

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSVILLE, LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024 AT
6:00 PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. OPENING

1.1 Invocation was led by Pastor Andy Tribe, Youngsville Community Church.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Simone Champagne.

2. SPECIAL BUSINESS

2.1 City Attorney Wade Trahan swore in Division D Councilman Nicholas Niland.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ken Ritter, Shannon D. Bares (Division A), Lindy Bolgiano (Division B), Mayor Pro Tem Matt Romero (Division C), Nicholas Niland (Division D)ⁱ, Simone B. Champagne (Division E).

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Nicole Guidry (City Clerk), Terry Bourque (COO), Cody Louviere (Police Chief), Wade Trahan (City Attorney), Cathryn Greig (CFO), Tim Robichaux (Director of Parks & Rec).

At this time, Mayor Ritter recognized Chief elect Jean Paul "JP" Broussard, who thanked all members of the public and elected officials.

4. RECOGNITIONS/PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR & COUNCIL

4.1 Recognized Mr. John C. Broussard for his transformative contributions to the City of Youngsville.

4.2 Jesse Regan announced his candidacy for State Senate, District 23.

4.3 Brach Myers announced his candidacy for State Senate, District 23.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Approval of November 14, 2024 meeting minutes

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Matt Romero, approving the November 14, 2024 meeting minutes.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Nilandⁱ, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

6. FINANCE REPORT

6.1 Approval of October 2024 Finance Report

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Shannon D. Bares, approving the October 2024 Finance Report.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Nilandⁱ, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 Sweetwater Point 4400 Chemin Metairie Pkwy. - Request variance for 4 additional homes to be built within 200' frontage of Chemin Metairie.

Upon discussing the use of the property development, Item 7.1, a request for variance to waive the required minimum depth of 200' for commercial development along Chemin Metairie for Sweetwater Point, failed for lack of a motion and second.

- 7.2 Sweetwater Point 4400 Chemin Metairie Pkwy. - Request sign variance for 3 feather flags and 5 Now Leasing snipe signs to be displayed for 12 months.

Some members of the Council expressed their opposition to allow a sign variance for 12 months. Some members provided suggestions on different marketing strategies.

Motion made by Matt Romero, seconded by Shannon D. Bares, to deny a request for a sign variance for 3 feather flags and 5 Now Leasing snipe signs to be displayed for 12 months at Sweetwater Point 4400 Chemin Metairie Pkwy.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: Nicholas Nilandⁱ.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

8. RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 Resolution No. 2024-23 - A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Youngsville to negotiate contracts for performances at the amphitheater powered by SLEMCO for FY 2024-2025 and further authorizing the necessary budget amendment.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon D. Bares, adopting Resolution No. 2024-23.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Nicholas Nilandⁱ, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: Matt Romero.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution Approved.

- 8.2 Resolution No. 2024-24 - A Resolution authorizing submittal of Water Sector Program Phase 2 grant application, approving local match and entering into agreements associated with engineering services.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Shannon D. Bares, adopting Resolution No. 2024-24.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Nilandⁱ, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Resolution Approved.

9. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

- 9.1 Ordinance No. 496-2024 - An Ordinance of the City of Youngsville authorizing the Mayor of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana, to execute a Franchise Agreement with Uniti Fiber GulfCo, LLC.

Motion made by Simone B. Champagne, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano, adopting Ordinance No. 496-2024.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Nilandⁱ, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.
ABSTAINED: None.
ABSENT: None.
Ordinance Approved.

9.2 Ordinance No. 497-2024 - An Ordinance of the City of Youngsville amending the 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$4,575,791 to re-allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Matt Romero, adopting amended Ordinance No. 497-2024 as presented.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Nilandⁱ, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Ordinance Approved.

Prior to the vote, the City Clerk announced that an amendment to the proposed ordinance was provided in the agenda packet.

9.3 Ordinance No. 357.3-2024 - An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 357.2-2024 Performance Land Use Regulations within the city limits of the City of Youngsville, Louisiana.

Motion made by Lindy Bolgiano, seconded by Matt Romero, adopting amended Ordinance No. 357.3-2024 as presented.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Nilandⁱ, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Ordinance Approved.

Prior to the vote, the City Clerk announced that an amendment to the proposed ordinance was provided in the agenda packet.

10. MAYOR & COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Mayor/Staff Announcements

- Road Projects: Hwy. 89 - 40% complete, have 100 ft. of drainage left. Fortune Ext. - 60% complete, next concrete formation for roundabout. Hwy 92/Prescott - 60% design complete. Chemin Agreeable - several cost alternatives for pavement preservation based on geo tech investigation and traffic counts. Hwy. 92 widening - working on Raise Grant. Fortune Rd Pavement Preservation - in DOTD's hands.
- Drainage Projects: Anslem Coulee - waiting on permit from Corps of Engineers to do environmental.
- Water & Sewer: Wastewater Treatment Plant - working on scope revisions. Pump Station 4 – delay due to personnel issues. Pump Station 3 - starts in January. Water plant - tank shaping up, plumbing, electrical, site work and limestone drives. SMP Pump Station - working on design. Waterline interconnections - scope revisions to confirm with LDH. Pump Station 5 - met with Clearstream to address upgrade.
- Sports Complex: Overview of games and leagues. Mardi Gras Mambo Tournament, February 28-March 2. Christmas Under the Stars Saturday, December 14th 4pm-9pm at the Amphitheater powered by SLEMCO.
- Recognized Bill Bryan & family for being awarded LA Tennis Association Family of the Year.

- Police Department – Chief Cody Louviere thanked the Mayor and team. He said that he’s proud of his and his team’s accomplishments, as the department progressed a lot during his tenure. Mayor Ritter thanked him for all he’s done for the department.

10.2 Council Announcements

- Mr. Niland thanked the citizens of Youngsville for electing him and thanked his family and friends and friends for their support.
- Ms. Champagne recognized Youngsville Middle School student Carley Simon as the Lafayette Parish Middle School Student of the Year.
- Mr. Romero congratulated Leadership Class 5, who set bar high with hosting the Artisan Market.
- Members of the Council thanked Chief Louviere & Ms. Creed for their service and congratulated Mr. Niland.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Shannon D. Barres, seconded by Lindy Bolgiano to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: Shannon D. Bares, Lindy Bolgiano, Matt Romero, Nicholas Nilandⁱ, Simone B. Champagne.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Approved.

/s/ Nicole Guidry

Nicole Guidry, City Clerk

/s/ Ken Ritter

Ken Ritter, Mayor

ⁱ Upon the execution of an Oath of Office for Mr. Nicholas Niland, City officials realized that the commission certificate from the December 7, 2024 election had not yet been issued. The minutes reflect all action taken, but Mr. Niland’s vote should not have been counted. The outcome of authorized voting remains unchanged.