

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 28TH, 2019 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), Councilman Michael Rabon (District 4), Councilman Kenny Higginbotham (District 5), Councilman Ray Gary (District 6), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Don Landry (City Attorney), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Annie Perret (Executive Asst. to the Mayor), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Jeremy Hidalgo (COO), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism & Communications), Brannon Decou (Police Chief), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bourque
- 1.2 Prayer was led by Councilman Gary

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the May 14, 2019 Meeting
Motion by Councilman Gary
Second by Councilman Higginbotham
to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting.
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
YEAS: Angel Racca
David Bonin
Jesse Regan
Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

3. KAREN FONTENOT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:

3.1 Approval of April 2019 Financial Statement

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Adopt Resolution #579-19

Accepting the Coach House Manor Street Overlay Project as being substantially complete and authorizing the Mayor, upon recommendation of the City Engineer to make the necessary payments to Glenn Lege Construction, Inc.

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Phil Parker addressed the council and stated the cost of the project was \$102,168.00 and final cost ended up at \$98,486.66. with the administrative change order.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye

4.2 Adopt Resolution #580-19

A resolution upon the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint, Bryan Champagne, the Fire Chief of the City Fire Department for the one-year term effective June 1, 2019 till May 31, 2020

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Regan

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin
Jesse Regan
Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

Discussion: Chief Champagne thanked the Mayor and council for the appointment and everything else they do for the Fire Department. They have accomplished a lot of accomplishments like staffing the department 24 hours a day and replacement of 2 vehicles including the decrease in the fire rating from a 4 to a 3. Mayor Bourque stated we have an excellent department which is ran by 3 chiefs.

5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 Adopt Ordinance #19-603

Authorizing the City of Broussard to enter into a Franchise Agreement with Southern Light, LLC for the placement, construction, operation, installation, repair, maintenance and replacement of communications conduit and cable within the rights of way of the City of Broussard, LA

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye

6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Introduce Ordinance #19-604

An ordinance adopting an Amended Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

6.2 Introduce Ordinance #19-605

An ordinance adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye

6.3 Introduce Ordinance #19-606

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City to enter into and execute and amendment to the Wholesale Water Agreement with Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to extend the Wholesale Water agreement with Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government for a term of forty (40) years from March 5, 1988

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Councilman Higginbotham question how long is the duration of the contract?

Mayor Langlinais stated till 2038.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye

6.4 Introduce Ordinance #19-607

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Franchise Agreement with Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, to extend the

Franchise Agreement with Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government of
December 19, 2015

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye

6.5 Introduce Ordinance #19-608

An ordinance approving Change Order #1 for the Deer Meadow Village Lift Station & Force Main Upgrade, amending the Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to provide for an additional thirty two thousand three hundred forty nine and 28/100 dollars (\$32,359.28) for said plan change order #1 an authorizing the Mayor of the City of Broussard to execute and documentation to implement plan change order #1

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Walter gave the council pictures of the lift station. Walter stated this upgrade is needed because of the new subdivisions that have been added. This is caused from septic sewer. This improvement will allow us to re-align and put a shallow manhole and adding the force main too. Councilman Bonin questioned if downsizing it, won't affect it? Walter stated no that it is cheaper to rehabilitate it. That is the same problem we had at the Billeaud Lift Station in front of the Billeaud Companies. Walter stated that it is a modern area with an updated sewer line. We are also having odor problems at Dustin Circle. We are sizing it to make it last 20 years. We are also looking at the treatment of lift stations with deodorizers, which is a cheaper route to go.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 John Thompson w/Duplantis Design Group

Request variance to sign ordinance regarding the height for the Race Trac on Ambassador and Highway 89

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

to allow discussion for the request variance to sign ordinance regarding the height for the Race Trac on Ambassador and Highway 89 from 20 feet to 34 feet.

Discussion: Mr. Andrew Malzer, Project Manager with the RaceTrac addressed the council. He stated they received a variance in the past for a sign, but not for the height of it. They will have one monument sign and a pole sign. The permit for the monument sign is secured. In reference to the pole sign, the height limit is 20 feet tall and they are proposing on putting a 34 feet tall sign. They are asking for a variance for the additional 14 feet. There are 3 reasons why they cannot put the sign any other place: 1) there is a giant power servitude at that corner, 2) there is a water servitude and 3) there is sewer servitude. For safety they are unable to put the sign where they wanted to put it. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned Mr. Malzer if they looked at a site plat before they purchased the property, showing the servitudes on the property? Mr. Malzer stated he understands according to the ordinance the city grants variances in extraordinary and substantial situations and he feels this warrants this kind of situation. Councilman Higginbotham stated when we enacted these ordinances it was because we did not want Ambassador Caffery to look like Highway 90 or Johnston Street. Along with the state we invested \$10 million on this road. Mayor Bourque stated they have 5 signs on this property. They have a large canopy above the 20 feet allowed. We have made an effort to not have Ambassador Caffery look like Highway 90. He is recommending the variance not be granted. He feels at that corner the store will be visible to all. Mr. Malzer stated he has 2 concerns: 1) people want to know how much gas cost and 2) if the signs are 20 feet or less, they will be closer to the right of way. Councilman Delahoussaye stated that they should have done their due diligence when they purchased the property and look into this. We do appreciate them choosing to be in Broussard. Councilman Gary questioned if they can get the sign re-designed to 28 feet and the council may consider it.

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Rabon

to approve a variance to the sign ordinance for a 27-foot sign instead of a 34-foot sign for the RaceTrac

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

YEAS: none

NAYS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjourn Meeting
Motion by Councilman Gary
Second by Councilman Higginbotham
To adjourn the meeting
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
YEAS: Angel Racca
David Bonin
Jesse Regan
Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye



Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk