

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session with Mayor Hobbs presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Pro-Tem Terry Scott, Councilmembers Flowers, Hufstetler and Mobley. Also present were the Interim City Manager/Human Resources and Community Relations, Kha McDonald; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; other staff; members of the press and citizens.

Mayor Hobbs called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Flowers gave the invocation. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers, the minutes of the City Council meeting held on February 26, 2018 were unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor Hobbs opened the meeting to citizens to be heard on non-agenda items. Ms. Janan Parrish addressed Council. She noted she was present on behalf of her neighborhood, Sunnydale Subdivision which is adjacent to the Market Station Apartment complex. Ms. Parrish expressed concerns on behalf of Sunnydale Subdivision and noted the residents of the Sunnydale Subdivision have requested that there be complete closure of the apartment complex. She further stated they were promised there would be no traffic through Brown and Whitehurst Streets. She further noted that Market Station Apartments should maintain one entrance and one exit as are most apartment complexes within Thomasville. Ms. Parrish conveyed that Sunnydale has been crime free and litter free since its inception and the residents would like to keep it that way. Ms. Parrish also conveyed concerns regarding the request for privacy fencing and a tree filled buffer to surround the complex. In conclusion she called on Council to follow the Golden Rule as stated in St. Matthew 7:12.

Ms. Melinda McRee, a resident of Sunnydale Subdivision, addressed Council. She reported having moved to Thomasville from a large City where safety was an issue. Ms. McRee expressed her concerns about the diminished quality of life and safety issues that will come with the additional traffic and people coming through the Sunnydale neighborhood if thru-traffic access is granted.

There being no other citizens to be heard, Council moved on to the agenda. Mayor Hobbs reported there was not old business to be discussed. Under new business Council considered on first reading an ordinance to rezone 227 East Hill Street from R-2, LU to R-1, Residential. Mayor Hobbs recognized City Planner, Brian Herrmann. Herrmann reported this is a request to remove the Limited Use status of 227 East Hill Street. He further reported that the City has the ability to change the zoning if it is no longer needed. In this case the home was used zoned as a personal care home and the applicant has requested the zoning to revert back to the R-1, Residential status. Herrmann reported the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended this rezoning.

On motion of Councilmember Hufstetler, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, the following ordinance was unanimously ordered read for the first time, and carried over:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 45 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "R-2 L.U., (LIMITED USE, PERSONAL CARE HOME)", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 63 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "R-1, RESIDENTIAL". TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Council considered on first reading an ordinance to rezone Mitchell Place Subdivision from TND, with stipulation of no deviation from Concept Plan to TND with stipulation of only Single Family Dwelling shall be allowed. Mayor Hobbs recognized City Planner Herrmann. Herrmann reported the applicant purchased the existing Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) while under construction and is requesting to change the stipulation to allow Single Family Dwelling so as to alter their approach to the current marketplace and fill the remaining development space with single-homes. Herrmann noted in Workshop that the change to the plan will allow for the reallocation of common space within the community; including a 50' buffer between the residential units and Reid Street. Herrmann also noted that Planning and Zoning Commission recommends the approval of rezoning with the stipulation that there can only be Single Family Residential Lots as shown on the preliminary plan dated February 1, 2018.

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

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Council considered a resolution to submit an application for a Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Grant. Mayor Hobbs recognized Interim City Engineer, Wayne Newsome. Newsome reported the GTIB is a grant and low-interest loan program administered by the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA). Newsome noted the South Martin Luther King Jr. Transportation Project meets the descriptions of the GTIB Grant. Newsome reported there is a \$250 application fee.

On motion of Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, and seconded by Councilmember Flowers the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the City of Thomasville of Thomasville, Georgia held on the 12th day of March, 2018 a motion was made and duly seconded that the City of Thomasville shall submit an application for funding from the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority pursuant to the Georgia Transportation Information Bank Act, O.C.G.A. 32-10-120 et seq., in order to design and construct a portion of sidewalk and improve road conditions on South MLK Boulevard between W. Jackson Street and S. Pinetree Boulevard including portions of Varnedoe Street into Balfour Park and,

WHEREAS the City of Thomasville further states that in the event the City of Thomasville's application is recommended for funding by the State Road and Tollway Authority, the City of Thomasville certifies and assures that it has the ability and intention to finance the 2018 budgeted amount of \$640,000 and put the grant money toward eligible project costs to pay for the remaining costs and,

WHEREAS the City of Thomasville also states that it will pay the \$250 application fee and include it in the application packet, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Thomasville of Thomas County, Georgia that it shall submit an application for a grant from the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority, and that it shall, in the event that the application is recommended for funding, take action to assure that it will finance \$640,000 of the total project cost and put the grant money toward eligible costs in accordance with O.C.G.A. 32-10-122.

SO DONE, this 12th day of March, 2018.

Council considered a resolution to distribute LOST Funds for recreation to the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee and Pavo. Mayor Hobbs recognized CFO Michelle Juarez. Juarez reported that on November 3, 1992, the voters of Thomas County, Georgia approved a referendum for Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) in the amount of 1%. Certain funds are designated for the purposes of miscellaneous recreation activities for the City of Thomasville and the smaller municipalities of Thomas County. Juarez reported the Thomas County Recreation Advisory board recommended the of \$5,000 each be distributed to the smaller municipalities.

On motion of councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Councilmember Hufstetler, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1992, the voters of Thomas County, Georgia, approved by referendum a Local Option Sales Tax (the "LOST"), also known as a Joint County and Municipal Sales and Use Tax, in the amount of one percent (1%); and

WHEREAS, from the proceeds of the LOST, certain funds are designated to be remitted to the City of Thomasville to be administered for purposes of miscellaneous recreation activities for the City of Thomasville and for the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee and Pavo; and

WHEREAS, from those funds, the sum of \$5,000.00 per fiscal year, as appropriated by the City Council for the City of Thomasville, may be allocated to the cities of Barwick, Boston, Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee and Pavo for use in the recreation programs of these cities; and

WHEREAS, the Thomasville – Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board has recommended that the sum of \$5,000.00 be distributed as soon as possible hereafter to each of the smaller cities referred to above, to be used by each such city for miscellaneous recreation purposes during the balance of fiscal year 2018; and

WHEREAS, upon review and consideration by the City Council for the City of Thomasville of the recommendation of the Thomasville-Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board as described above, the City Council deems the recommendation to be prudent and consistent with the objectives of the LOST with respect to funding miscellaneous recreation activities in Thomas County, Georgia;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council for the City of Thomasville that the recommendation of the Thomasville-Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board be, and it is hereby, accepted and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Interim City Manager Kha McDonald and Chief Financial Officer Michelle Juarez are authorized to make the distributions set out above from LOST monies remitted to the City of Thomasville and to forward those distributions to the mayors of the cities of Barwick, Boston,

Coolidge, Meigs, Ochlocknee, and Pavo, along with appropriate instructions on the conditions under which the funds are distributed, as soon as practicable hereafter.

SO RESOLVED this 12th day of March, 2018.

Council considered the purchase of nine (9) Mobile Command Terminals (MCTs) for Thomasville Fire Rescue. Mayor Hobbs recognized Thomasville Fire Rescue Training Chief, Craig Dukes. Dukes reported current MCTs were over eight years old, out of warranty and were experiencing hardware failures. The City's IT staff recommended current MCTs (Toughbooks) be replaced with newer model MCTs (Panasonic Toughbook CF-33 laptops) and mounting equipment. The MCT's are a valuable resource and tool for Thomasville Fire Rescue as they provide critical incident data, location information, inspection data, and interface with Emergency Reporting software required for reporting to the State of Georgia Fire Marshall's Office, National Fire Academy (NFA), National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and FEMA. Critical to incident safety, personnel can access information to include: dispatch information from CAD, Emergency Reporting software modules, building pre-plans, maps, active unit status with automatic vehicle location (AVL), critical data for hazardous materials incidents, target hazard information, and automatic updating of information on the 9-1-1 CAD system. Dukes reported the purchase was an approved 2018 budgeted item at a total cost of \$41,997.00, which includes installation.

On motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, Council unanimously approved the purchase of nine (9) Mobile Command Units as presented in the amount of \$41,997.00, installation by West Chatham Warning Devices-Preston and with third party financing if necessary.

Council considered bids and award for the purchase of Waste Water Treatment Facility Roof Replacement. Mayor Hobbs recognized Asst. Utilities Superintendent, Chris White. White reported the Waste Water Treatment Facility Tertiary Building, Blower Building, and Secondary Pump House Building were inspected and deemed in need of roof repair. Bids were submitted as follows:

Waste Water Treatment Facility Roof Replacement

Lowndes Roofing	\$27,230.00
Harrell Roofing	\$56,000.00
Jenkins Roofing Inc.	\$58,560.00
New South System Inc.	\$61,500.00

White reported the lowest and best bid was obtained from Lowndes Roofing. Due to the large variance, staff confirmed with Lowndes Roofing that the scope of bid was complete with their submitted bid. White reported \$50,000 was approved in the 2018 Capital Budget for these repairs.

On motion of Councilmember Mobley, and seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Scott, Council unanimously awarded the bid to Lowndes Roofing in the amount of \$27,230.00, with third party financing if necessary.

Council considered bid and award for the purchase of Utility Billing Application and ETI Triad Upgrade. Mayor Hobbs recognized Asst. Utilities Superintendent, Chris White. White reported the request was amended in Workshop so as to extract the Triad Upgrade. He explained the Triad Upgrade would be a responsibility of the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority (SGGSA). White reported the current Utility Billing Application has been in use for over 20 years and City of Thomasville hosts the billing application for three other cities. The application has become too expensive to maintain and no

longer meets the needs of the organization. He explained that an RFP was sent to over 12 vendors, with one resulting bid from Cogsdale. White noted that staff contacted non-responding vendors and the consensus was that City of Thomasville's need to bill non-metered services was too expensive for them to respond to the RFP. Cogsdale's bid was \$942,350.25. White reported due to the length of conversion from the existing application, the expenditure was partially budgeted in 2018, and the remainder budgeted in 2019. White reported the purchase of the Cogsdale Utility Billing Application is pending the approval of SGGSA's purchase of the ETI Triad Upgrade, as the two applications are needed in parallel for effective use of application. White reported an anticipated project completion of 18-24 months.

On motion of Councilmember Flowers, and seconded by Councilmember Mobley, Council unanimously awarded the purchase of Cogsdale Utility Billing Application and installation in the total amount of \$942,350.25 over the two-year budget as proposed and pending like approval of purchase of the ETI Triad Upgrade by SGGSA.

Mayor Hobbs reported an added agenda item and Council considered the appointment of Mr. Keith Bass as Interim Utilities Superintendent. City Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported Mr. Keith Bass is the sole member of ESP, LLC and has proposed an independent contract as City of Thomasville Interim Utilities Superintendent.

Mayor Pro-tem Scott made the motion for Council to approve the negotiation of, and entering into, a consulting services agreement with ESP, LLC, Mr. Keith Bass CEO, for a six-month period with a fee not to exceed \$13,500 per month; with the City's right of contract extension on a monthly basis; and, contingent upon City Attorney's complete review of consulting services contract. Councilmember Hufstetler seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 1, with the following votes recorded:

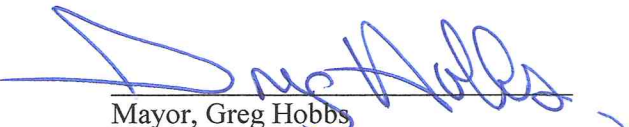
AYE: Mayor Hobbs, Mayor Pro-Tem Scott, Councilmember Hufstetler, Councilmember Mobley.

NAY: Councilmember Flowers.

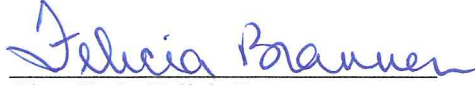
Honorary Councilmember Art Williams thanked the Council and the community for the opportunity to serve as Honorary Councilmember for the Month of March. He noted thus far it has been an interesting experience.

Council thanked Mr. Williams for serving, citizens for attending, and staff for their efforts with the Thomasville High School Basketball Team's celebration.

Having no further discussion, the City of Thomasville Council Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.



Mayor, Greg Hobbs



City Clerk, Felicia Brannen