

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, April 12, 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: Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer), Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Karen Fontenot (Chief Financial Officer), Holly Cope-Lynn (Chief Communications Officer), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief) and Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

Absent:

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the March 22, 2022, 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
 Jeff Delahoussaye

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

3.1 Condemnation of 307 East Third Street (Marcombe Property)

Moved by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Mr. Rodney Richard stated he inspected this property on Feb. 24th. The mobile home is in very bad condition. The insulation is falling down at the bottom due to moisture. The floor is very weak. The panel box is also exposed to the weather. The shed that was being torn down had 1 wall standing. The shed apartment in the back someone was living in it and running an extension cord from the trailer for power. Mr. Richard recommended to the council the property be condemned and demolished. Mr. Marcombe stated he has done a lot of work to the property. He stated that Mr. Richard needs to go inside and look at it. He stated the breaker panel was changed along with doors and windows. Mr. Richard stated he passed by this afternoon to inspect it and the panel box is being used as a junction box, which is against the code. Mr. Richard stated he would like to go inspect the inside of the mobile home. Mr. Marcombe stated he did not know the process, which is why he reached out to Mr. Richard this morning. Mayor Bourque stated in Mr. Richard's initial report the mobile home was unfit for human occupancy. Mr. Marcombe stated a lot of people have inquired about renting it. Councilwoman Racca questioned if there is running water in the trailer and is someone living in it. Mr. Marcombe stated there is no running water and a vagrant was living in it? While he was repairing it, he did not need any water that is why the water is not on. Mr. Marcombe stated after she got out of jail, she unscrewed the doors and went back in. Councilwoman Racca questioned if he had contacted the Police Department to have her removed? Mr. Marcombe stated no and now he has to go through the legal process and evict her. Mayor Bourque stated the woman throws her fecal matter on the ground and as the owner it is his legal responsibility to handle this. Ben told Mr. Marcombe he had contacted him and made him aware of this. Mr. Marcombe stated he did not recall that. Mayor Bourque recommended the council move forward on the condemnation and have Mr. Marcombe allow Mr. Richard to go inside the mobile home for inspection and see what needs to be done to make sufficient repairs. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how long should we give him? Gerald recommend this be tabled till the next meeting and Mr. Richard will make a recommendation at the next meeting. Mr. Marcombe stated the tenant is being evicted on Monday.

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

To table this matter till the next meeting on April 26th, at which time Mr. Richard will present a full report after his inspection.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution #704-22

Acceptance of the Act of Dedication of the Streets and/or Servitudes of Broussard Hills Subdivision

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mel stated the subdivision has been inspected and he suggested we accept it. There is a 1-year warranty period. Gerald stated once the warranty is over the city does another inspection and then we accept perpetual maintenance.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.2 Resolution #705-22

Approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Louisiana/DOTD relating to frontage roads along US Highway 90

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated DOTD will be constructing the overpass on Hwy 90 @ Ambassador. This is a 140 million improvement. We have a 12" waterline in the State right of way. It is our responsibility to move the waterline and we do not want to do that. We will supply the inspection. Daniel Hutchinson stated the current estimate is 2.1 million to move the water line.

We have requested thru Capital Outlay financial assistance. There is no budget amendment needed for this. We are obligated by contract to do this. This water line was installed between 1996-1997. It is our responsibility to move it out of the right of way. He feels the legislative delegation will help. They do offer 0% interest loan to move the lines.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.3 Resolution #706-22

A resolution authorizing the acceptance and dedication of Sita Street

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mel stated this is the street behind Goodwill. The drainage is done, and everything has been inspected. Gerald stated the Act of Dedication was done since 2018 or 2019. Gerald recommended we amend the motion to state the street would also have a 1-year warranty and then then the city would inspect it after a year and then we accept perpetual maintenance.

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Higginbotham to amend the motion as stated by Gerald.

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 #22-723

An ordinance approving and adopting a plan of re-apportionment of the municipal districts of the city, Map 4-A

Moved by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this was introduced 30 days ago. Mike Hefner stated Map 4A came out at several workshops and he feels that one is as good as it can be. Plan 5 came out since the assignment of 8 blocks being changed. Councilman Bonin questioned how can he justify changing District 3 and District 6 by name? Mike state it is the demographics of those in the area. Councilman Bonin stated he can make the same argument about the west end of District 2. Mike stated we are limited of what can be done on the west end due to the census blocks. There is a lot of density there. Councilman Higginbotham stated in David's Plan 5 he grew up in that area; so, he feels Davids' plan is more continuous to his own home. Mike stated it is up to the council. Councilwoman Racca stated she did speak to all of the council and the constituents in her district, and she is asking the council to go with Map 4A.

Councilman Delahoussaye stated what concerns him is we introduced Map 4A over 30 days ago and tonight we are presented with Map 5, when it should have been brought up before this. He is sticking with Plan 4A.

Councilman Bonin moved to amend the ordinance and accept Map 5 instead.

Councilman Higginbotham second.

Roll call:

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

Motion failed.

The first motion to adopt Map 4A was voted on as follows:

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.2 Ordinance #22-726

An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for the re-zoning of 1710 Youngsville Highway from Light Industrial to Multi-Family Residential, pending sale of property

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mr. Murray McCullough who represent CST Land Development approached the council. He requested the time frame be change from 6 months to 9 months, giving them time to work thru the planning and permitting process.

Moved by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan to approve the original motion, except changing the term from six months to 9 months.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.3 Ordinance #22-727

An ordinance amending Ordinance #21-703 to amend and restate the adoption of certain optional codes for use by the Broussard Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau

Moved by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.4 Ordinance #22-728

An ordinance accepting the donation of property located at 207 and 210 Waterberry Drive and to execute a conservative servitude with Louisiana Land Trust a/k/a Road Home Corporation

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

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Jesse Regan
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6 ADJOURNMENT

6.2 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK