

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, July 25, 2022

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session with Mayor Pro Tem Todd Mobley presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Wanda Warren, Terry Scott and Scott Chastain. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Sanders; Assistant City Manager Chris White; other city staff; citizens and members of the media. It shall be noted Mayor Jay Flowers and City Manager J. Alan Carson were not present at this meeting. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 144 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Scott gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2022. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley introduced the 2022 Miss Thomasville Scholarship Program Queen and Court. He reported the Miss Thomasville Scholarship Program Competition, presented in partnership with CNSNext, benefitting Thomasville Junior Service league, was held in June 2022. The following 2022 Queen and Court were present with friends, family members and Junior Service League's Scholarship Program Board members:
 - Miss Aniya Morris, a graduate of Thomasville High School and daughter of Felicia and Benjamin Morris was crowned 2022 Miss Thomasville. Miss Morris will be the 2023 Rose Queen, reigning over the 102nd Rose Show & Festival.
 - Miss Morris is joined in court by 1st Runner Up, Miss Macy Taylor, rising senior at Thomasville High School Scholars Academy, daughter of Lisa and Russ Taylor.
 - Tied for 2nd Runner Up, Miss Ellie Griffin, Thomasville High School Scholars Academy graduate and daughter of Pam and Jason Griffin.
 - Tied for 2nd Runner Up, Miss Loxley Slocumb, Thomas County Central High School graduate and daughter of Danniell and Ty Slocumb.
 - 3rd Runner Up, Miss Jocelyn Watson, Thomasville High School Scholars Academy graduate and daughter of Lisa Rudolph-Watson and Benjamin Watson.
2. Park and Recreation Month: Councilmember Warren acknowledged July as Park and Recreation Month. Councilmember Warren presented a Proclamation with the designation to Manager-Parks & Recreation, Mike Owens. Councilmember Warren commended Owens and the parks and recreation staff members for their efforts in maintaining the parks for the recreational benefit of the community.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley acknowledged the following citizens as listed on the Citizen to be Heard sign-in sheet:

1. Lucinda Brown, resident of Halcyon Way, Thomasville, Georgia voiced concerns to Councilmembers regarding the recent construction work surrounding Halcyon Way. Brown expressed that she felt as if the concerns of the Halcyon Way neighborhood not being treated equally as well as other neighborhoods with similar issues.
2. Richard Koenders, resident of Summer Creek Cove, Thomasville, Georgia addressed Council as a representative of the Summer Creek Cove neighborhood. He reported the neighborhood abuts the project area of the Bellamy Development Planned Unit Development (PUD) and informed Council they were in favor of the project.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to be considered by Council at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

First reading of an ordinance to amend the Bellamy Planned Unit Development (PUD).

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson reported this project has gone through the appropriate processes with the support of the adjacent neighbors and the community. Thompson further reported the developers of the Bellamy Planned Unit Development (PUD) are seeking to amend the approved PUD document to modify the site plan and development standards to include the following: remove the storage units and replace them with a cottage court development, reconfigure the commercial buildings along East Jackson Street, amend the architectural standards to allow for a four-story apartment building (currently 3 story max), and modify the parking areas accordingly. The original Bellamy PUD application (and first amendment) were approved by Council last year. The developers have made these modifications to the site plan and architectural renderings, which were presented to and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the modified PUD amendment. Thompson noted that the ordinance will include the approved amendment plans to be included as part of the adopted ordinance as an Exhibit A.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to amend the Bellamy PUD as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

The ordinance title read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

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 3 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) CONDITIONAL USE (AMENDMENT 1 OF 1)", AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 3 OF SECTION 22-81 CAPTIONED "PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) CONDITIONAL USE (AMENDMENT 2 OF 2)". TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Resolution to notify MEAG Power of the City of Thomasville's decision regarding tender options pertaining to Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project.

Assistant City Manager, Chris White reported the City of Thomasville is a participant in projects SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P, of Vogtle Units 3 and 4; and, that MEAG Power has requested formal action by each participant member in relation to whether the participant member does or does not support exercising the tender option by SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P; in connection with the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Projects. Councilmembers noted that based upon information provided by the MEAG Power staff concerning the exercise of the tender option by SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P in connection with the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project, and after consultation with internal staff concerning the potential benefits and costs associated with the tender options by SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P, the City of Thomasville was not in support of the tender options and shall notify MEAG Power by formal resolution.

Councilmember Scott motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further Discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO NOTIFY MEAG POWER OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE'S DECISION REGARDING TENDER OPTIONS PERTAINING TO VOGTLE UNITS 3 AND 4 PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville is a participant member of Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("MEAG Power");

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville is a participant in projects SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P, of Vogtle Units 3 and 4;

WHEREAS, MEAG Power has requested formal action by each participant member in relation to whether the participant member does or does not support exercising the tender options by SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P; in connection with the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Thomasville desires to provide the required authorization to notify MEAG Power of the decision of the City Council of the City of Thomasville that it does not support exercising the tender options by SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P in connection with the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project in a duly noticed and held public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the authority of the Council of the City of Thomasville, that based upon the information provided by the MEAG Power staff concerning the exercise of the tender option by SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P in connection with the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project, and after consultation with our internal staff concerning the potential benefits and costs associated with the tender options by SPV M, SPV J, and SPV P, the City of Thomasville is authorized and shall notify MEAG Power that the City of Thomasville:

1. Does not support exercising the tender option by SPV M; and,
2. Does not support exercising the tender option by SPV J; and,
3. Does not support exercising the tender option by SPV P.

SO RESOLVED, this 25th day of July, 2022.

Resolution to approve and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute the Defined Benefit Contribution (401A) Adoption Agreement and Trust Agreement.

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, reported approximately every six years, the IRS requires that all qualified retirement plans update (or "restate") their plan documents to reflect recent legislative and regulatory changes. The deadline to meet this requirement is July 31, 2022. Along with mandatory regulatory changes, the restated or amended document incorporates all voluntary amendments adopted since the last time the document was updated. It was noted there have been no substantial changes made to the City's 401a plan. Chief Financial Officer Cason requested Council

adopt a resolution that will approve and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute the City of Thomasville Retirement Savings (401a) Plan's adoption and trust agreements and appoint Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, and Payroll Coordinator, Teresa Weeks, as authorized Trustees of the Plan.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the resolution and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute the Defined Benefit Contribution Adoption Agreement and Trust Agreement as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further Discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

The adopted resolution follows.

City of Thomasville
Formal Record of Action

The following is a formal record of action taken by the governing body of City of Thomasville (the "Employer")

With respect to the amendment and restatement of the City of Thomasville Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), the following resolutions are hereby adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Plan be amended and restated effective January 1, 2022, in the form attached hereto, which Plan is hereby adopted and approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the appropriate officers of the Employer be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute the Plan on behalf of the Employer;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That Ashley Cason and Teresa Weeks are hereby retained as the Trustees of the Plan; and

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the officers of the Employer be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute and deliver such documents as they may deem necessary, appropriate or convenient to effect the foregoing resolutions including, without limitation, causing to be prepared and filed such reports documents or other information as may be required under applicable law.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2022.

Motion to ratify resolution to submit an application for funding from the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Microgrant Program.

Grants Administrator, Pam Schalk reported the purpose of the Department of Justice COPS Microgrant program is to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building on knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. In response to an increase in violent crime and drug related crime in our community, the Thomasville Police Department wants to purchase video surveillance systems coupled with the gunshot detection and vehicle license plate readers. The camera systems remove any bias tendencies while detecting crimes and recording observations. The systems will allow officers to respond to scenes of violence without the dispatch delay and provide valuable evidence for prosecution. Working with the surveillance systems and the department's crime mapping software officers of the newly added directed patrol unit and patrol officers can concentrate enforcement efforts where they are needed. With the increased awareness of activities in violent crime areas officers will build upon their community knowledge while increasing citizen contacts through collaborative community efforts to reduce crime causes in the community. The deadline for submission was June 23, 2022 and staff was unable to present the item to Council for consideration prior to the deadline. Therefore, per the new Grants Policies and Procedures (page 4 Approval and Execution) it is requested that Council consider a motion to ratify a resolution for the submission for the FY2022 COPS Microgrant Program application. This project will advance the Thomasville Police Departments initiative to address violent crime in our community through the increase in community oriented policing programs.

Funding from this grant will provide 94% of the funds for the purchase of the Flock and Raven systems. If funded the program will provide a total of \$120,000 in grant funds with a local cash match of \$8,150. The Project Period is 12 months from the time of award. The Thomasville Police Department will be responsible to all program costs after the project period expires. No additional FTE positions are required for this project. In response to an increasing number of gunshot call data, Administrator Schalk reported proposed equipment testing locations were selected at 510 Old Albany Road and 1325 Werner Street, Thomasville, Georgia. It was noted that the property owners of each location have provided proper authorization for placement of equipment. It was further noted that all equipment placed will be positioned so as to not to be considered as an invasion of personal privacy.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the ratification of the resolution to submit an application for funding from the COPS Microgrant Program as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further Discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the FY2022 Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Microgrant Program grant is a state program that is distributed by the U.S. Department of Justice; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to support the systematic use of partnerships and proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as violent crime, and fear of crime for the greater good of the community; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to submit a FY2022 COPS Microgrant Program grant application so as to obtain funding assistance to purchase video surveillance systems, gunshot detection equipment and license plate recognition cameras;

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to commit funding in the FY2023 budget to provide for the provision of the matching funds as a requirement of the COPS Microgrant Program Grant application; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary and related documents, as shall be necessary in relation to the F2022 COPS Microgrant Program Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the submittal of an application for the FY2022 COPS Microgrant Program on, or before, the application's deadline of June 23, 2022 to obtain assistance to purchase video surveillance systems, gunshot detection equipment and license plate recognition cameras; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the provision of commitment of funds in the FY2023 Budget so as to provide the matching funds as required in the FY2022 COPS Microgrant Program application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or his/her successor, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the FY2022 COPS Microgrant application and grant agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 25th day of July 2022.

Motion to approve resolution to submit an application for funding from the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program.

Grants Administrator, Pam Schalk reported the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117-58) administered by the US Department of Transportation provides funding for the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM) Grant Program. NGDISM funds are available for municipality- or community-owned utilities (not including for-profit entities) to repair, rehabilitate, or replace their natural gas distribution pipeline system or portions thereof, or to acquire equipment to (1) reduce incidents and fatalities and (2) avoid economic losses. Through the NGDISM Grant Program, PHMSA seeks to reduce the risk profile of existing pipeline systems with pipe prone to leakage of methane, create related good-paying jobs and promote economic growth, and benefit disadvantaged rural and urban communities with safe provision of natural gas. The current completion timeline for replacing the extrude services is 25 years, replacing 10 extrude services per year with an annual budget of \$10,500. If funded the grant will significantly decrease the overall completion timeline by 20 years. This project will replace 250 extrude tubing services to protect our environment and reduce climate impacts by remediating aged and failing pipelines and pipe prone to leakage. The pipe to be replaced will primarily be in areas of the community determined by the US Department of Transportation to be Areas of Persistent Poverty. Two (2) regulation stations will be upgraded to provide a reduction in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions for the benefit of the environment and the public (401 W Jackson, 204 Texas Ave.). Equipment will be purchased for leak detection to improve overall efficiency and accuracy of leak surveys. If funded, the program will provide up to \$2.3 million with no local match required; staff time to perform services will be used as in-kind match as well as the regularly scheduled maintenance. City of Thomasville will contract four new employees for the five-year project period. Every effort will be made to find permanent positions for the contractors after the five years; skills gained from the contract will make contractors eligible for other departments and industries. This is a reimbursement grant which requires allocation of funds in the FY2023 Budget; award disbursements to all grantees will be for eligible costs incurred on a reimbursable basis. All Operation and Maintenance costs will be covered by the Natural Gas Department budget. No additional FTE positions are required for this project.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the resolution to submit an application for funding from the NNGDISM Grant Program as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further Discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the FY2022 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program is a federal program that is distributed by the U.S. Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to support the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of the natural gas distribution pipeline system or portions thereof, or to acquire equipment to reduce incidents and fatalities and avoid economic losses.; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to submit a FY2022 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program application so as to obtain funding assistance to rehabilitate the Natural Gas system; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to commit funding in the FY2023 budget to provide for the provision of the reimbursable funds as a requirement of the FY 2022 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program Grant application; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary and related documents, as shall be necessary in relation to the F2022 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the submittal of an application for the FY2022 Natural Gas Infrastructure

Safety and Modernization Grant Program on, or before, the application's deadline of July 25, 2022 to obtain assistance to rehabilitate the Natural Gas system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the provision of commitment of funds in the FY2023 Budget so as to provide the reimbursable funds and matching funds as required in the FY2022 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or his/her successor, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the FY2022 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program application and grant agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 25th day of July 2022.

Consider award for Professional Audit Services.

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason reported the current audit services contract with Mauldin and Jenkins ended with the 2021 audit year. In response to this expiration, in May 2022, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to five (5) qualified firms as well as placed on the City of Thomasville's website for the purpose of seeking a qualified firm to provide auditing services. Some of the key deliverables of this RFP included a final draft of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) by the 5th of June, separate audited financials for all the Authorities, a Landfill Assurance Report, a MEAG Report and the Single Audit Submission. Out of the five (5) firms that received proposal requests, only two (2) firms submitted proposals: Lanigan & Associates of Thomasville, Georgia and Mauldin & Jenkins of Macon, Georgia. A committee was created to review the RFPs. Upon review and evaluation of the RFPs, the committee scheduled interviews with each firm. Key issues were raised with each candidate, and after deliberation of the interviews, the committee recommends Lanigan and Associates based on their record and guarantee of timeliness and accuracy of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. It was noted that while Lanigan & Associates did not provide the lowest bid; they are in line with number of hours and level of services to be received. A summary of RFPs follows.

<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>ESTIMATED # OF HOURS</u>	<u>PROPOSAL AMOUNT</u>
Mauldin & Jenkins	445	\$68,000 for first year
	440	\$69,000 for second year
	425	\$70,000 for third year
Lanigan & Associates	646	\$109,500 for first year
	646	\$112,398 for second year
	646	\$115,296 for third year

Councilmember Warren motioned to award the contract for professional audit services to Lanigan & Associates for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 audit years in the amount not to exceed, \$109,500, \$112,398 and \$115,296 respectively. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further Discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

Bids and award for the purchase of east end Landfill Road Resurfacing.

Executive Director of Inspections & Engineering, Mark Harmon reported bids were received on March 8, 2022 for the project. There were five plan holders and a resulting low bid in the amount of \$212,613.00. The bid was more than anticipated and the project was re-bid with the modifications to reduce cost. The second round of bids were opened May 31, 2022 and included furnishing all labor and equipment to perform all work required to complete base repairs and two asphalt overlays. The roadway improvement is a high priority to better accommodate fully loaded refuse truck from the City and surrounding communities. Engineering estimated this project cost are \$120,000 during the 2021 budget process. This was not included in the 2022 budget in the Landfill Capital expenditures, but the

roadway will not sustain itself until next year for repair. Through revenues above projections, there are funds available in the Sanitary Landfill enterprise fund. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Green’s Backhoe, Thomasville, Georgia	\$ 189,353.00
Remmes and Sons, Valdosta, Georgia	\$ No Bid Received
Capital Asphalt, Tallahassee, Florida	\$ No Bid Received
Construct Connect	\$ Does not Bid Projects

Councilmember Warren motioned to award the contract for the Landfill East End Road Resurfacing to Green’s Backhoe in the amount of \$189,353.00 as being qualified to perform the services and as the sole cost proposal received. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further Discussion. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

Bids and award for the purchase of West Clay Street Drainage Improvements.

Executive Director of Inspections & Engineering, Mark Harmon reported bids were received on May 10, 2022 for this project. The scope of work will correct ditch erosion from severe side slopes at edge of pavement and adjoining ditch banks. The bid included furnishing all labor and equipment to perform all work required to construct drainage system improvements for West Clay Street, that includes 1329 linear feet of 18” diameter storm drainage piping, installing drop inlets, raising the ditch grades, installing rip rap check dams and providing flatter ditch side slopes with centipede sod. The project was properly advertised for 30 days, and also posted on the Georgia Procurement Registry website. There were six (6) plan holders total; however, only one bid was received. Executive Director Harmon reported the existing business in the area has indicated they will complete some erosion correction actions within their property in an effort to help address the erosion as well. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Green’s Backhoe, Thomasville, Georgia	\$ 412,614.00
Jim Boyd Construction, Albany, Georgia	\$ No Bid Received
Sloan Associates, Valdosta, Georgia	\$ No Bid Received
Capital Asphalt, Tallahassee, Florida	\$ No Bid Received
Attaway Contracting	\$ No Bid Received
Scruggs Company	\$ No Bid Received

Councilmember Warren motioned to award the contract for the purchase of West Clay Street Drainage Improvements to Green’s Backhoe as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. Discussion ensued regarding Councilmembers’ concerns in relation to projects receiving only one bid. Executive Director Harmon explained contractors interested in bidding on a project must purchase copies of the project plans in order to review prior to submitting their bid. Each contractor who pays the fee is then considered a “Plan Holder” and has the right to submit a bid. Harmon reported the Plan Holder may decline to submit a bid for any reason; such as, but not limited to, supply cost increases, workforce challenges, or numerous other issues. It was noted that local businesses and small businesses are encouraged to become Plan Holders whenever possible; however, there are certain requirements which must be met by those contractors. There was brief discussion regarding project contingencies in relation to deadline incentives and penalties; the re-bid process; and, challenges of continued supply chain cost increases. There was no further discussion and the original motion remained unchanged. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

REPORTS

Thomasville City Schools Request for Letter of Support

Thomasville City Schools Superintendent, Dr. Raymond Bryant, briefly explained the inequities of available and accessible healthcare for students greatly impact a student’s ability to do well in school. He noted a partnership between the Georgia Department of Education and Emory Healthcare provides for planning and implanting a School Based health Care Center. Dr. Bryant reported the City Schools recently held a question and answer session with constituents and the results were indicative for the school district beginning a school-based health care center. Dr.

Bryant reported the City School District will be submitting a Planning Grant Application for a School-Based Health Center and requested City Council to provide a Letter of Support for the initiative to be included with the grant application. It was noted that a formal vote of Council would be needed to authorize the Mayor's signature on the Letter of Support.

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve authorization of the Mayor's signature to execute a Letter of Support from the City of Thomasville in relation to the school district's Planning Grant Application for a School-Based Health Center. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was brief discussion regarding individual needs, center location, and accessibility of such center. The motion remained unchanged. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

Mayor Flowers signed the Letter of Support and provided to Superintendent Bryant.

Additional Reports

Assistant City Manager White reported an uptick of positive COVID cases within the community. It was noted the seating in Council Chambers had been reduced to allow for additional spacing to provide for social distancing. He also reported there were technical difficulties with the live stream video and audio for this meeting; a recording of the meeting will be available at a later date.

There were no additional reports provided by Councilmembers or City Attorney at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

Mayor, John H. Flowers

ATTEST: City Clerk

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Clerk's Note: A copy of the signed meeting minutes will be posted when signature obtained.

At the regular session Council Meeting held on August 8, 2022, Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the July 25, 2022 Council Meeting minutes, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.