The monthly meeting of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Gretna was held on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025;** at Gretna City Hall, 740 Second Street, Council Chambers, on the second floor, Gretna, Louisiana.

Notice of Public Meeting (Council Regular Meeting)

Notice of the monthly meeting of the Mayor and City Council was duly published as prescribed by law in the legal journal of the New Orleans Advocate; and posted on the bulletin board, at the main entrance of Gretna City Hall; 740 Second Street, Gretna, LA 70053; and to the City's Website.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Belinda C. Constant chaired the Council Regular monthly meeting; the City Clerk was present; Mayor Constant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. -The roll was called; a quorum of four Council Members was present; Wayne A. Rau, Councilman at Large; Rudy S, Smith, District 1; Michael A. Hinyub, District 2; Mark K. Miller, District 3. - Absent: None

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Upon opening of the meeting, Councilman Rau (Councilman at Large) offered a prayer. Thereafter, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Amend Agenda - (April 9, 2025)

On a motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Smith, IT WAS RESOLVED** to amend the Agenda to <u>ADD</u> two resolutions for adoption and two ordinances for introduction. **Resolution (1)** A resolution by the City of Gretna, proclaiming the month of May 2025, as Building Safety Month; and stressing the importance of adopting modern building codes, and understanding the importance of safe building structures. Encouraging citizens to join with their community by taking part in Building Safety Month activities. Resolution (2) A resolution authorizing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Jefferson and the City of Gretna to provide funding in an amount not to exceed 75,000.00 for night vision goggles and drones. **Ordinance (1)** An ordinance to require the production of financial suitability to establish the sufficiency of financial resources, for good cause shown, prior to extending time periods for vested rights and conducting major site plan reviews. **Ordinance (2)** An ordinance pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statues §§ 33: 4712 to declare certain weapons formerly used by the Gretna Police Department as surplus property because of their age and obsolescence, authorizing the private sale of same to current or former Gretna Police officers and fixing the minimum price of same; and the same were unanimously approved.

3. Opening Remarks by the Mayor: None

4. Oath of Office - Unexpired Terms: (June 30, 2025)

-Mr. W. J. LeBlanc, City Attorney said that Councilman Berthelot had several health conditions that necessitated his stepping down. He served his district well, he was his councilman, and was a proud graduate of Archbishop Shaw. Councilman Berthelot was a credit to the city, but he did not feel he could give the full commitment that he has in the past to the job which was why he tendered his resignation, which was effective March 30, 2025, the day after the election; and paved the way for an appointment for the unexpired term through June 30, 2025. Luckily, there were only two individuals running for District 4, representative; therefore the councilman elect was Mr. Randy S. Carr, to be appointed tonight to finish the unexpired term (June 30, 2025).

-Councilman Miller said that Councilman Berthelot worked very well with him; he enjoyed his time working with him; our district abutted each other. He was always willing to cooperate full steam on creative ideas to better their districts. He appreciated his camaraderie, and his efforts to the city.

-Councilman Hinyub, said he certainly appreciated the service and hard work that Councilman Berthelot gave to the city. He will be missed greatly and wished him the best; we appreciated his service.

-Councilman Smith, said he had the privilege to associate with Councilman Berthelot who was a friend to him; had helped him on many occasions and made recommendations to him. He wished him well and he will be missed.

-Councilman Rau, said he has known Councilman Berthelot all of his life; grew up in the same neighborhood. Councilman Berthelot put forth efforts to get things done and helped his constituents as much as he could. His health kept deteriorating and hampering in his efforts to do the job as he wanted to do. Thanked him for the work he has done for the city.

Best of luck to Councilman Jackie J. Berthelot in his future endeavors.

A. Council Member, District 4 - Randy S. Carr.

-Councilman Michael A. Hinyub, District 4, for the City of Gretna, proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Randy S. Carr as the newly elected Council Member for Councilmanic District 4, to complete the unexpired term (Ending June 30, 2025), for the City of Gretna, Louisiana. Councilman Carr will again be sworn in as the newly elected Council Member for District 4; (Term July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029).

-Councilman Randy S. Carr, thanked his wife Lisa Carr, for standing beside him. Thanked everyone who helped in his campaign for Council representative for District 4. He was humbled by the trust placed on him by the citizens of District 4. He said he was proud of the strong foundation of the City of Gretna; we have a great Mayor and devout Council. As a newly elected councilman, he comes with a spirit of service; his priority would be to listen, to learn and to lead with integrity. It was not about personal gain, but about public good; building bridges, not walls.

B. Chief of Police - Brett J. Lawson.

-Chief Arthur S. Lawson, Jr. thanked his wife Brenda Lawson and all the members of his family. Thanked former Councilman Jackie J. Berthelot on his retirement and the service provided to the City. Chief Lawson thanked the Miller Family, particularly for giving him the opportunity to eventually become Chief of Police upon the retirement of Chief Miller.

-Councilman Rau, said Chief Lawson did the right things for the right reasons; and has always been there to make the difference and to what happens to the people of the City of Gretna. Chief Arthur Lawson has been a true leader for this city and has been a mentor for so many; a true police officer and chief. Chief Arthur Lawson will be missed by all. Wished him the best of everything.

-Councilman Smith said he was fortunate to work with Chief Arthur Lawson. He recognized his character, and he is a highly respected by all in the community. He has a personality, he knows how to address people and to provide the services the constituents in the community to feel safe.

-Councilman Hinyub said it has been an honor and a privilege it has been to work with Chief Miller. Chief Lawson is the patriarch of the Gretna family. He is one of a kind, he is the most genuine person that you ever want to meet with impeccable character. He will be missed working with him, he will always be there for us. Congratulations on your retirement.

-Councilman Miller said it has been an honor and a blessing working with Chief Arthur Lawson; he learned and appreciated his guidance and the leadership given to the city. Enjoy your retirement and the children.

-Councilman Carr thanked Chief Arthur Lawson for taking care of the citizens during Hurricane Katrina. Although, he has not worked with Chief Arthur Lawson, he sure looks forward to working with Brett Lawson. Have a great retirement.

-Mayor Constant was overwhelmed on the departure of Chief Arthur Lawson. Narrated the many experiences she learned from Chief Arthur Lawson. Witnessed the unprecedented loyalty to law enforcement and safety and love for a community. Mayor Constant thanked Chief Arthur Lawson for his respect, trust; the city was transformed collectively because of the trust between the Gretna Administration and the Gretna Police Department and appreciated that because it allowed her be an effective mayor. Thank you so much, and you will be greatly missed. This in an incredible community with an incredible leadership; that come together for the greater good of our citizens. Thank you Brenda Lawson, thank you for the friendship. Expressed she was happy that the Police Department leadership was shifting from Lawson one to Lawson two and the transition will be easy for all.

-Chief Arthur S. Lawson, Jr., Gretna Police Department, proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to appoint Brett J. Lawson as the interim Chief of Police, to complete the unexpired term (Ending June 30, 2025), for the City of Gretna, Louisiana. Mr. Brett J. Lawson will be sworn in as the newly unopposed Chief of Police for the City of Gretna (Term July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029).

New Police Chief Brett J. Lawson congratulated his father Chief Arthur Lawson on his outstanding career. His fifty years in service to the City of Gretna have been remarkable. His leadership has raised the bar for everyone in the law enforcement community who bears the title. The true measure of his legacy laid on his humility and compassion. He appreciated Chief Arthur Lawson continued guidance and look forward to using what he has taught him to inspire his own leadership role. Chief Brett Lawson thanked his wife Ruth for giving her life to Gretna; because she did not grow up in Gretna, but she fully embraced Gretna and its culture. Thank you for understanding his determination, passion and drive to be a difference maker and a leader.

Thanked his daughter Rowan for giving him her permission to serve this community.

-Chief Brett Lawson thanked his mother Brenda, "the unsung hero." She has endured a home of three law enforcement has surrounded her for her entire life; she truly "bleeds blue" thank you for your continued prayers for safety, strength and wisdom. Chief Brett Lawson thanked the Miller Family, thanking them for being here and for their support. Mayor Constant and Council, thank you for your confidence in me. Your support over the years has been meaningful and influential in his own growth. Expressed he was grateful for each of our individual relationships and the continued emphasis on unity. Blessed to come into a situation where this community desired continuity, he will bring forth a continued administration of strength, focus, integrity, compassion and professionalism. This community has given over and over to his family and this police department, and this community will get the best. He promised that the Gretna Police Department will be better on his last day, than it is today.

Mayor Constant acknowledged all elected officials here in attendance of this epic meeting. Harahan Chief of Police, Kenner, State Representative Vincent Cox, Councilman District 5, thank you for coming.

-Mayor Constant informed that the Official Swearing In for all Gretna officials will be on June 30, 2025, at the Mel Ott Multipurpose Center; it is a public event, everyone is invited. On May 17, 2025, under the Gretna Market there will be a Retirement Party for Chief Arthur Lawson from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

5. Presentations:

A. **Special Presentation.** – Removed from Agenda

B. Retirement - David Sprouse (Former Employee)

-Mayor Constant read and presented a Certificate of Recognition to David Sprouse "On behalf of the Elected Officials, we hereby express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your 10 years of hard work and dedication to the City of Gretna. Thank you for playing a vital part in the success of our city. We wish you a happy retirement and prosperity in your future endeavors."

C. "Gretna Green, Keeping It Clean" 2025 Coloring Contest Winners.

-Mayor Constant read and presented Certificates of Recognition to the winners of the 2025 Gretna Green, Keeping It Clean Coloring Page Contest. Thank you for participating in our anti-litter campaign! Certificates were presented to Dream Stack for earning First Place; Celine Guzman for Second Place; and Aurelie Frederic for Third Place; and Evie Nguyen and Rose Raubda for earning Honorable Mention.

D. Archbishop Shaw High School.

Mayor Constant read a proclamation and presented Certificates of Recognition.

National Champion Cheerleaders.

-Mayor Constant read and presented Certificates of Recognition to Alaina Nocito, Captain; Brooke Ritter, Captain; Lanie Centola, Co-Captain; Lani Price, Co-Captain; Katie Bourg, Secretary; Rylee Schexnayder, Treasurer; Laikyn Ackerman; Ayden Amadeo; Laurel Beasley; Emree Bond; Bryn Bourgeois; Carley Eschete; Tatum Licciardi; Cami Martin; Addisyn Matherne; Claire Perque; Laiken Punch; Kayla Randazzo; Ella Revolta; Aubrey Ricks; Ryenn Schweda; Haley Stallings; Taylor Tierney; Cecilia Villere; Austin Amadeo; Ty Braud; Noah Creppel; Dru DiCarlo; Cruz Martin; Christopher Melling; Caleb Williams; and Andrew Early On behalf of the Elected Officials, it is a pleasure to recognize you and the Archbishop Shaw Cheerleaders for winning the titles of 2025 NHSCC Large Varsity Co-ed Division II; National Game Day Champion, and 2025 NHSCC Small Varsity Co-ed Division II Traditional Runner Up; "on behalf of the elected officials, it is a pleasure to recognize you and the Archbishop Shaw Cheerleaders for winning the title of 2025 NHSCC Varsity Co-ed Division II, National Game Day Champion II Traditional Runner Up;".

State Champion Football Team.

-Mayor Constant read and presented Certificates of Recognition to Hank Tierney, Head Coach; Frank Allelo, Assistant Coach; Michael Baiamonte, Sr., Assistant Coach; Michael Baiamonte, Jr., Assistant Coach; Chad Boyd, Assistant Coach; Joe Dickerson, Assistant Coach; Adam Giglio, Assistant Coach; Christian Langford, Assistant Coach; Eric Lentz, Assistant Coach; Michael Liuzza, Assistant Coach; Cory Malveaux, Assistant Coach; D'Artanian Miller, Assistant Coach; George Rayes, Assistant Coach; Dwan Trufant, Assistant Coach; Ian Walters, Assistant Coach; Cody Barrilleaux, Manager; Landon Hebert, Manager; Mason Johnston, Manager; Daniel Mailhos, Manager; Lydia Robinson, Trainer; "On behalf of the Elected Officials, it is a pleasure to recognize your leadership role with the Archbishop Shaw Eagles Football Team. Congratulations to the team for winning the 2024 District II Select State Championship."

Archbishop Shaw Eagles Football Team; 2024 District II Select State Championship

Mayor Constant read and presented Certificates of Recognition to the following: Austin Amadeo, Ty Anderson, Jules Archer, Chase Baiamonte, Johnny Bailey III, Michael Banks, Camden Bergeron, Craig Bourgois, Ty Braud, Maximus Brewer. Bryson Bustamante, Kelan Callegan, Henry Cardenas, J'Quan Carter, Nelson Carter, Rontrae Carter, Jaylyn Casbon, Mekhi Cheneau, Kaden Clark, Anthony Condoll. Roma Creath, Jeremiah Davis, Dru DiCarlo, Charles Duvernay, Brian Ellsworth, Calvin, Ellsworth, Xy'Cel England, Trystan Evans, Deandree Franklin, Rafael Garcia, Kamber Georges, Sheldon Grenn, Farrel Hains, Mahdi Hammad, Lorenzo Harding, Canaan Harris, Tahj Harris, Zechariah Hicks, Stephen Houin, Hayden, Hudson, Nicholas Humphrey, Ahmad Jabbar, Shaw Jackson, Isaiah Jeffers, Jai Johnson, Kaiden Johnson, Omari Johnson, Cobey Jones, Noah Kassahun, Dakari Kays, Adam La Mark, Christian Langford, Ethan Letz, Elliott Love, Tyre Lowe, Avin Lucas, Gibson Lumene, Cooper Marbry, Cruz Martin, Elmo Massey, Peyton Matherne, D'Artanian Miller, Jr. Drew Miller, Ronnie Miller, Floyd Moon, Zion Morgan, Carter Newsham, Sam Nunnery, Brandon Oser, Jasper Parker, Nasi Parker, Desmond Quebodeaux, Ted Reine, Gavin Richard, Dacati Richardson, Dejuan Rivera, Gustavo Rivera, Jude Rodriguez, Paxton Schieffler, Allen Shaw III, David Simmons, Sam Simoneaux, Ivan Smith, Joshua Smith, Carten Smith-Roberts, Corey Strong, Javiyon Taplin, Harlem Thomas, Larry Thomas, Peton Tredinich, Tahj Turner, Caden Valentine, Matthew Walker, Jacob Washington, Jaiden Weber, Riley Whitted, Caleb Williams, Jackson Williams, Jonathan Williams, Seth Williamson, Mason Wilson and Wilfred Woods, Jr., "On behalf of the Elected Officials, it is a pleasure to recognize you and the Archbishop Shaw Eagles Football Team for winning the 2024 District II Select State Championship."

E. Recognition of New Businesses: None

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6. Executive Session: Moved to the end of the Agenda.

7. Approval of Bid Recommendation and Award:

A. Bids Submitted for the Burmaster Transfer Facility Project.

1. Otwell Services, LLC	\$1,891,412.60
2. Cycle Construction LLC	\$2,284,232.20
3. LMB Services, LLC	\$2,448,110.70

On a motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Smith, IT WAS RESOLVED** and upon the recommendation of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., City Engineer to award the bid for the Burmaster Transfer Facility Project to Otwell Services, LLC at a cost of \$2,448,110.70; and the same was approved by the following vote:

Yes: **Councilman Rau, Smith, Hinyub, Miller, and Carr** Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

No comments from the public or Council members.

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8. Vested Rights Determination:

A. Reconsideration of the vested right termination for the property at 2224 Newton Street; further described as Lot 113-B1, Vicknair Add. Ernest Richard, Pastor. (Councilman Miller, District 3).

-Mr. W. J. LeBlanc, City Attorney briefed the Mayor and City Council on this matter; this matter had be ongoing, and the city received additional documentation from Pastor Earnest Richard. However, it was not yet to the point where the Council could recommend the vested rights move forward; and at this time this matter was revolving around whether or not there was sufficient financial resources available to complete the project, which justify the extension of the vested right. He said he would like to meet with Pastor Earnest Richard and with Miss Pellegrin in an effort to clarify exactly the status in order to make the determination. At this time he recommended to the Council that this matter be deferred to the May 14, 2025 Agenda, Council Regular Meeting.

On a motion by **Councilman Miller** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub, IT WAS RESOLVED,** that in the absence tonight of Pastor Earnest Richard, applicant for the 2224 Newton Street project for a Vested Right Determination extension, this matter be rescheduled to the May 14, 2025, Council Regular meeting; and the same was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Miller, Hinyub, Rau, Smith and Carr** Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

No comments from the public or Council members.

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

March 12, 2025, Regular Meeting. March 17, 2025, Special Meeting (Budget Hearing) March 25, 2025, Emergency Meeting (Demolition) March 31, 2025, Special Meeting (Adopt Revised Budget Ordinance)

B. Approval of Live Entertainment and Special Event Permit applications:

- (1) **El Patron Mexican Grill & Cantina Cinco de Mayo Celebration** 516 Gretna Blvd. - 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM.
- (2) Chief Retirement Party; May 17, 2025; 4:00PM to 7:00PM; under the Gretna Market
- (3) **River Shack River Run Series,** June 7, 2025; 6:00 PM 2 Mile Run/Walk along the Mississippi Levee Trail.
- (4) World Vision Global 6K-Walk for Water; May 17, 2025; 8:00 AM Hosanna Fellowship Church (Weidman / Adams along the levee).

C. Adoption of Resolutions by Consent:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-013

A resolution by the City of Gretna, proclaiming the month of April 2025, as "Fair Housing Month"; and commemorating the 57th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. The theme for Fair Housing Month 2025 is "Fair Housing; The 'Act' in Action,". As recipient of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds; Sub-Grantees must concede to the administration and promotion of programs and activities related to housing and community development, to affirmatively further the Fair Housing Act policies.

WHEREAS, it is the interest of the City of Gretna to promote the economic development and quality of life aspects of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds; the City of Gretna is committed to fair housing, and to promote efforts by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act is a federal law enacted April 11, 1968, prohibiting discrimination in the purchase, sale, rental, or financing of housing—private or public—based on race, skin color, sex, nationality, or religion; and

WHEREAS, National Fair Housing Month in April increases efforts to end housing discrimination. Everyone deserves to live in a safe, comfortable home; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana adopted a fair housing law; and implementation of that law needs the positive commitment, involvement, and support of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, departments and agencies of the State of Louisiana should lead in the efforts to promote sustainable homeownership opportunities, encouraging economic mobility, and creating more vibrant communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that:

- Section 1: The City of Gretna, Louisiana hereby proclaims the Month of April 2025, as Fair Housing Month, and commemorates the 57th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.
- Section 2: The City of Gretna, as recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Disaster Recovery funds, Sub-Grantees, hereby must concede to the administration and promotion of all programs and activities related to housing and community development, to affirmatively further Fair Housing Act policies.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-014

A resolution by the City of Gretna, proclaiming the week of April 28th to May 4th, 2025, as Air Quality Awareness Week (AQAW); aiming to increase public awareness of the impact of air quality on human health and the environment. Engaging the community in air quality awareness activities to promote better air quality for all.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has an interest in the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, Air Quality Awareness week is an annual event organized by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to raise awareness about air quality and its impact on health, encouraging people to incorporate knowledge of the Air Quality Index into their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, "Air Quality Awareness Week (AQAW) aims to highlight the importance of protecting air quality and educating people on how to reduce harmful air pollutants; and

WHEREAS, AQAW provide opportunity for people to learn about what causes poor air quality and how people can prepare for and respond to events with poor air quality – not just during the month of May, but year-round!;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna is dedicated to becoming a leader in cleaner air, setting up policies and programs and sharing information with the public about efforts to protect and improve air quality that reduce emissions and promote quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that:

The City of Gretna hereby proclaims April 28th to May 4th, 2025, as Air Quality Awareness Week (AQAW); aiming to raise public awareness about the impact of air quality on health and the environment.

(3)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-015

A resolution authorizing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to execute the annual Maintenance Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Engineering, for grass cutting (including litter pickup) of State right-of-way within the City of Gretna, for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna has an interest in the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City of Gretna; and

WHEREAS, it is the interest of the City of Gretna to promote the economic development and quality of life aspects of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has agreed to reimburse the City of Gretna for the maintenance obligations for grass cutting of State right-of-way within the City's corporate limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council, acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that:

Mayor Belinda C. Constant is hereby authorized to execute the annual Maintenance Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Engineering, for grass cutting (including litter pickup) of State right-of-way within the City of Gretna, for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

(4)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-016

A resolution authorizing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Jefferson and the City of Gretna to provide and install a bike station.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Sec. 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private organization, corporation or individuals; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Sec. 14(B) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that public funds may be used for programs of social welfare for the aid and support of the citizens of Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, PARISH and the CITY are a constitutionally and statutorily-created local political bodies of the State of Louisiana with the constitutional and statutory authority to contract, including entering into Cooperative Endeavor agreements; and

WHEREAS, the public purpose of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is to enhance the recreational facilities located within the City of Gretna, which will contribute to the enjoyment of those facilities by the residents of Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, PARISH has a reasonable expectation of receiving a benefit or value of enhanced recreational opportunities for the citizens of Jefferson Parish, which is at least equivalent to the value of the bike station and its installation provided for in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the transfer or expenditure of public funds or property is not a gratuitous donation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Jefferson Parish will benefit from the efforts of these parties working together; and

WHEREAS, PARISH desires to cooperate with CITY in the implementation of the project as hereinafter provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that:

Mayor Belinda C. Constant is hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Parish of Jefferson and City of Gretna to provide and install a bike station. That there are no costs associated with this agreement.

On a motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Miller, IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve and adopt all items read into record from the April 9, 2025, **CONSENT AGENDA**; and the same were approved by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Hinyub, Miller, Rau, Smith, and Carr** Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

No comments from the public or Council members.

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10. Adoption of Resolutions:

On a motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Carr**, the following resolution was read, and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Hinyub, Carr, Rau, Smith, and Miller** Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-017

A resolution providing for the promulgation of the official results of the Municipal Primary Election held in the City of Gretna, Louisiana on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Said election results determining the race for the office of Councilmanic District Four (4).

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Gretna, Louisiana acting as legislative authority for said City thereof:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and City Council do now proceed in open and public session examine the returns of the Municipal Primary Election held in the City of Gretna, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, and declare results of said election.

SECTION 2. A process verbal of the promulgation of the results of the said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages and Conveyances Office in and for the Parish of Jefferson, who shall record the same in records of said Parish; and another certified copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this City.

SECTION 3. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

PROMULGATION

I, Belinda C. Constant, Mayor of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, do hereby announce and proclaim the results of the Municipal Primary Election held in the City of Gretna, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, as ascertained by the promulgation of the said election made by the Mayor and City Council, acting as governing authority of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at five-thirty o'clock (5:30) p. m., which promulgation showed the following results of said primary election, to-wit:

RESULTS OF THE SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025, MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF GRETNA, SAID ELECTION RESULT DETERMINING THE RACE FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT FOUR.

A list of the Official Polling Places for the City of Gretna during the March 29, 2025, Municipal Primary Election, is as follows:

<u> POLLING PLACES – CITY OF GRETNA</u>				
Precinct	Location			
G001	General Government Building, 200 Derbigny Street, Gretna, LA			
G002	David Crockett Steam Fire Co. #1, 323 Weidman Street, Gretna, LA			
G003	David Crockett Vol. Fire Co., Station #45, 1136 Lafayette St., Gretna, LA			
G004	Gretna No. 2 Kindergarten, 701 Amelia Street, Gretna, LA			
G005	William S. Hart Elementary School, 2001 Hancock Street, Gretna, LA			
G006	William S. Hart Elementary School, 2001 Hancock Street, Gretna, LA			
G007	David Crockett Vol. Fire Co., Station No.48, 2000 Hancock St., Gretna, LA			
G008	08 Frederick Douglas School, 1400 Huey P. Long Avenue, Gretna, LA			
G009	David Crockett Steam Fire Co., #47, 700 Gretna Boulevard, Gretna, LA			
G010	010 Gretna Library, 102 Willow Drive, Gretna, LA			
G011	Gretna Park Elementary School, 1130 Gretna Boulevard, Gretna, LA			
G012	G012 Timberlane Country Club / Café Hope, 700 Lapalco Blvd., Gretna, LA 70056			

COUNCILMAN DISTRICT FOUR, CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA CANDIDATE LEGEND: 1 – ROBERT "BOBBIE" BLACK 2 - RANDY S. CARR

		Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Precinct	Polling Places	Robert Black	Randy Carr
G-009	David Crockett Steam Fire Co., #47, 700 Gretna Blvd., Gretna, LA	90	70
G-010	Gretna Library, 102 Willow Drive, Gretna, LA	231	151
G-012	Timberlane Country Club/Café Hope, 700 Lapalco Blvd., Gretna, LA 70056	25	159
SUB-TOTAL		346	380
ABSENTEE VOTE		176	253
TOTAL		522	633
	GRAND TOTAL 1,155		155

The polling places specified above being the only polling places at which to hold said Municipal Primary Election, it was, therefore, shown that a majority of votes were cast for **RANDY S. CARR**, the candidate for Councilmanic District Four, of the City of Gretna, Louisiana.

Therefore, in accordance with the results of the promulgation of the returns and the action of the Mayor and City Council, acting as governing authority of the City of Gretna, Louisiana. I, Belinda C. Constant, Mayor of the City of Gretna, do hereby declare and proclaim that **RANDY S. CARR**, was elected for the respective office by a majority of the votes cast by the registered voters, voting at the Municipal Primary Election on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED at Gretna, Louisiana, on the 10th day of April 2025.

PROCES VERBAL

PROCES VERBAL OF THE PROMULGATION OF THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF GRETNA, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at five thirty o'clock (5:30) P M, at its regular meeting place, the City Hall, 740 Second Street, Gretna, Louisiana; the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said city, being the authority ordering the Municipal Primary Election held in said city on Saturday, March 29, 2025, with the following members present:

Mayor Belinda C. Constant; Council Members Wayne A. Rau; Rudy S. Smith; Michael A. Hinyub; and Mark K. Miller, did, in public session, promulgate the returns of and did declare the results of said primary election, there having been submitted at said Municipal Primary Election the following to-wit:

RESULTS OF THE SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025, MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF GRETNA, SAID ELECTION RESULTS DETERMINING THE RACE FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT FOUR.

There was found by said promulgation that the following votes had been cast at the March 29, 2025, Municipal Primary Election for the candidates for the above-named office, at the following Official Polling Places for the City of Gretna, to wit:

	<u>POLLING PLACES – CITY OF GRETNA</u>				
Precinct	nct Location				
G001	General Government Building, 200 Derbigny Street, Gretna, LA				
G002	David Crockett Steam Fire Co. #1, 323 Weidman Street, Gretna, LA				
G003	Ruppel Academy, 815 Huey P. Long Avenue, Gretna, LA				
G004	Gretna No. 2 Kindergarten, 701 Amelia Street, Gretna, LA				
G005	William S. Hart Elementary School, 2001 Hancock Street, Gretna, LA				
G006	William S. Hart Elementary School, 2001 Hancock Street, Gretna, LA				
G007	William S. Hart Elementary School, 2001 Hancock Street, Gretna, LA				
G008	Frederick Douglas School, 1400 Huey P. Long Avenue, Gretna, LA				
G009	David Crockett Steam Fire Co., #47, 700 Gretna Boulevard, Gretna, LA				
G010	Gretna Library, 102 Willow Drive Gretna, LA				
G011	Gretna Park Elementary School, 1130 Gretna Boulevard, Gretna, LA				
G012	Timberlane Country Club / Café Hope, 700 Lapalco Blvd., Gretna, LA 70056				
G013 Parts	Timberlane Country Club / Café Hope, 700 Lapalco Blvd., Gretna, LA 70056				

COUNCILMAN DISTRICT FOUR, CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA CANDIDATE LEGEND: 1 – ROBERT "BOBBIE" BLACK 2 - RANDY S. CARR

		Candidate 1	Candidate 2
Precinct	Polling Places	Robert Black	Randy Carr
G-009	David Crockett Steam Fire Co., #47, 700 Gretna Blvd., Gretna, LA	90	70
G-010	Gretna Library, 102 Willow Drive, Gretna, LA	231	151
G-012	Timberlane Country Club/Café Hope, 700 Lapalco Blvd., Gretna, LA 70056	25	159
SUB-TOTAL		346	380
ABSENTEE VOTE		176	253
TOTAL		522	633
GRAND TOTAL 1,155		155	

The polling places specified above being the only polling places at which to hold said Municipal Primary Election, it was, therefore, shown that a majority of votes were cast for **RANDY S. CARR**, the candidate for Councilmanic District Four of the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session, that the results as hereinabove set forth, was duly passed and approved by a majority of votes cast by the registered voters voting at the Municipal Primary Election on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED AT GRETNA, LOUISIANA, ON THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL 2025.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council, acting as the governing authority of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session, that the results as hereinabove set forth, was duly passed and approved by a majority of votes cast by the registered voters voting at the Municipal Primary Election on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

THUS, DONE AND SIGNED AT GRETNA, LOUISIANA, ON THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL 2025.

No comments from the public or Council members.

FLOOR RESOLUTIONS:

1. On a motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Miller**, the following resolution was read, and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Hinyub, Miller, Rau, Smith, and Carr** Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-018

A resolution by the City of Gretna, proclaiming the month of May 2025, as Building Safety Month; and stressing the importance of adopting modern building codes, and understanding the importance of safe building structures. Encouraging citizens to join with their community by taking part in Building Safety Month activities.

WHEREAS, the City of Gretna is committed to recognize that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, all communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events and structural collapse. Building codes are society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and entertainment venues. Code officials' work, day in and day out to keep the public safe; and

WHEREAS, the International Code Council, its members, and a diverse partnership of professionals from the building construction, design and safety communities come together with corporations, government agencies, professional associations and nonprofits to promote building safety through proclamations, informational events, legislative briefings and more; and

WHEREAS, these modern building codes and standards include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, "Game On!," the theme for Building Safety Month 2025, encourages us all to get involved and raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Gretna, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said City that:

The City of Gretna, hereby proclaims the month of May, as "2025 Building Safety Month"; by stressing the importance of adopting modern building codes, and understanding the importance of safe building structures. Encouraging citizens to join with their community by taking part in Building Safety Month activities.

-Mayor Constant recognized Ms. Danika Gorrondona, Building Official for her incredible job.

No comments from the public or Council members.

2. On a motion by **Councilman Hinyub** and seconded by **Councilman Miller**, the following resolution was read, and adopted section by section and then as a whole by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Rau, Smith, Hinyub, Miller, and Carr** Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-019

A resolution authorizing Mayor Belinda C. Constant to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Jefferson and the City of Gretna to provide funding in an amount not to exceed 75,000.00, for night vision goggles and drones.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Sec. 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private organization, corporation or individuals; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Sec. 14(B) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that public funds may be used for programs of social welfare for the aid and support of the citizens of Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, PARISH and the CITY are a constitutionally and statutorily-created local political bodies of the State of Louisiana with the constitutional and statutory authority to contract, including entering into Cooperative Endeavor agreements; and

WHEREAS, the public purpose of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is to enhance the recreational facilities located within the City of Gretna, which will contribute to the enjoyment of those facilities by the residents of Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, PARISH the Parish has a reasonable expectation of receiving increased police protection and security in Jefferson Parish, thus creating a safer environment for residents, which is at least equivalent to the \$75,000.00 provided for in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the transfer or expenditure of public funds or property is not a gratuitous donation; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Jefferson Parish will benefit from the efforts of these parties working together; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council acting as legislative authority for the City of Gretna, that:

Mayor Belinda C. Constant is hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Jefferson and the City of Gretna to provide funding in an amount not to exceed 75,000.00 for night vision goggles and drones.

No comments from the public or Council members.

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11. Adoption of an Ordinance – Adoption was deferred.

1. An ordinance amending the Unified Development Code, Chapter 58; Article IV. -Site Development and Design Standards; Division 3. -Signs; by amending Sec. 58-191 through Sec. 58-202, by edit, addition, clarification and modification with recommendations by City Administration Staff .

12. Major Resubdivision Recommendation: (Council Approval)

1. Resubdivision of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Square 13B, Gretna Garden Subdivision; and the resubdivision of Lots 1 through 6, 15 and 16, Square 18, Stafford Subdivision, **INTO** Lot 10A, Square 13B, Gretna Garden Subdivision; and **INTO** Lot 1A, Square 18, Stafford Subdivision; as per the plan of survey and resubdivision by Tildon J. Dufrene, Jr. of Dufrene Surveying & Engineering Inc., dated March 7, 2025. **Municipal Address: 2000 Huey P. Long Avenue**

The purpose of this resubdivision is to divide eleven lots of record into two, for the expansion of an existing church as set forth by UDC Section 58-329. Requested: Good Hope Baptist Church (Eddie Cross III, Pastor)

Ms. Amelia Pellegrin provided an extensive report on both the major resubdivision (complying of 11 lots of records) and major site plan review requests for the expansion of an existing church and parking to accommodate the parking demands of for the church (53 cars). The proposed configuration was for two lots because there was a street in between (20th Street). It was an R-1 zone district, all of the lots are currently zone R-1, with few zoned C-1, but for the most it was and R-1 Single Family neighborhood.

The proposed site plan, 20th Street cuts through the parking area; the proposed building and the 53 parking spaces as shown, the Design Review Committee meeting and reviewed and provided feedback; the applicants has achieved all of the requests made by city, as per code specifications and additional requests made by the Fire Department. Parking needs were met, provided an erosion control plan; all of the stormwater requirements were met; including buffering between the use and the residential lots behind this development.

There was a public hearing by the Planning and Zoning Commission. At the hearing there was one resident participating in support of the project, one neighbor concerned about their ability to enter and exit on 20th Street when there is traffic in and out of those parking lots (home fronting 20th Street). Ms. Pellegrin believed the traffic would be sporadic on 20th Street. The city would look into whether or not it would be possible to extend 20th Street through to Weyer Street.

This resubdivision was recommended by Staff for approval with the contingency that:

- A signed agreement from the applicant stating that the two lots (Lot 1A and Lot 10A) cannot be sold separately, and that Lot 10A must remain as parking.
- Specifics on shrub selection are referenced on landscaping plans, per UDC species and density.
- Pedestrian scale lighting added to the parking lot (10A).

On a motion by **Councilman Miller** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub, IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the resubdivision of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Square 13B, Gretna Garden Subdivision; and the resubdivision of Lots 1 through 6, 15 and 16, Square 18, Stafford Subdivision, **INTO** Lot 10A, Square 13B, Gretna Garden Subdivision; and **INTO** Lot 1A, Square 18, Stafford Subdivision; same was approved with the contingency that a signed agreement from the applicant stating that the two lots (Lot 1A and Lot 10A) cannot be sold separately, and that Lot 10A must remain as parking; Specifics on shrub selection reference on landscaping plans, per UDC species and density; and for their use; and Pedestrian scale lighting added to parking lot (10A); and the same was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Miller, Hinyub, Rau, Smith, and Carr** Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

No comments from the public or Council members.

13. Major Site Plan Review recommendation: (Council Approval)

1. **2000 Huey P. Long Avenue** - Garrity + Accardo Architects (Brady Garrity), Applicant Expansion of an existing church and parking lots. (In District 3, Councilman Miller)

On a motion by **Councilman Miller** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub, IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the major site plan request for the expansion of an existing church and parking lots at 2000 Huey P. Long Avenue; same was approved with recommendations by Staff to provide a detailed landscaping; and pedestrian scale lighting be added to the parking lot for safety purposes; and the same was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Miller, Hinyub, Rau, Smith, and Carr** Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

No comments from the public or Council members.

14. Monthly Reports:

A. Police Department.

-Police Chief Brett Lawson thanked Mayor Constant, Ms. Raylyn Stevens for allowing him to discuss the Budget; and were able to get salary increase for the employees. Chief Lawson introduced the new member of the police department K-9 Ray, who will be assigned to the Gretna Government Complex to keep it safe, K-9 Ray training was in explosives device protection.

Mayor Constant thanked Officer Christiana for her incredible job with the K-9 program. Thank you for what you do for the Gretna Police Department.

B. City Engineer Projects Monthly Report:

-Mr. David Boyd, City Engineer (Burk-Kleinpeter Inc.) summarized April 9, 2025, report for the Council Members.

C. Departmental Monthly Reports submitted (Novus Agenda):

- (1) Finance Department "Actual vs. Budget for Major Funds" report.
- (2) Building Department Permits Issued.
- (3) Code Enforcement Code Violations.
- (4) Historic District Commission (March 31, 2025 Meeting)
- (5) Planning & Zoning Commission (April 2, 2025 Meeting)
- (6) Planning and City Development Status Report.
- (7) Parks and Parkways Citywide Maintenance Status Report.

Entergy Customer Service:

-Mr. D. J. Taylor, Entergy Customer Service Manager. - Mr. Taylor addressed the Mayor and Council Members. Congratulated Chief Brett Lawson and the Council Member Randy Carr, District 4.

Mr. Taylor informed on the outage scheduled for tonight in Downtown Gretna (Second Street) for the brewery project from 10:00 AM to 4:00 AM. Telephone calls were made on April 1, 2025, all customers were notified; if any customers were not notified that meant there was no update to their contact information. Mayor Constant informed of letters that were sent to the customers as well.

Mr. Taylor informed that Entergy was able to repair six poles, which was an ongoing project for Entergy.

Councilman Miller requested for an update on the pole on 34th Street; the new pole installed by AT & T, but nothing has been transferred from the old pole to the new pole. Mr. Taylor will follow up on this matter.

-Councilman Hinyub clarified that work being done tonight was more in line with Entergy's hardening project Downtown. They are new poles up, in the Downtown area; and some poles have three transformers; these transformers will be distributed through several poles to take off some of the weight. This has been ongoing several weeks where the new poles were installed Downtown; and Entergy's facilities will be relocated, some are going underground, but it was more of a hardening project.

D. Council District Monthly Report:

(1) Council Members:

Councilman Rau – Councilman at Large – Councilman Rau said the Irish Italian Parade was tremendous, went off without a flaw. It was absolutely amazing the job that the City's Street Department, the cleanup was fantastic. The parade overall was fabulous. Thanked everybody in the city that was involved in this event.

Councilman Smith, District 1 – Councilman Smith informed that the Gretna Community Easter Egg Hunt will at the McDonoghville Park, 1200 Madison Street, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with face painting, crafts, and games. Welcomed the new members Chief Brett Lawson and Randy Carr, to rejuvenate the Council in order to move forward to 2030.

Councilman Hinyub, District 2 – Council Hinyub congratulated Chief Brett Lawson and Randy Carr, Council District 4. The city was blessed that Brett Lawson agreed to serve the city in the capacity of police chief. Councilman Carr, welcomed aboard. He emphasized, on the teamwork that everyone puts forth from the elected officials, city workers, city teams and the directors and was honored and privileged to serve on this team.

Councilman Hinyub informed the Crawfish Cook Off, April 26, 2025; from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Mel Ott Park. Informed there was still sponsorship available. This year the funds earned will be dedicated to the regrading and refilling of the in-fields for the baseball and softball fields. Please come out on the 26th, eat all the crawfish you can eat, \$20.00 at the gate. The Aaron Foret Band will be playing; please come out and support this cause. Was proud of the Street Department and the Gretna Police Department for the job they did during the Irish Italian Parade.

Councilman Miller, District 3. – Councilman Miller echoed on all said on the Irish Italian parade and the efforts made by the Gretna Police Department and the Street Department and Jefferson Parish as well. Welcomed Councilman Randy Carr, District 4 to dais, it will be a pleasure working with Councilman Carr. Welcomed Chief Lawson as the new police chief.

Councilman Miller informed that the Recreation Department was signing up for baseball and softball. The past weekend at the BMX they had the Matt Wilty Memorial State Championship, the championship will be rescheduled for July 2025.

Councilman Carr, District 4 – Councilman Carr thanked everyone for their welcome; and expressed he was looking forward to working with each and everyone. Thanked Mayor Constant for explaining how municipal government works. Councilman Carr informed that in his district they have started construction at the ______ garden and should be completed by the end of summer.

Mayor Constant -

Mayor Constant welcomed Brett Lawson as the new Police Chief and was looking forward to continuing working together. Welcomed Randy Carr, District 4, welcomed aboard!

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15. Introduction of Ordinances:

A. An ordinance declaring vehicles and equipment surplus property, and no longer needed for public purposes purposes; and to authorize the sale of said surplus property at a public auction.
Requested: Police Department Sponsor: Councilman Hinyub

FLOOR ORDINANCES:

An ordinance to require the production of financial suitability to establish the sufficiency of financial resources, for good cause shown, prior to extending time periods for vested rights and conducting major site plan reviews. Requested: Administration Sponsor: Councilman Hinyub

 2. An ordinance pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statues §§ 33: 4712, to declare certain weapons formerly used by the Gretna Police Department as surplus property because of their age and obsolescence, authorizing the private sale of same to current or former Gretna Police officers and fixing the minimum price of same.
Requested: Police Department Sponsor: Councilman Rau * * * * *

16. Citizen to Address the Mayor and City Council:

- **Mrs. Linda Sanchez** a Gretna resident and coordinator of the National Day of Prayer addressed the Mayor and City Council by extending invitation to everyone to come to the National Day of Prayer, on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the Memorial Arch in front of Gretna City Hall.

"The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day."

5. Executive Session: Moved down

A. Tara LeBlanc vs. American Alternative Ins., Co. Et Al - Case No. 832-582, 24th Judicial District Court.

On a motion by **Councilman Miller** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub, IT WAS RESOLVED** to recess the Mayor and Council Regular meeting to go into Executive Session for discussion of the litigation matter of Tara LeBlanc vs. American Alternative Ins., Co. Et Al at 7:33 PM; and the same was unanimously approved.

The Mayor and City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:35 PM, on the litigation matter.

In the matter of Tara LeBlanc vs. American Alternative Ins., Co. Et Al - Case No. 832-582, 24th Judicial District Court.

On a motion by **Councilman Rau** and seconded by **Councilman Smith, IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the matter of Tara LeBlanc vs. American Alternative Ins., Co. Et Al - Case No. 832-582, 24th Judicial District Court approving the settlement as recommended by the Police Department counsel as well of Mr. W. J. LeBlanc, City Attorney; and the same was approved by the following vote:

Yeas: **Councilmen Rau, Smith, Hinyub, Miller, and Carr** Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

17. Other Matters: NONE

18. Meeting Adjournment.

There was no further city business to conduct, and on a motion by **Councilman Carr** and seconded by **Councilman Hinyub**, the April 9, 2025, Council Regular meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM; and the same was unanimously approved.

Respectfully given,

<u>/S/ NORMA J. CRUZ, LCMC</u> CITY CLERK CITY OF GRETNA STATE OF LOUISIANA