

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON  
TUESDAY, May 24, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), 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 Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

**Absent:** Councilman David Bonin (District 2)

**1. OPENING**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

**2. MINUTES**

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the May 10, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           District 1 - Angel Racca  
                  District 3 - Jesse Regan  
                  District 4 - Michael Rabon  
                  District 5 - Kenny Higginbotham  
                  District 6 - Ray Gary  
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ABSENT:       District 2 - David Bonin

### **3. KAREN FONTENOT, FINANCIAL OFFICER**

#### **3.1 Approval of April 2022 Financial Report**

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: Karen stated this is the highest she has seen the Sales Tax Revenues in 6 years. They are 37% ahead of budget figures. In reference to the expenditures, the departments have held their overages. We are flirting with a break-even profit.

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### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 Hannah Guillory w/ Maddie's Footprints**

Adopt Proclamation celebrating Maddie's Footprints for the work and support that they provide to our community

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Hannah Guillory addressed the council. Hannah explained what the organization does and thanked the council for their support. Councilwoman Racca stated this is an amazing organization for the natal community. Mayor Bourque stated they have already had 2 events in St. Julien Park for Maddie's Footprints, and they are more than welcome to use it in the future.

#### **4.2 Mr. Scott Deskins w/SEC Development**

Request for a variance, section 22.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, currently zoned Light Industrial for a potential car wash and 5-minute oil change on 210 St.

Nazairre Road

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Gerald stated he spoke with Mr. Deskins. There is no Zoning for a car wash or anything dealing with it in that area. Councilman Higginbotham stated he received a call from the developer about this. Councilman Regan questioned if we

could approve the request and let Planning and Zoning handle the site for sod and beautification? Gerald stated we can make the motion conditional on whatever the council wants. Walter stated he feels the council should approve it all, because Planning and Zoning does not make the rules. Councilman Regan stated perhaps we can make sure they come back for a final variance vote. Gerald stated perhaps we can table it and we can notify them that we need to see something in a layout. Councilman Regan stated yes for the sod, landscaped and beautification. Councilman Higginbotham stated he does not think they need a variance to move forward. Walter stated it can be approved conditionally upon the recommendations, Councilman Regan has set forth. Councilman Regan stated he does not have a problem moving forward, we just need to set precedence. Mayor Bourque stated we can approve the request conditionally tonight and move forward and have them furnish the final document of the site at the next meeting.

Moved by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Gary to amend the originally vote granting the variance request upon condition that the site meets all sod, landscaped and beautification approval.

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#### 4.3

##### Condemnation Report of 307 Third Street (Gery Marcombe Property)

Ben stated that Mr. Marcombe has cleaned up the site. The water leak has been repaired. He has picked up the branches and make significant progress. Mayor Bourque questioned if there is anything else that needs to be done? Ben stated the trailer is habitable. But the shed needs to be more secured.

Councilwoman Racca stated there are still trash bags there and there is significant clean-up that needs to be done. She stated there is no one in the trailer. Mayor Bourque asked Ben to get with Councilwoman Racca and see what else needs to be on the list and report back to the council in 15 days.

- 4.4 Condemnation Report @ 200 St. Des Porres (Sharon Norbert Property)  
Ben stated all of the wood has been demolished and hauled off. She is currently waiting for her architect to come up with plans. Right now, only the cinder blocks are standing. Mayor Bourque asked Ben to work with Councilman Rabon to see what else needs to be done and report back to the council in 30 days.

## 5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

### 5.1 Ordinance #22-731

An ordinance annexing certain properties located in section 10, township 11 south range 5 east Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Whispering Meadows Phase III Annexation

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Gerald stated he has reviewed the petitions and the paperwork, and everything is in order. Mayor Bourque stated he met with some of the residents of Whispering Meadows, and they have concerns about only one way in and out of the subdivision. Mayor Bourque stated without the subdivision being in the city limits, we cannot regulate anything. Mayor Bourque also stated it makes sense to go ahead and zone the property now while being annexed. Therefore, Councilman Higginbotham moved

Councilman Gary second to amend the original motion presented to add the property be zoned Single Family Residential in the ordinance for annexation.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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ABSENT: District 2 - David Bonin

### 5.2 Ordinance #22-733

An ordinance adopting an Amended Operating Budget of Revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Karen stated this ordinance, and the next ordinance is for the amended and the proposed budget. She will be meeting with departments next week and then with the council to review the budget before it is presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5.3 Ordinance #22-734

An ordinance adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Karen stated this ordinance is basically the same as the other one, except this is for the proposed budget.

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5.4 Ordinance #22-735

Mayor Bourque recommended this item be tabled. The landowners want to re-group on this and make sure the zoning is appropriate. The council had no problem with this.

An ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to add Maps G-9 and G-10 for portions of St. Nazaire Road including 711, as well as portions of the 1000 block from Light Industrial to Neighborhood Commercial

Motion by Councilman Gary to table this item.

Second by Councilwoman Racca

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5.5 Ordinance #22-736

An ordinance establishing standards for small, wireless facilities in the rights of way in the City of Broussard

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Gerald stated this will allow AT&T to install small wireless facilities throughout the city. This ordinance will provide regulations and restrictions which are reasonable and non-discriminatory rules. This ordinance has been tweaked twice. It does comply with federal regulations.

Mr. Lavar Greenhouse with AT&T addressed the council. He is the regional director of AT&T. Greenhouse explained a network cap is identified on where to put the devices. This helps to off-set peak traffic from cellular towers to be able to use cell phones. It can be attached to secondary utility poles They do not want to place it where it may cause conflict. This is at no cost to the city.

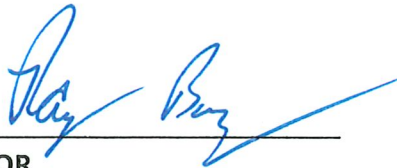
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**6. ADJOURNMENT**

6.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR



CITY CLERK