite answer of how much

she has budgeted for this. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he is willing to give her 30 days to come back to council after she meets with the inspector to see what needs to be done to bring the building back to code. We will in turn get the report from Mr. Cooney Richard.

The first motion was not approved but amended as follows.

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

To table this matter for 30 days and revisit this item at the first meeting in February. This will give Ms. Norbert time to meet with the inspector on what needs to be done with the building to bring it back to code.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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4. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #22-716

Annexation of Platinum Bloodstock Breeders, LTD – 1.....property located at 630-634 (even numbers) Bayou Tortue Road in Voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mr. deLaunay stated everything is in order and ready for introduction.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.2 Ordinance #22-717

Annexation of Platinum Bloodstock Breeders, LTD. -2....property located at 614 Bayou Tortue Road in Voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mr. deLaunay stated everything is in order and ready for introduction.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
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4.3 Ordinance #22-718

Annexation of Della Marie Girouard Hill Property located at 1400-1498 (even numbers) Bayou Tortue Road in Voting District 1

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mr. deLaunay stated everything is in order and ready for introduction.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.4 Ordinance #22-719

Annexation of 3CSP Ventures, LLC located at 106 and 108 Rue de la Pais in Voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mr. deLaunay stated everything is in order and ready for introduction.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
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5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 Ordinance #22-714

An ordinance amending the 2021/2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for an additional \$194,562.00 for South Bernard J-Turns Phase 1

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Daniel stated this is for J-Turns 2 and 3 which are between Heart D Farm Road and Ambassador Caffery. The increase is due to the construction cost.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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5.2 Ordinance #22-715

An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding the following maps:

Map F-8 Portion of Highway 90 and Map F-12 Portions of East Fairfield Drive

Motion by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Resolution #694-22

A resolution awarding the South Bernard J-Turns Phase 1 project to the low bidder Merrick Construction for the low bid \$505,554.60

Motion by Councilman Bonin
Second by Councilman Gary
Discussion: No public comments
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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6.2 Resolution #695-22

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the donation of property from Adam J. Mouton, 0.005 acres at the intersection of Ambassador Caffery Parkway and South Bernard Road

Motion by Councilwoman Racca
Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mel stated this property is on the northwest corner of Ambassador and Bernard Road. It may be useful to us in the future for a turn lane. Mayor Bourque stated that Mr. Mouton thought this property was in the original property the city purchased from him, but it was not. Councilman Bonin stated he assumes this is in the right of way. Mel stated some of it is, but it does extend out of the right of way.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6.3 Resolution #696-22

A resolution accepting the 12" Waterline Extension along Southwood and South Cruise Road Project as being substantially complete

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham
Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Daniel stated the project is complete and the water is on. Mel stated the water is tied into Lake Talon Road. Walter stated the Safe Source

representatives would like the waterline ran all the way. They will work up the numbers on this. Safe Sources will fund ½ of the project.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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6.4 Resolution #697-22

A resolution authorizing the surplus and deposit of surplus property, K-9 Police Dog "Sill" in lieu of surplus sale or euthanization and other matters with respect thereto

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Landry

Discussion: Chief Olivier stated they are wanting to disband the K-9 Unit. Due to the age and the medical condition of the dog, this would be the best thing to do. A new K-9 dog would cost approximately \$15,000 and you would need a backup dog. We are not utilizing the dog enough. Chief Olivier stated he has enough resources with the City Police and the Sheriff's Department to use their K-9 dogs. There is someone who does want our K-9 dog and will take full responsibility for it. Gerald stated he has already prepared the document for the donation.

Councilman Higginbotham questioned how many times was the dog used in the past? Chief Olivier stated they have used the dog 4 times this year.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting

Ray Bourque

MAYOR RAY BOURQUE

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TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK