

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 23, 2020 @ 6:00 PM**

Based on the Public Health Emergency in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 and all subsequent Proclamations made by the Governor of the Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy have determined that in order to continue the necessary operations of government, but to also take into account the orders of the Governor, the guidance issued by the Louisiana Attorney General, and the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy will meet via video/teleconference at the posted date and time to only take up any matters on its agenda which are necessary to ensure the public function and which require a vote of the Board of Aldermen.

All parties, including the public, are invited to access the meeting via (1) the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7202485193> or (2) by dialing (312)626-6799 and entering the Access Code 7202485193#.

If a member of the public would like to issue public comment on any agenda item, please do one of the following: (1) Send an email, prior to the meeting, to the Town Clerk, amyp@townofgramercy.com, stating the agenda item you want to submit a comment upon, along with your full name, address, and your written comments which will be read into the record of the meeting; or (2) Dial into the teleconference line at (312)626-6799 and enter Access Code 7202485193#. You will be allowed to comment during the Public Comment item of the agenda on any matter requiring a vote of the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in special session on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Mayor Nosacka called the meeting to order, and asked that the clerk call roll:

There were present: Mayor Steven Nosacka, Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Barbara Woods

There were absent: None

There were also present: Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre, Attorney Bruce Mohon

The notice of the special meeting was as follows:

July 22, 2020

Board of Aldermen
Town of Gramercy
Louisiana

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Please be advised that there will be a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom for the following purpose:

- RESOLUTION 22-2020 RESOLUTION TO OBTAIN SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS**

Thank you.

Sincerely,
/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the undersigned Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana do hereby acknowledge receipt in due time of the call to the special meeting to be held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

ALDERMEN
/s/ Darren Brack
/s/ Craig Calcagno
/s/ Theron Louque
/s/ Clyde Wiggins
/s/ Barbara Woods

Alderman Brack stated that he would like to see any funds received go towards drug education or rehabilitation programs for Gramercy residents; all agreed to the suggestions provided by Alderman Brack.

RESOLUTION 22-2020

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WHEREAS, opioid use and issues and treatment related thereto have become a huge societal problem locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, various entities are attempting to recover past and future damages associated with this opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, in the past years and in the future, has been and will be affected by the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy should attempt to recover its damages past and future associated with this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy wishes to retain special legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy recommends the appointment of Leger & Shaw, Long & Long and the Law Offices of Bruce G. Mohon, LLC, and associated attorneys and paralegals. Leger & Shaw, Long & Long and the Law Offices of Bruce G. Mohon, LLC are experienced attorneys with the requisite expertise to render special counsel services and represent the Town of Gramercy regarding opioid litigation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. The Town of Gramercy hereby resolves that a necessity exists for the employment of special counsel, and, the Town of Gramercy, ratifies and approves the employment of Leger & Shaw, Long & Long, and the Law Offices of Bruce G. Mohon, LLC and associated attorneys and paralegals, as special counsel for the Town of Gramercy in the above described matters and to take any and all actions necessary to pursue any right or claim of the Town of Gramercy related to the opioid crisis and litigation. It is further resolved that Mayor Steven T. Nosacka is duly authorized to sign and execute any and all documents necessary including but not limited to a contingency fee retainer agreement to retain the services of the aforementioned firms and counsel.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Brack and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS:	Louque, Brack, Calcagno, Wiggins, Woods
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 23th day of July, 2020.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Wiggins, and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS:	Brack, Calcagno, Louque, Wiggins, Woods
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

And the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

/s/ Amy O. St. Pierre, Town Clerk