

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, March 28, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M. AT
414 EAST MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), Councilman David Bonin (District 2), Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Kody Allen (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), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief) and Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation was done by Associate Pastor Adam Whitney with First Baptist Church

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the March 14, 2023, Regular Meeting
 - Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye
 - Second by Councilman Forbes
 - Discussion: No public comments
 - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
 - YEAS:
 - District 1 - Angel Racca
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3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Approval of the February 2023 Financial Report

Moved by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Karen stated the Sales Tax Revenues are 14% ahead of budget, which is the 3rd highest this year. Last year we were 29% above of projections and 54% above 2 years ago. She was concerned with some departments that were above of budget in some line items, but those numbers have gone down.

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4. OTHER BUSINESS:

4.1 Police Service Award

Chief Oliver explained he is giving service awards to 4 police officers and one award to the crossing guard.

Mr. Raymond Landy, the former crossing guard was recognized for his 20 years of service. Chief Olivier recognized the following officers, Sgt. Brian Hunter Fontenot, Corporal Dominique Picard, Corporal Jordan Lanclos and Corporal Chris Rudd. The officers were presented Life Saving Awards for an incident that happened on May 16, 2022; when they saved the life of a child.

4.2 Fujino Capital

Variance request for front set back located at 116 Nolan Road

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Councilman Regan stated he is asking for a front variance for a 10-foot set-back for this property. The property is vacant and the land-owner owns both lots. All of the neighboring buildings are the same. Mayor Bourque stated that Walter and Mel have no problems with this. Walter stated he is asking for the property owner to supply a pre-slab survey and a plat with the form boards to make sure this is not close to the easements. It is typically a 10-foot easement. He asked also that a hold harmless be signed if needed. Walter recommended the variance be granted if the above items are supplied.

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5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #741-23

A resolution pertaining to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental Audit Report, required for Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit Number LA0020613

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mel stated the actual audit is in the packet. We do this every year.

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5.2 Resolution #742-23

A resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government and the City of Broussard concerning the flushing and vacuuming of drainage infrastructure

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated City-Parish President Guillory's office has offered this service to us and all neighboring cities. This will allow a pump truck to be used by all cities. It will not be of any additional cost to the city. Mayor Bourque stated we looked into purchasing a vacuum truck 3 years ago and the cost was over a half a million dollars.

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6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Ordinance #23-765

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for an additional \$40,700 for safety barricades along South Bernard Road

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

To table this matter until the next meeting because the resident, Rob Bunch, whose home was struck by a vehicle could not be present tonight.

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6.2 Ordinance #23-766

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for an additional \$190,000 for Multi – Use Path Extensions on South Bernard Road and West Fairfield Road

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this will be 2 projects. They are multi-use path extensions not sidewalks. They have been working with the traffic engineer about the area on Bernard Road where the sidewalk is closed on both sides, crossing Bernard Road. It is used as a recreational path, it doesn't lead to anywhere. The proposed multi-path #1 will be on Bernard Road from the car wash to where the sidewalk is closed. The proposed multi-path #4 will be on Fairfield Drive from Morgan Street to Sabal Palms Phase 3B. Mayor Bourque stated this will be in Councilman Regan, Councilman Forbes and Councilman Allen's district.

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7. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

7.1 Ordinance #23-762

An ordinance annexing certain properties located on and along the western right of way of South Girouard Road in section 95, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana known as Maxie's Campground, LLC in Voting District 1

Moved by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: No public comments

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7.2 Ordinance #23-763

An ordinance rezoning the Estate of Lawrence Girouard Property located at 1413 and 1441 Garber Road, Plot J-1 and J-2 and the western one-half of Plot I as shown is Zoning Map G-6 from Light Industrial to Community Commercial

Moved by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Bernard

Discussion: No public comments

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7.3 Ordinance #23-764

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for an additional \$260,000 for Road Overlays

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Councilman Bonin questioned Mel if he has the cost for the entire length of Papa Joe Drive and Attie Circle? Mel stated it would be an additional \$67,623 for Papa Joe Drive and an additional \$36,820 for Attie Circle for a total of \$104,443. Councilman Bonin stated he knows it is a lot, but it is ridiculous to do these projects and stop in the middle of the streets. Councilman Regan questioned what is the cost incentive to mobilize the crews? Mel stated they would be mobilizing anyway. Councilman Regan questioned Karen about the additional funds? Karen stated we had \$300,000 unused in our revenues. Any amended amount would be a savings draw from the 92 Sales Tax fund. Councilman Regan stated he would like to see it done all at once.

Therefore, the original motion was amended by

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

To add the additional \$104,443 for Papa Joe Drive and Attie Circle, making the total budget amendment \$364,443

Discussion: No public comments.

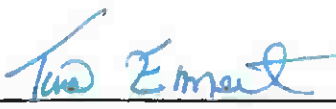
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8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjourn Meeting


MAYOR RAY BOURQUE


TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK