

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SCHEDULED REGULAR TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2023
1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Camardelle 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, Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

ABSENT: None

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 1:05 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to return from Executive Session at 1:17 p.m. to discuss legal issue.

Leonard Ray was recognized and reports on the following issue: 1.) Ask if anything has been done with the Old Cemetery on Cemetery Lane. Some grave sites have popped up or headstone has been knocked down.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of August 9, 2023 regular town meeting as written.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meetings of August 9, 2023 and August 23, 2023 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1034

An ordinance approving the re-division of property owned by Paul Truett Ray, Jr., identified as Lots 11, 12, and 13 of the A. Bourgerol Plan of 1841, fronting on Louisiana Highway 1, located in Section 26, T22S-R24E, Town of Grand Isle, Louisiana, in accordance with a plat by Charles L. McDonald Land Surveyor, Inc., dated May 8, 2023.

WHEREAS, Peter Cassagne would like to re-divide a portion of Lots 11, 12, and 13 of the A. Bourgerol Plan of 1841 by dividing it into two tracts, each 25' wide, to be sold to adjacent land owners;

WHEREAS, the two said proposed tracts of land are identified as Lot LE-“1” and Lot LE-“2”. Lot LE-“1” and Lot LE-“2” are lot extensions and shall only be sold to the adjacent property owners as identified by land hooks shown on a map prepared by Charles L. McDonald Surveyor, Inc., entitled, "MAP SHOWING THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO PAUL TRUETT RAY, JR. BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 11, 12, & 13 OF THE A. BOURGEROL PLAN OF 1841, LOCATED IN SECTION 26, T22S-R24E, JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA", dated May 8, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY the Town Council of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, that:

SECTION I: The plan of resubdivision of the above described property located in the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana and owned by Paul Truett Ray, Jr., is hereby approved and resubdivided into two (2) individual lot extension tracts named Lot LE-“1” and Lot LE-“2”, all in accordance with the plan prepared by Charles L. McDonald, Land Surveyors, Inc., entitled, "MAP SHOWING THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO PAUL TRUETT RAY, JR. BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 11, 12, & 13 OF THE A. BOURGEROL PLAN OF 1841, LOCATED IN SECTION 26, T22S-R24E, JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA", dated May 8, 2023.

This ordinance was considered section by section and as a whole and was offered by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet.

Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Melissa Pizani, Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Kelly Besson Jr.

This ordinance was declared adopted this 23rd day of August 2023 and becomes effective on said date.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meetings of August 9, 2023 and August 23, 2023 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1035

An ordinance approving the re-division of property owned by Peter Cassagne, identified as Lots 8, 9, and 10 of Block 6 of Gormley Subdivision, fronting on Lee Lane, located in Section 18, T22S-R24E, Town of Grand Isle, Louisiana, in accordance with a plat by Charles L. McDonald Land Surveyor, Inc., dated April 19, 2023.

WHEREAS, Peter Cassagne would like to re-divide Lots 8, 9, and 10 of Gormley Subdivision by shifting the lot lines to create two separate lots;

WHEREAS, the owner desires to re-divide said Lots 8, 9, and 10 of Block 6 of Gormley Subdivision into two separate tracts, namely Lot 8-A and Lot 9-A, all in accordance with a map prepared by Charles L. McDonald Surveyor, Inc., entitled, "MAP SHOWING LOT LINE SHIFT BETWEEN LOTS 8, 9, & 10 BLOCK 6 OF GORMLEY SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN SECTION 18, T22S-R24E, TOWN OF GRAND ISLE, JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA", dated April 19, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY the Town Council of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, that:

SECTION I: The plan of resubdivision of the above described property located on Cheniere Caminada, in the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana and owned by Peter Cassagne, is hereby approved and resubdivided from Lots 8, 9, and 10 of Block 6 of Gormley Subdivision, into two (2) individual tracts of Block 6 of Gormley Subdivision, namely Lot 8-A and Lot 9-A, all in accordance with the plan prepared by Charles L. McDonald, Land Surveyors, Inc., entitled, "MAP SHOWING LOT LINE SHIFT BETWEEN LOTS 8, 9, & 10 BLOCK 6 OF GORMLEY SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN SECTION 18, T22S-R24E, TOWN OF GRAND ISLE, JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA", dated April 19, 2023.

This ordinance was considered section by section and as a whole and was offered by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet.

Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Melissa Pizani, Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: Kelly Besson Jr.

This ordinance was declared adopted this 23rd day of August 2023 and becomes effective on said date.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meetings of August 23, 2023 and September 13, 2023 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance approving the Division of the property of Butch Gaspard, into Lot 32B-1, Lot 32B-2, and Lot 32B-3 which comprises the previously undivided Lot 32B, all being part of certain block of land all in accordance with a plan of Picciola & Associates, Inc., Joseph C. Picciola, II, Surveyor, dated November 30, 2021, and revised on July 6, 2022, August 22, 2022, and July 10, 2023.

Walter Theriot Jr. was recognized and reports on the following for August 4 – August 17, 2023. Total callouts 83, medicals 7, total arrest & total summons 18, total citations 23 total violations 29, golf cart summons 0, court fines paid \$6,595.77, tags sold \$7,057.00.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) FEMA Updates – 2020 Hurricane Zeta work in progress follow up meeting needs to be scheduled. 2021 Hurricane Ida work in progress: 1.) Multiplex Ctr approved for FEMA funding. GOHSEP has requested 20%retainage from Hurricane Ida. 2.) Orange Lane Pump Station – Aims Group is working on updating bid package for this project to be rebid. 3.) Grand Isle and Vicinity Breakwaters – Stone Contract contractor on site. Working on west end. Completion date December 2023. Construction duration is 270 days. Dune Repairs awarded. Anticipated construction notices to proceed July 2023. Anticipated construction duration 400 days. 4.) Mayor and Council Request – Requested that GIS provide construction cost estimate for pump stations: Orange Lane, Chighizola Lane, Landry’s Hole, Cypress Lane. Permits Updates: Landry Hole & Cypress – DNR required the project to start by May 2022. Orange Lane DNR required start by July 2023. Chighizola pump DNR required to start by March 2024. 5.) PPDR – Working on plans and specs for Batch 1 and Batch 2. GIS is working on cost estimate on the demo of homes. 6.) Town Hall rehab design completed. Advertised for bidding and pre bid is 8-23-23. 7.) Public meeting concerning FiFi Island at GI Multiplex Ctr on 8-17-23 at 11:00 a.m. 8.) Emergency repairs on hurricane protection levee between Alma Lane & Boudreaux Lane. Waiting on funding from CPRA.

Carles Sponge was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Everything with the outside crew is going good.

Ronnie Sampey with the GI Garden Club was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Some crossovers going to beach some signs cannot be seen because of shrubs. Fifteen crossings have signs. 2.) Representative Joseph Orgeron is sending a group of volunteers here to clean up the 90* West Park on 8-24-23. 2.) Historical district needs to be restored. There is State and Federal funding for this.

Weldon Danos with GIPC was recognized and reports on the following: **Port Improvement Project Update:** 1.) Repair existing piers & bulkhead. Sea Level Construction , Bid Award. Coordinating all funding CEA’s. Ground breaking Ceremony in September 2023. **Fema Ida Projects Update:** 1.) 5 bids for Kayak Launch, 4 bids on Handicap Fishing Pier, 8 bids on Port Facility Roads. Bid Awards in September 2023.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meetings of September 13 and September 27, 2023 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance approving the re-division of property owned by Odson Danos, Jr. Estate, identified as Tract E of property formerly belonging to the John Plaisance Estate, fronting on Melon Lane, located in Section 28, T-22-S, R-24-E, Town of Grand Isle, Louisiana, in accordance with a plat by Picciola & Associates, Inc., dated November 22, 2022, and revised November 28, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2850

A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or in his absence the Mayor Pro Temp, to execute and submit a Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program Waiver of Land Use/Permitting Form to the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) for calendar year 2023 relative to temporary housing assistance which may become necessary in case of a presidential declaration of a major disaster or emergency.

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is a state agency within the office of the governor that prepares and maintains the state emergency operations plans; and

WHEREAS, GOHSEP coordinates emergency operations plans with parish and municipal governing authorities throughout the state including developing a program to provide additional funding and resources for temporary housing and shelter assistance to the governing authorities following a presidential declaration of a major disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, Act 526/HB 1070 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session related to temporary housing and shelter assistance and mandated that a parish governing authority shall be eligible for participation in program assistance if certain requirements were met; and

WHEREAS, a primary requirement of GOHSEP’s program is that to participate, a governing authority will submit a certification to GOHSEP that the governing authority will waive land use regulations relative to permitting for mobile homes, recreational vehicles, and other temporary housing directly adjacent to the survivor’s damaged dwelling to allow for expedited temporary housing assistance in the jurisdiction of the governing authority; and

WHEREAS, Act 526/HB 1070 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session and GOHSEP require that a governing authority “opt in” or “opt out” of the Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program by submitting the appropriate waiver form every calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Town of Grand Isle desire to opt-in to GOHSEP’s Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program for calendar year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Town Council of the Town of Grand, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana that:

SECTION 1. That it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Grand Isle to “opt in” to GOHSEP’s Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program and that in accordance with La. R.S. 726 (F)(3)(b) and La R.S. 726 (F)(4) (Act 526, 2022) it is hereby certified that Town of Grand Isle will waive any land use regulations relative to permitting for the temporary placement and occupancy of mobile homes, recreational vehicles (RV’s) and/or other temporary housing directly adjacent to the disaster survivor’s damaged dwelling to allow for the expedited temporary housing assistance in the Town of Grand Isle.

SECTION 2. There are no immediate costs associated with the execution and submission of the waiver form.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor, or in his absence the Mayor Pro Temp, is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents required to give full force and effect to this resolution.

This resolution was jointly offered by the Council Members.

Vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Melissa Pizani, Kelly Besson Jr., Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

This resolution was declared adopted this 23rd day of August 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2851

A RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TO IMPLEMENT THE EXISTING MEASURES TO LIMIT THE OVERALL VOLUME OF IMPORTED SHRIMP IN AMERICA IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL OF OUR DOMESTIC WILD CAUGHT SHRIMP HARVESTERS AND AMERICA'S ACCESS TO WILD HARVESTED SHRIMP FROM DOMESTIC WATERS; URGING THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, WHEN CONSIDERING IMPORTS TO INCLUDE ALL FORMS OF SHRIMP FROM ALL COUNTRIES; AND OTHERWISE TO PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the influx of imported shrimp in America has resulted in the catastrophic collapse of the domestic shrimp industry; and,

WHEREAS, many boat owners/operators has been docked thereby creating significant challenges to our local economy and the countless individuals who rely on this sector; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Gulf of Mexico has historically been a thriving hub for shrimp production, with rich waters and a favorable climate creating optimal conditions for shrimp stocks and harvest; and,

WHEREAS, imported shrimp now dominates cold storage, distribution hubs and the American market at a level that voids the margin of the market the domestic harvesters are able to fulfill; and,

WHEREAS, if action is not taken, not only will small family fishing businesses owners go under but, also businesses with which we conduct commerce with will go under. Furthermore, working waterfront and land-based fishery infrastructure will be lost, thereby losing access to this wild caught food source; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of the inundation of imported shrimp into our markets have caused immense disruption and economic instability for our local shrimp producers, including the risk of closure or already being shut down. The loss also extends to the loss of livelihoods and the socio-economic well-being of the communities reliant of this industry.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Grand Isle Council, the governing authority, urges the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative to implement the existing measures to limit the overall volume of imported shrimp in America in order to ensure the survival of our domestic wild caught shrimp harvesters and America's access to wild harvested shrimp from domestic waters; and urging the Commissioners of the international Trade Commission, when considering imports, to include all forms of shrimp from all countries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to all of the following:

- All Commissioners of the International Trade Commission
- The U.S. Secretary of Commerce, The Honorable Gina Raimondo
- The U.S. Trade Representative, The Honorable Katherine Tai
- Governor John Bel Edwards
- U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy
- U.S. Representative Steve Scalise
- U.S. Senator John Kennedy
- Representatives Michael Fesi, R. L. "Brett" Allain, Beryl Amedée, Jerome "Zee" Zeringue and Tanner Magee

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the secretary of this Town of Grand Isle is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify and release this Resolution and the town officials and employees are authorized to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, both without further reading and approval by the government of the Town of Grand Isle.

This resolution was offered by Council Member Brian Barthelemy, seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr.

Vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Melissa Pizani, Kelly Besson Jr., Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

This resolution was declared adopted this 23rd day of August 2023.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed that the following employees are eligible for benefits:

Deanna Crosby	5-13-23	police dispatcher
James Lasseigne	6-23-23	police dispatcher
Haydon Fields	6-28-23	outside laborer
Seth Dismukes	7-22-23	outside laborer

Motion by Council Member Lan Tivet seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to transfer funds for the GIPD. Transfer \$67.51 from 5305-13, miscellaneous to 5361-13 food/lodge deputies.

Council Member Kelly Besson Jr request/reports: 1.) Thanks to Carles and outside crew for the work done at the Carl Santiny Park located on Chighizola Lane.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/reports: 1.) Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously agreed to donate \$20,000.00 from Island Strong Music Festival to Grand Isle High School athletic department for new uniforms for all sports. 2.) Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to donate \$100,000.00 from the Island Strong Music Festival to the Town of Grand Isle to be used for a drainage pump system on the west end of Grand Isle to help drain LA 1 to Caminada Bay.

Mayor's Report: 1.) Meeting with GIS Engineering visiting FiFi Island to restore with rocks and trees by applying for a grant. 2.) Working with "Restore Grand Isle" for historical homes and The Oleander Hotel to receive funding.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

David J. Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet Scardino, Mayor's Assistant
Town of Grand Isle