

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JUNE 9, 2025**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 770-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 771-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 772-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 773-2025 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA.

No comments were received on the above ordinance.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Wiggins, and unanimously approved.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Gramercy Town Hall:

Mayor Bourgeois called the meeting to order and asked the clerk to call roll:

There were present: Mayor Steven Bourgeois, Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Percy Williams.

There were absent: None

There were also present: Police Chief Dustin Jenkins, Town Attorney Robert Fauchaux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS

Shelly Warren, 605 N Pine Street, invited everyone to attend the Juneteenth Celebration at Amato Park in Lutchter on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 4:00 pm. She asked how the town selected the contractor to do the road work on N. Pine Street. Mayor Bourgeois stated that we asked for quotes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Williams, and approved to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting dated May 12, 2025.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Bourgeois asked for approval of the payment of bills. A motion was made by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Wiggins and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchaux has filed the lawsuit against Charles Martin with the 23rd Judicial Court. There have been no improvements to the property located at 115 N Colonial Avenue. The owners have been notified to appear in Mayor's Court on June 26, 2025.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief Jenkins passed the department's monthly report. Since the passing of the new golf cart ordinance, officers have been on the lookout for golf carts that do not meet the ordinance's standards. This week, he is attending the New Chief Management Course in Baton Rouge.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Director Jody Ordeneaux has confirmed the contact information on our emergency contracts, and everything is in place.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman Alex Gerhold inquired whether anyone knew the new property owner's intentions at 308 E Airline Highway. Mayor Bourgeois responded that no information had been brought to his attention. The board needs to review the blighted property in town.

ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

Parish Councilman Todd Poche reported that repairs to the railroad tracks have begun. He thanked the Department of Transportation for its help in moving this project forward. Operations Director Rick Weber is set to receive concrete batting. He will inform us when it arrives, so the town can use it.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack reported that the N. Pine Street repairs have begun.

Alderman Louque inquired if the final payment for the Ferrero Canal Project could be held until we have an answer to why the materials used have bubbles.

Alderman Williams reported that the railroad repair under the bridge is complete. The tracks on S. Airline Avenue and David Street also need repair. He reported several streetlight outages.

Alderman Wiggins spoke to the property owner at 229 S Cherry Street about cleaning the yard and cutting the grass; the next day, the yard was cleaned, and the grass was cut. He asked when the house at 278 S Airline Avenue will be torn down.

Alderman Calcagno turned in his monthly report. The property owner at 606 N Millet was notified that a permit was needed to install a home generator. The engineer has contacted the contractor about the bubbles in the concrete liner in the Ferrero Canal. The crossing was replaced on LA 3213. Also, a FRA Track Inspector was contracted, who came to inspect the crossings with a CN person. Our ordinance concerning animal control should be reviewed for updates.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois extended his condolences to former Mayor Steven Nosacka and his family on the passing of his mother, Martha Nosacka. We have received notification of a failed water sample. We are replacing missing filter media, the tower cleaning is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, and he has spoken to a consultant to review our operations. Bids for utility relocation for the roundabout were received, and the lowest bid was \$816,000.00. The Department of Transportation does reimburse expenses for these types of projects. Mayor Bourgeois read a proclamation naming June 19, 2025 as a day of celebration in honor of Juneteenth.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 770-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 762-2024 was adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Gramercy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, The General Fund budget contained in Ordinance No. 762-2024 must be amended to provide for reduction of revenue and increase of expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that:

SECTION I. The attached estimate of revenues as reflected in the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Amended Budget of Revenues of the Infrastructure Sales Tax Fund for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION II. The attached detailed statement of expenditures as reflected in the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Amended Budget of Expenditures of the Infrastructure Sales Tax Fund for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION III. The adoption of the Amended Budget of Expenditures reflected in the attached line-item budget containing account object of expenditures classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditures.

SECTION IV. The amount appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefore in the Amended Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making appropriations to, and for the contingent fund to be used in case of emergency.

SECTION V. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI. If any provisions or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby severable.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, May 12, 2025 notice of public hearing having been published on May 22, 2025, said public hearing held on Monday, June 9, 2025 the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Williams, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 9th day of June, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 771-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 762-2024 was adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Gramercy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, The Special Revenue Fund budget contained in Ordinance No. 762-2024 must be amended to provide for reduction of revenue and increase of expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that:

SECTION I. The attached estimate of revenues as reflected in the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Amended Budget of Revenues of the Infrastructure Sales Tax Fund for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION II. The attached detailed statement of expenditures as reflected in the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Amended Budget of Expenditures of the Infrastructure Sales Tax Fund for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION III. The adoption of the Amended Budget of Expenditures reflected in the attached line-item budget containing account object of expenditures classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditures.

SECTION IV. The amount appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefore in the Amended Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making appropriations to, and for the contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

SECTION V. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI. If any provisions or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby severable.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, May 12 2025, notice of public hearing having been published on May 22, 2025 said public hearing held on Monday, June 9, 2025 the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Calcagno, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 9th day of June, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 772-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 762-2024 was adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Gramercy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, The Special Revenue Fund budget contained in Ordinance No. 762-2024 must be amended to provide for reduction of revenue and increase of expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that:

SECTION I. The attached estimate of revenues as reflected in the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Amended Budget of Revenues of the Special Revenue Fund for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION II. The attached detailed statement of expenditures as reflected in the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Amended Budget of Expenditures of the Special Revenue Fund for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION III. The adoption of the Amended Budget of Expenditures reflected in the attached line-item budget containing account object of expenditures classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditures.

SECTION IV. The amount appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefore in the Amended Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making appropriations to, and for the contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

SECTION V. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI. If any provisions or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby severable.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, May 12, 2025 notice of public hearing having been published on May 22, 2025, said public hearing held on Monday, June 9, 2025 the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Calcagno, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken, and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 9th day of June, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 773-2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana that:

SECTION I. The attached estimate of revenues as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION II. The attached statement of expenditures as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line-time budget, and such other fiscal exhibits, and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION III. The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures as reflected in the attached line-item budget containing account object of expenditures classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditures.

SECTION IV. The amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefore in the Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making appropriation to, and the establishing of a contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

SECTION V. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI. If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby severable.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, May 12, 2025 notice of public hearing having been published on May 22, 2025, said public hearing held on Monday, June 9, 2025, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Brack, second by Alderman Wiggins, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 9th day of June 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gramercy, Chapter 18 provides for the repair or demolition of what has been determined to be unsafe structures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined the structures located at multiple locations in the Town to be unsafe; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has accomplished and satisfied all of the Notice requirements in Chapter 18; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-29 (a) requires the determination by the Board of Aldermen that a structure is unreasonable to repair and that demolition is required.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to proceed with demolition and removal of the following structures, subject to compliance with the notice and appeal provisions contained within the Ordinance:

DAVID WAGUESPACK - 715 N AIRLINE AVE - PARCEL ID 0100115000 (MOBILE HOME)

ARIZONA & ERNESTINE BATISTE - 1573 ROSE STREET - PARCEL ID 0100017440 (MOBILE HOME)

DARLENE SCOTT - 222 S ELM STREET - PARCEL ID 0100120240 (MOBILE HOME)

REGINALD & WANDA BATISTE - 291 S MULBERRY ST - PARCEL ID 0100005500

PHILIP POCHE - 278 S AIRLINE AVE - PARCEL ID 0100093000

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 9TH day of June, 2025.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

/s/ Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk