

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, July 26, 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), 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), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Oscar Reed (City Attorney), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

ABSENT: Councilman Ray Gary (District 6)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the July 12, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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3. KAREN FONTENOT, FINANCIAL OFFICER

3.1 Approval of May 2022 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilwoman Racc

Discussion: Karen stated Sales Tax are 19% higher than the previous month.

By the end of the year, we will have exceeded what we predicted in the Sales Tax.

Councilman Bonin stated he sees the revenues are quite high in the recreation

department. He also noticed the sponsorships have been lagging behind. Karen

stated once a year most of the sponsorships are paid in May and June, which is why

we don't see much income till then. Once they are all paid we should see an

increase over last year. We have also received new sponsorships in June.

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4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Mike Michot w/ THE PICARD GROUP

Mike stated, they have managed to help the city get funding for South Bernard

Road, Highway 89, and the waterline re-location for Ambassador at Highway 90.

Mike stated he speaks to Mayor Bourque monthly on the needs of the city. Mike

added right now the Senate President represents the Broussard area. He has

always been there to help Broussard. Senator Page Cortez stated Broussard has a

lot of leadership in Baton Rouge. They have managed to secure \$4 million dollars

for waterline re-alignment for DOTD, where the interchange will be. They have

also passed legislation that some of the Motor Vehicle Sales Tax will aid the I-49

south to Broussard and the Lake Charles Bridge to the Baton Rouge bridge for

improvements. With the re-districting his senate seat is Broussard and

Youngsville. The district will get more squeezed again. Until the 1960's there was

no senator representing Lafayette Parish. Councilman Higginbotham, questioned

about the re-districting lawsuits, how will that effect everything? Senator Cortez

stated as of right now we are done. Mayor Bourque thanked Senator Cortez and

Mike Michot for the relationship the City has with them. We have been able to

achieve funding for all improvements and he appreciates that.

4.2 Councilman Josh Carlson

Parish Report

Councilman Carlson stated that he has been in constant contact with the Mayor. Carlson stated on the August 2 agenda the IGA with the City for La Neuville Road will be presented to be adopted. He stated the Parish has also allocated \$500,000 to aid in the replacement of the Garber Road Bridge. He stated we have a great working relationship with the Mayor and the council. Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the litigation with St. Martin Parish, does that effect the Broussard area? Councilman Carlson stated he cannot speak about where they are right now, because of the litigation, but he will say that it will substantially benefit Lafayette Parish and no harm was done to St. Martin Parish. Mayor Bourque requested that the work on Coulee de Poche continue? Carlson stated it is on schedule. They should be starting on it this year. Mayor Bourque also stated that the La Neuville and Garber Road Projects are much needed, and he appreciates the help on this.

4.3 Mr. Tom Holiman w/TriCom Real Estate

Variance request for cell tower on Albertson Parkway

Mayor Bourque stated this item is withdrawn and will be re-set for August 23rd. This request is being challenged by another cell company, due to a technical issue; therefore, this will have to be a public hearing so it will be brought to the Zoning Commission on August 11th and then back to the council on August 23rd.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #721-22

A resolution declaring the contract for South Bernard Road/Fairfield Road Extension Phase II Project to be substantially complete

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Daniel Hutchinson stated the final inspection for this project has been done. Everything has been addressed and he recommends we accept it.

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5.2 Resolution #722-22

A resolution declaring the contract for the 2021 Street Overlay Project to be substantially complete

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Daniel Hutchinson stated the final inspection for this project has been done. He recommends we accept it.

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5.2 Resolution #723-22

A resolution approving the Louisiana Systems Compliance Questionnaire for the period covering July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Motion by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: Karen stated this is end of the fiscal year questionnaire that we do every year, stating we are in compliance. Upon approval it is signed and given to the auditors.

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6 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Ordinance #22-737

An ordinance of the City council authorizing an exchange of property with Clifton Shepherd

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated Dr. Shepherd approached the city with this proposition. We own the area where the gateway sign is. Dr. Shepherd wants the unused next to it. This will allow us to have the property on the corner. This will allow us to have a bigger area for the multi path. The city is in a position with Dr. Shepherd to get right of ways on the road frontage and multi-use path and for easements for a j-turn. Shepherd will clean up his property and give us a piece of land. Walter stated in the end the city will end up with 2 acres by the oak trees and a clean piece of property.


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7 ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK