TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2026
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. Leonard Ray followed with a prayer. Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members – James Cheramie, Harley Stelly, Loren Gonzalez, Brian Barthelemy, Michael Scioneaux
ABSENT: none

Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Michael Scioneaux and unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session at 6:02 pm to discuss two pending litigation matters.

Motion by Council Member Loren Gonzalez seconded by Council Member James Cheramie and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 6:20 pm

Motion by Council Member Michael Scioneaux seconded by Council Member Harley Stelly and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of October 14, 2026 regular scheduled meeting.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meeting of October 28, 2026 and November 4, 2026 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to contract with SAFEbuilt LLC to serve as the Town's Certified Building Official and provide building code, inspection, floodplain, and permitting platform services, and amending Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances accordingly. Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Harley Stelly and unanimously agreed to defer authorizing contract with SAFEbuilt LLC until November 18, 2026.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meeting of October 28, 2026 and November 4, 2026 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to establish updated building permit, plan review, inspection, and related fees, and authorizing the Building Official to determine required inspections. Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Harley Stelly and unanimously agreed to defer until November 19, 2026 amending the Code of Ordinance to establish updated building permit, plan review, inspection and related fees, and authorizing the Building Official to determine required inspection.

Sergeant Cullen Orgeron was recognized and reports on the following for October 8 through October 21, 2026. Total callouts 40, medicals/fire 8, total arrest & total summons 0, total citations 7, total violations 8, total summons 0, total charges 0, court fines paid $4,649.07, tags sold $825.00.

Grace Foussell with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following:
1.) Community Center - $145K estimate cost to repair structural supports, estimate painting columns $90K, HAVC estimate $148K. Estimated total $2,442,673.00 for repairs. GIS is waiting for an update of decision from FEMA. **2.) GI and Vicinity Hurricane Ida Breakwater Repairs** – Contractor is currently performing work on breakwater 9. **3.) LADOTD** – relocation of gas line is completed. Asphalt patching has begun.

Council Member James Cheramie request & reports: 1.) Thanks to everyone who voted early 2.) Blighted properties some not addressed. Find property owners then send letter to owner. If not cleaned up, town will proceed then send property owner invoice.

Council Member Harley Stelly request & reports: 1.) Thanksgiving Annual Luncheon will be November 22, 2026 @ 11:00 am Grand Isle Multiplex Bldg.

Council Member Loren Gonzalez request & reports: 1.) Thanks to everyone that helped, donated and attended the Pumpkin Patch. It was a success.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request & reports: 1.) Valve needs replacing at the end of Sunset Lane. 2.) GI Emergency Service is getting a brand new ambulance. 3.) Beach rocks project shut down due to weather. Three segments are completed. 4.) Thank you for coming to meeting.

Council Member Michael Scioneaux request & reports: 1.) Fence at cemetery has been repaired.

Motion by Council Member Michael Scioneaux seconded by Council Member Harley Stelly and unanimously approved to adjourn meeting at 6:46 p.m.

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Brian Barthelemy, Mayor Pro Tempore
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

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Patricia Bellanger, Secretary
Town of Grand Isle