

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JUNE 12, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Temp Brian Barthelemy who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Joseph Chauvin followed with a prayer. Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members – Melissa Pizani, Kelly Besson Jr., Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

ABSENT: Council Member – Lan Tivet

Motion by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously approved to open agenda for Blue Boot Foundation.

Motion by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously approved to close the agenda.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Elgene Gary and unanimously approve to accept the minutes of May 22, 2024 regular scheduled town meeting as written.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meetings of June 12, 2024 and June 26, 2024 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

**An ordinance amending the Town of Grand Isle Operating Budget for
FY beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.**

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meetings of June 12, 2024 and June 26, 2024 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

**An ordinance adopting the Town of Grand Isle Operating Budget for the FY
beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.**

Walter Theriot was recognized and reports on the following for May 17, 2024 to June 6, 2024: Total callouts 139, medicals 22, total arrest & total summons 4, total citations 19, total violations 20, golf cart summons 0, fines paid \$3,051.30, tags sold \$59,564.00.

Jimbo Adams with GIFD was recognized and reports on the following: Fund raiser for James "Baby J" Santiny one week from Saturday. 100% of profits goes to family.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following: **FEMA Updates** – 2021 Hurricane Ida still in progress. **Cheniére Fishing Pier** – Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously agreed to approve Pay Request No1 in the amount of \$285,689.16. **Town Hall Repairs** – Contract amount \$235,241.85. **TOGI Pump Station Rehab** - Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to approve Pay Request No3 in the amount of \$23,213.44. Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to approve Pay Request No4 in the amount of \$12,591.00. **Multiplex Building** Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to approve pay request No5 in the amount of \$147,155.00. **Jackson Lane Pump Station** – Completing design for pump station. **Orange Ln Pump** – Advertisement published on central bidding on 6-14-24. Pre bid conference 7-9-24 and bid opening on 7-23-24. **PPDR** – 28 total homes have been submitted. Estimated cost \$1.01 Million. **Baseball and Softball Field** – Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to approve Pay Request No3 in the amount of \$22,170.00.

Jake McGuire with Callahan Marine was recognized and reports on the following: Apricot Lane to Gilbert Lane total of 5000 feet will be closed off. Council Members agreed.

Weldon Danos with GIPC was recognized and reports on the following: **1.) Pier & Bulkhead Repair Project cost \$4.3 M** - *Driving sheet pilings on west side. Commercial Dock – Sea Level Construction. Target Completion – end of June. **2.) FY 24/24 State Capital Outlay Request** – Approval of \$500,000 Priority 5. West slip bulkhead repair. **3.) Kayak Rental Kiosk** – Installation complete at Kayak launch. Open for rentals Bayou Adventure APP. **4.) JEDCO AOC Production Day \$20K Grant** - Advertising & marketing Campaign GI AOC Oysters.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to transfer funds for the Grand Isle Police Department. Transfer \$4,000 from 5302-13 Utilities to 5408-13 Police Retirement. Transfer \$1,500 from code 5202-13 legal to 5201-13 Salaries. Transfer \$8,500 from 5312-13 Veh Repair to 5201-13 Salaries. Transfer \$5,500 from 5325-13 Gas to 5201-13 Salaries. Transfer \$6,000 from 5402-13 Wrk Comp to 5201-13 Salaries. Transfer \$14,500 from 5400-13 Ins to 5408-13 Retirement. Transfer \$767.50 from 5400-13 Ins to 5361-13 Lodging Deputies. Transfer \$7,600 from 5403-13 Emp Ins to 5408-13 Police Retirement. Transfer \$10.56 from 5308-13 Janitorial to 5360-13 Food for Prisoners. Transfer \$232.50 from 5323-13 Ammo to 5361-13 Lodging Deputies. Transfer \$543.70 from 5368-13 Uniforms to 5201-13 Salaries. Transfer \$179.47 from 5328-13 Sm Tools to 5201-13 Salaries.

Motion by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously approved to allow a letter of no objection to Coastal Use Permit #CUP20240114, Grand Isle Marine Acquisitions LLC proposed area east of Hurricane Hole, about 600' north of Hwy 1 for bulkheads, fill and wharves.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously approved to the request for Christmas in July Golf Cart Parade 7-6-24 on Highway 1.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously approved to allow a 20ft sign at the town right-of-way near Bridge Side Marina. Install call-to-action billboards about water safety in designated areas along the highway starting at the Grand Isle welcome sign.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/reports: **1.)** Sending out letters to property owners that have let their grass become overgrown. **2.)** The basketball court on Cott Ln and tennis court on Oak Ln need grass & limbs in the fenced area cut. **3.)** Send a request to JP Water Dept to address the patch work repairs done to roads be done in a timelier matter. **4.)** Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizana seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously approve a handicap access to the beach by Humble Rd be paid for from "Island Strong Beach Festival" fund.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Brian Barthelemy, Mayor Pro Temp
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet Scardino, Administrative Assistant
Town of Grand Isle