

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, September 13, 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), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Oscar Reed (City Attorney), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief) and Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief)
- Absent:** Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer) and Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the August 23, 2022, Regular Meeting
 - Motion by Councilman Gary
 - Second by Councilman Higginbotham
 - Discussion: No public comments.
 - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
 - YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 - District 2 - David Bonin
 - District 3 - Jesse Regan
 - District 5 - Kenny Higginbotham
 - District 6 - Ray Gary
 - At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye
 - ABSENT: District 4 - Michael Rabon

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Broussard Economic Development Corporation

Toby Armentor and Ryan LaGrange

Economic Profile Report

Ryan stated the mission of the BEDC is to serve the community by identifying opportunities for long-term growth, financial sustainability, and a meaning full quality of life. The council was given the 2022 Economic Profile that has recently been updated with information they have gathered from LEDA. All of information is available on their website at “developbroussard.com.” Toby stated the city has a total of 5 certified sites, which is the more than any other city in the Parish and they have 2 more in the pipeline. The city is a jewel for Economic Development. They recently just hosted the Developer Luncheon to market Broussard. They have also hosted a Job Fair for the first time which brought in 28 companies, securing 100 jobs. They are looking to help our industry here. They currently have a new board member, Claire Marceaux who is from the Cameron area. She is putting together a luncheon for the manufacturing industry. The next initiative will be announced on September 28th. Ryan and Toby thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. Councilman Higginbotham questioned where do they get the median income from in their report? Ryan stated it is information that is researched by LEDA. Mayor Bourque stated he met with Mandi Mitchell, the President and CEO of LEDA a few weeks ago and she informed him that Broussard is the only LA Development Ready Community Certified by LEDA in the parish. There are currently 7 certified sites in the Parish and 5 of those sites are in Broussard. This helps attracts businesses to Broussard. He thanked the Chamber and the BEDC for the work they have done making our city a successful city. It has also been reported by LEDA that Broussard is the only city in Lafayette Parish that is growing faster than the rate of inflation. Toby also thanked the City and the Chamber, who have always supported the BEDC.

3.2 Police Chief Vance Olivier

Proclaiming October 4, 2022, as National Night Out in Broussard

Chief Olivier stated on October 4th it will be the annual National Night Out event held at St. Julien Park. They will have displays from the Sheriff’s Office, Acadian Ambulance, and the Fire Department. He invited everyone to attend.

3.3 Proclamation

A proclamation re-affirming the twinning between the City of Broussard, LA and the City of Rochefort, Belgium originally done in November 1984.

Mayor Bourque stated John Harold Broussard and Philip Guston are traveling to our sister city Rochefort, Belgium for the Grand Reveil Acadien 2022. He is

delivering this proclamation to their government reaffirming our support for rekindling the twinning of the City of Broussard with Rochefort, Belgium.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution #724-22

A resolution accepting the dedication of streets and/or servitudes and rights-of-way in regard to Sabal Palms, Phase III-B

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mel stated the walk thru has been done and they have cleared up everything that was recommended; therefore, he recommends this be approved. Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the silt in the storm drainage, have we checked that? Mel stated yes and we have changed the regulations since then. We run a camera into the drains and video it before it is accepted. After all of the homes are built, we then go back and do it again.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.2 Resolution #725-22

A resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the fiscal year 2022-2023 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mel stated this is the same type of grant we have used in the past, We will be using this grant to replace an old waterline on Mary Street.

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5. ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED

5.1 Ordinance #22-741

An ordinance amending the FY 2022/2023 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for Capital Outlay for \$50,000 for drainage

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mel stated in the last budget along Fairfield near Comeaux Estates, we did some drainage work. Now the drainage pipes at Rue Papillion and Rue Beau Soleil needs to be changed because they are undersized. We also need to install 7 catch basins and replace some driveways.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK