

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON  
TUESDAY, May 10, 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), Allison Dickerson (Director of Communications), 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 Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief)

**1. OPENING**

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

**2. MINUTES**

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the April 26, 2022, Regular Meeting
  - Motion by Councilman Gary
  - Second by Councilwoman Racca
  - Discussion: No public comments.
  - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
  - YEAS:
    - District 1 - Angel Racca
    - District 2 - David Bonin
    - District 3 - Jesse Regan
    - District 4 - Michael Rabon
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### 3. OTHER BUSINESS:

#### 3.1 Mr. Danny Gillane

Director of Lafayette Public Library

RE: Support of the Public Library

Mr. Gillane was not present.

#### 3.2 Mr. Larry Miller with Miller Management

Request for sign variance at 200 St. Nazairre Road

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Ben stated they are asking the city to allow them to put their sign the same height as Cane's, which is 60 feet high. The ordinance currently states that the height of the sign should not exceed 20 feet. Mr. Miller stated they hired a local sign company to study what the sign height should be, in order for it to be visible from Highway 90 and this is the result they came up with. It would be an economically disadvantage to them to put the sign lower.

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### 4. RESOLUTIONS

#### 4.1 Resolution #707-22

Acceptance of the Act of Dedication of the Streets and/or Servitudes of

Langlinais Estates, LLC

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mel stated they did the punch list, and the contractor has addressed all the issues. There is a one-year warranty. The one-year warranty is effective one year from the date of substantial completion.

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4.2 Resolution #708-22

Authorizing of La Neuville Road Improvements and approving the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Lafayette Consolidated Government

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: The project will be done with each governmental entity paying a percentage of the project as follows: City of Broussard 68%, City of Lafayette 24%, and Lafayette Parish 8%. We have to get it approved before it goes thru the City and Parish Council. The City has an agreement with the state for the funds for this project. Councilman Regan questioned who will upkeep the road after the repairs are done? Walter stated we can only spend money collected in the taxing district it was collected from, therefore moving forward we will have to prepare a maintenance agreement. Gerald stated the costs will be shared by all. Every 30 days we will provide to LCG the maintenance costs. This will be the mechanism to stay on top of this. If anyone objects to this, we will have to meet within 15 days. Then LCG will have to pay us within 30 days for any maintenance costs. Councilman Gary questioned, who will manage the project? Walter stated LCG will budget it and every month he will have to send a bill to the agency responsible for that part. Councilman Regan questioned is this between Hwy 89 and Bonin Road? Walter stated, yes, it is.

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4.3 Resolution #709-22

Appointments to fill 3 un-expired seats on the BEDC Board

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Ryan Lagrange stated this is to fill 3 unexpired terms on the BEDC Board. Three members have resigned their positions which do not expire till

Dec. 31, 2022. The three new members are Clair Hebert Marceaux, Anthony Taylor and Helen Thibeaux.

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4.4 Resolution #710-22

Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with BNSF for a permit to cross railroad tracks at Lake Talon Road

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated he has been working with BNSF and St Martin Parish for the opening of this crossing at Lake Talon Road onto Highway 182. We have gotten BNSF to authorize the crossing to expense it to St. Martin Parish's project. This will not require us to give up a crossing as in the past. Gerald has also pushed DOTD to reduce crossing closures from Lafayette to Jeanerette.

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**5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

5.1 Ordinance #22-729

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to amend Chapter 58 and to provide relative camping on public property

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: Gerald stated this ordinance is a method or tool to regulate camping on public property.

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5.2 Ordinance #22-730

An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Broussard to adopt Map F-6 for property located at 901, 905 and 913 Garber to re-zone it from Light Industrial to Single Family Residential

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Gerald stated this will allow the property owner to build the home he wants on the property for Single Family Residential.

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5.3 Ordinance #22-732

An ordinance creating the City of Broussard Old Town Special Overlay District of the City of Broussard

Moved by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Councilman Bonin stated he would like to amend the language in the regulations that would require single lots that were originally large multiple lots to have 4 parking spaces per lot. Gerald stated he will add a paragraph in stating that a single lot must have 2 or more parking spaces and property that is subdivided should have 4 onsite parking spaces. Councilman Regan questioned if this is precedent to any other city? Gerald state no it is not. Walter stated in a modern subdivision the garage is set back and people are able to park 2 cars in the driveway. People also park on the side of the streets because streets are not narrow, but in the older part of town it is not like that. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he drove all over town and he does not see where this is happening, so why do we need to do this? Councilwoman Racca stated an example is when The

Victorian was opened. This was opened in the older part of town and there was no parking and every weekend it was a fight for the residents in that area. Walter stated there is a lot going on in the older part of town, with homes being remodeled and development being done, so David asked him to create this ordinance. It is basically copied from the Main Street Overlay Ordinance, but that ordinance deals mainly with commercial. This is basically restricted covenants for the old part of town. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he is not aware of any issue with the police going to places repeatedly for this and he does not think it is right that the government is telling you what to do with your own property. What is the issue to bring this up? Walter stated it is the size of standard road in the old part of town. Councilman Delahoussaye in the old district this will stop the developers not to develop here. Councilwoman Racca stated in dealing with The Victorian it would have made it impossible for emergency vehicles to pass on streets surrounding there. Walter stated whatever is done, it will get to a part where everyone is happy. Walter stated if we put it too restrictive the downtown will fall apart; but if we make it not too restrictive it will be better guidance and people will come. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned if the Old Town Overlay district goes into the Main Street Overlay District? Mayor Bourque stated with this ordinance anyone who buys an existing structure there are no restrictions. If there is an empty lot or if a structure is torn down, another building/home can be put back in place with the same footprint. If they build a larger structure, then it will then have to go to the Zoning and Planning Commission. Walter stated in the last 3 years, the Planning Commission, Mel, and himself have not denied any request that has come before them; why because they work with the people. Mel stated that this jurisdiction is the easiest town to work with according to a lot of contractors. Walter stated with Envision Broussard like the Main Street Improvements we try to get ahead of the problem first.

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

To amend the original ordinance as presented.

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NAYS:            At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

To amend the motion offered to add a paragraph stating that a single lot must have 2 or more parking spaces and property that is subdivided should have 4 onsite parking spaces per lot.

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## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

### 6.1 Adjourn Meeting

**s/MAYOR RAY BOURQUE**

**s/TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK**