

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON  
TUESDAY, December 13, 2022, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), Councilman David Bonin (District 2), Councilman Michael Rabon (District 4), Councilman Kenny Higginbotham (District 5), Councilman Ray Gary (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

**Staff:** Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer), Karen Fontenot (Chief Financial Officer), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Gerald deLaunay (City Attorney), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief) and Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief) and Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation)

**Absent:** Allison Dickerson (Director of Communications) and Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3)

**1. OPENING**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

Mayor Bourque asked everyone to keep Mrs. Verna Trahan (Deacon Joe Trahan's wife) and Mrs. Deborah LeBlanc (mother-in-law of Councilman Jesse Regan) in their prayers.

**2. MINUTES**

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the November 22, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca

District 2 - David Bonin

District 4 - Michael Rabon

District 5 - Kenny Higginbotham

District 6 - Ray Gary  
At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye  
ABSENT: District 3 - Jesse Regan

### 3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Presentation of service awards  
Moved to the end of the meeting

3.2 Approve cancellation of December 27, 2022 City Council Meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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3.3 Laura Boudreaux regarding Variance Request for 101 Amberwood

- a. Variance request due to age limit of the mobile home which is a 1997
- b. Variance request for allowing the mobile home to be placed in an area zoned Single Family Residential (R1)

~~Motion by Councilman Higginbotham~~

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Ms. Boudreaux stated she has an older mobile home, and she wants to purchase this mobile home to upgrade. After the newer home is moved there, she will start demolishing the older mobile home. It will take her approximately 6-8 months, because her husband works offshore and the only time, he has available to do this, is on his days off. Her current home was grandfathered in when the zoning for that area was approved. Councilman Bonin questioned if she contacted the property owners adjacent to her to see if they had any objections to this. Ms. Boudreaux stated yes, she has and that's not a problem. Mayor Bourque stated if the council is inclined to approve this, then we will ask Ms. Boudreaux to deliver to City Hall the letters of approval from her neighbors. Councilman Higginbotham questioned Ben if he has inspected both mobile homes? Ben stated yes, he did, and the newer mobile

home is an upgrade. Ben stated according to Mr. Richard's report if everything in his report is done according to the State regulations, there will be no problem. She will have to install fire alarms as stated in the report.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved, contingent that Ms. Boudreaux completes the requirements on the inspector's report, and she must provide written approval from the two adjacent property owners for the variance to be granted.

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#### **4. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED**

##### 4.1 Ordinance #23-749

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$1,750,000 for the Lake Talon Road Sewer Project

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that Comeaux Engineering are the engineers on this project. Walter stated this is to run gravity sewer for the entire development with a force main to pump out.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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ABSENT:        District 3 - Jesse Regan

##### 4.2 Ordinance #23-750

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$109,000 for St. Julien Park Improvements and Equipment

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mr. Abshire explained to the council the fund are to be used as follows if approved: 1) a golf cart to be used by his people; 2) repairs of

the elevators; 3) shade for the tennis courts and 4) permanent repair to the splash pad. Councilman Higginbotham, questioned if the modifications to the tennis court have done? Jamey stated no, they have not started yet. Councilman Higginbotham questioned Karen if we have enough funds for this? Karen stated, yes, they do. This past year they have put a handle on the park expenses, so they have adequate funds to cover this.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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## 5 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

### 5.1 Ordinance #22-745

An ordinance annexing certain properties located on and along the southern side of Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way in Section 38, Township 11 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish being known as the David S. Bercegeay-1 Annexation in voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the residents concern for another entrance to come out Highway 92. Walter stated that he does not feel this will happen; because the developer would have to cross Cypress Bayou, which will be very expensive. He stated they do have the opportunity to build a sub-street.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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                          District 6 - Ray Gary  
                          At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye  
ABSENT:             District 3 - Jesse Regan

5.2 Ordinance #22-746

An ordinance annexing certain properties located on and along the eastern side of Bercegeay Road in Section 2, Township 11 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish being known as the David S. Bercegeay-2 Annexation in voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5.3 Ordinance #22-747

An ordinance amending the zoning ordinance by adding the following maps:

Map F-7, Portions of Garber Road, and Ibex Road

Map F-14, Portions of Highway 92

Map G-6, Portions of Garber Road

Map G-7, Portions of North Girouard Road

Map G-14, Areas known as Whispering Meadows Phase 3

Map G-15, Areas known as Whispering Meadows Phase 3

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5.4 Ordinance #22-748

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$266,810.00 (City of Broussard Portion is \$174,671.00 and LCG Portion is \$92,138.94) for the La Neuville Road Re-Construction Project.

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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**6 RESOLUTIONS**

6.1 Resolution #734-22

A resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government for the Garber Road Bridge and Drainage Project

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated LCG will contribute \$500,000 and the City will contribute \$250,000. It has not been put out for bid yet.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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**OTHER BUSINESS.....continued**

3.1 Presentation of service awards

Mayor Bourque did a presentation of service awards to Councilman Michael Rabon for 4 years of service, Councilman Ray Gary for 12 years of service and Councilman Kenny Higginbotham for 20 years of service.

7 ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting

  
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MAYOR RAY BOURQUE

  
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TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK