

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORD NO. 700-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-22, REGULAR MEETINGS

No oral or written comments were received on the above named ordinance. Mayor Nosacka closed the public hearing and continued with regular order of business.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gramercy Town Hall.

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

There were present: Mayor Steven Nosacka, Alderman Jody Bourgeois, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Betty C. Coleman, Alderman Rhonda Lee, Alderman Claude Wiggins

There were absent: None

There were also present: Chief of Police Brent Dicharry, Town Attorney Robert Fauchaux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received on agenda items.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Shane LeBlanc announced his candidacy for St. James Parish Clerk of Court. He has worked in the Clerk of Courts office for 20 years and focus will be to make the clerk's office more modern.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka announced a public meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Gramercy Town Hall to discuss the levy of a sales and use tax. The Sheriff's Senior Citizen Crime Expo will be held September 14, 2017, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the KC Hall in Lutchet. The Town will not issue solicitor's permits for door to door sales. The rain event earlier this month exposed problems with drainage canals. Mayor Nosacka met with School Board Superintendent Cancienne concerning drainage by Gramercy Elementary. Mayor Nosacka invited Mr. Thomas Ragas to give an update on the status of the cleanup work being done by his property. Mr. Ragas stated that he is continuing to work to meet the 90 day deadline.

REPORTS ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Mayor Nosacka reported that we are waiting for survey findings on the E. Railroad Avenue project. Mr. Fauchaux recommended getting an appraisal of the entire lot and the portion we will need.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief Brent Dicharry stated he had no report for this month. Alderman Coleman suggested that the officer on duty could help with code enforcement issues.

B. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux stated that Beaver Canal was washed out near the railroad tracks during the rain event of September 5, 2017. St. James School Board Superintendent Dr. Cancienne thanked Gramercy Police Department for helping make sure children arrived home safely after school was dismissed due to rain event.

REPORTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Commission Chairman Barry LeBlanc reported that new yellow permit sign are now being issued. The signs are more visible; making is easier to see who has applied for a permit. He suggested the Board look into a swimming pool ordinance. Mr. Fauchaux advised against it, citing the liability it could cause the town. Mr. LeBlanc gave a personal thank you to the Police Department for their help with an emergency concerning his mother.

REPORTS FROM GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Calcagno passed out this monthly report. DHH recently completed an inspection of the concession stands. A couple of violations were found and are currently being addressed. A meeting has been scheduled to consider moving forward with the Master Plan.

ORDINANCES – FINAL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 700-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-22, REGULAR MEETINGS

WHEREAS, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2-22 to change the time of the regular meetings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The following shall be amended and read as:

Chapter 2, Section 2-22. Regular meetings.

The mayor and the board of aldermen shall meet in regular session on the second Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Said Ordinance having been introduced Monday, August 14, 2017, notice of public hearing having been published on August 31, 2017 said public meeting been held on Monday, September 11, 2017 the title having been read.

Ordinance failed due to lack of a motion.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 21-17 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH ATOMS IN MOTION, LLC TO INSTALL UTILITY SERVICES IN RETURN FOR THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE BUSINESS

WHEREAS, Atoms in Motion, LLC is constructing a new Family Fun and Entertainment Center to be located at 1315 Deroche Circle, within the Town limits; and

WHEREAS, this new retail business will provide employment as well as property and sales tax revenues to the Town of Gramercy; and,

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:9020, authorizes local governmental subdivisions to engage in economic development projects for the purposes of aiding in cooperative development; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy expects the creation of jobs, and the expansion of the property tax and sales tax base to result in benefit to the Town in excess of the services provided by the Town.

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

SECTION I. Mayor, Steven T. Nosacka, is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Atoms in Motion, LLC for the installation of utility services for this new business establishment.

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

YEAS:	Bourgeois, Calcagno, Coleman, Lee, Wiggins
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of September, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-17 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT FOR GRASS CUTTING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy is committed to assisting the Gramercy Recreation District (GRD), wherever legally possible and financially cost-effective, and in a manner that is mutually beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the Gramercy Recreation District has a need for a more cost-effective source for grass cutting and related custodial activities and services, and,

WHEREAS, it appears that the Town of Gramercy can possibly provide these services on a mutually beneficial basis.

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

SECTION I. Mayor, Steven T. Nosacka, is hereby authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Gramercy Recreation District to provide Grass Cutting, Daily Monitoring and related services at GRD facilities.

With advice of Town Attorney, Alderman Craig Calcagno requested to be recused from voting because he is a Gramercy Recreation District Board member. Alderman Calcagno did not vote on the resolution.

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

YEAS: Bourgeois, Coleman, Lee, Wiggins
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of September, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Coleman, second by Alderman Wiggins and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to adopt the minutes as published.

PAYMENT OF BILLS/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Calcagno, and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno has received reports of a resident operating a catering business out of his home; he asked the mayor to look into this complaint. He inquired about the status of a mobile home on S. Oak that is being demolished; it seems to be at a stand-still.

Alderman Bourgeois thanked everyone for their support during a recent family tragedy. Reported a stop sign is needed at the corner of N. Magnolia and N. Pine Street.

Alderman Lee reported drainage issues in the 200 block of N. Ezidore. Alderman Lee is excited about the new website coming soon.

Alderman Wiggins reported that Entergy crews will be in Texas and Florida helping with storm related needs, this will affect the time frame street light outages are repaired. Alderman Wiggins spoke with Rep. Cedric Richardson concerning a red light by US 61 & LA Hwy 3274. Rep. Richardson pledge his support to this project.

Alderman Coleman recently spoke with Judge Gravois about the cost of "Keep Gramercy Beautiful" signs. She has not received any response at this time.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Fauchaux had no report for this month.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Lee, second by Alderman Wiggins and approved to adjourn 8:15 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

/s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk