

City of Thomasville Council Meeting of May 8, 2017

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session with Mayor Hobbs presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Scott, Beverly, Sims, Flowers. Also present were the Honorary Councilmember Curnell Henry, City Manager/Utilities Superintendent, Steve Sykes; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; other staff; members of the press; and citizens.

Mayor Hobbs called the meeting to order. Councilmember Flowers gave the invocation. Mayor Pro-Tem Sims led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Councilmember Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Beverly, the minutes of the meeting on April 24, 2017 were unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor Hobbs opened the meeting to citizens to be heard on non-agenda items. There being none, the Council moved on to the Agenda.

Under new business, the Council considered, on first reading, an ordinance to rezone lots on Victoria Place from (M) Manufacturing to (R2) Multifamily Residential within the Victoria Place Overlay District (VPOD).

On motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Sims, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, the following ordinance was unanimously ordered read for the first time, and carried over:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY AMENDING SECTION 22-500 CAPTIONED "VICTORIA PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT", OF CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", SO AS TO REZONE LOTS ON VICTORIA PLACE FROM (M) MANUFACTURING TO (R2) MULTIFAMILYRESIDENTIAL WITHIN THE VICTORIA PLACE OVERLAY DISTRICT (VPOD).

Council considered the award of a contract to for demolition of building at 207 South Dawson Street (Roses Department Store), Thomasville, Georgia. City Engineer Pionessa noted a review of the existing structure led City staff and consultants to conclude that repurposing the existing structure is not economically feasible. He also noted that the City has engaged, and addressed concerns of, the property owners in the adjacent neighborhood of the structure. The City Engineer opened bids on April 20, 2017 and Wrecking Corp of America was the lowest and best bid.

On motion of Councilmember Beverly, and seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council unanimously awarded the contract for demolition to Wrecking Corp of America, Deluth, Georgia in the amount of \$221,099.00 as per staff recommendation and with third party financing as needed.

Council considered the purchase and installation of equipment for six (6) Ford Police Interceptor Utilities. Police Chief Rich noted the outfitting of six (6) new vehicles will be single sourced through West Chatham as they are certified to install specific equipment (i.e.: in-car video) and have provided excellent service with past installations. The accessories needed (i.e.: graphics, window tinting, etc.) will be provided by local vendors. Existing equipment in good order will be re-installed where applicable.

On motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Sims, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, the Council unanimously awarded the purchase and installation of equipment for six (6) Ford Police Interceptors Utilities to West Chatham Warning Devices in the amount of \$71214.00 and accessories from local vendors in the amount of \$7,620.00, as per staff recommendation and with third party financing as needed.

City Manager Sykes reported the Engineering and Planning Departments preparation of an application to DCA designating the City of Thomasville as a PlanFirst Community. The application due date is May 15, 2017. The designation, if awarded, will enable Thomasville to secure additional grant funding for improvement projects. City Manager Sykes requested Council to consider authorizing Mayor Hobbs to sign the completed application.

On motion of Councilmember Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Beverly, the Council unanimously approved Mayor Hobbs to sign the DCA PlanFirst application.

City Manager Sykes asked the Council to consider the appointment of an additional non-voting Ex-Officio (ad hoc) member to the Land Bank Authority Board as requested by Thomas County. He stated this will be a total of two (2) non-voting, ad hoc, members appointed by the City on the Land Bank Authority Board.

On motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Sims, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, the Council unanimously approved appoint two (2) ad-hoc members to the Land Bank Authority Board.

Councilmember Scott recognized Mr. Curnell Henry has the Honorary Councilmember for the Month of May 2017. Mayor Hobbs and Councilmembers welcomed Honorary Councilmember Henry.

City Manager Sykes commended Council and City Staff for the combined efforts of organization of the 2017 Rose Show & Festival. It was noted that the community enjoyed the festivities and the new venue space of the Amphitheater. Council also commended Police Chief Rich and his staff for an outstanding Police Inspection during the 2017 Rose Show & Festival.

Council applauded the efforts of the ACM/Marketing & Communications Lynn Williams and the Main Street / Tourism staff for a well-attended, and much-enjoyed, First Friday event held on May 5, 2017 in the new amphitheater.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Greg Hobbs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Felicia Brannen, City Clerk