

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, December 12, 2022

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session with Mayor Jay Flowers presiding and the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Pro Tem Todd Mobley and Councilmembers Wanda Warren, Terry Scott, and Scott Chastain. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; Assistant City Manager, Chris White; City Attorney, Tim Sanders; other city staff; citizens and members of the media. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 144 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. Simultaneous access to the meeting was provided to those members of the press and citizens not present via the City of Thomasville's online live stream feed located at www.thomasville.org.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order 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 November 14, 2022, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

RECOGNITION

1. Mayor Flowers recognized Director of Utility Operations, Chris Hayes, and acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Mr. Hayes. Mayor Flowers commended Mr. Hayes for providing many contributions and leadership during his thirty years of service with the City of Thomasville. Mayor Flowers presented Mr. Hayes with a plaque honoring his service and celebrating his retirement.
2. Mayor Flowers recognized the staff of the Offices of Main Street and Tourism for outstanding efforts for the coordination of the 36th Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration. The event hosted an estimated crowd of over 18,000 each evening of the two-night event. Director of Tourism Development, Bonnie Hayes; Managing Director of Marketing and Communications, April Norton; and, Public Information Officer, Christy Owens were present and collectively thanked the community, City of Thomasville staff and downtown merchants with their assistance with the coordination of the event.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

1. Candee Henderson, resident of Thomas County, Thomasville, Georgia, spoke in favor of City Council adopting a resolution to ensure the City of Thomasville would be sustainable and provide 100% renewable energy by 2035.
2. Keith Thomas, resident of Woods Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, commended the City Manager, Assistant City Managers, and Councilmembers on their leadership for the community and encouraged them to keep up the good work. He also encouraged the community to speak in favor of the installation of a city-run community pool and encouraged Council to consider placing the pool in the Southside area of Thomasville.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilmember Warren motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

OLD BUSINESS

Second readings of three separate ordinances to authorize the acquisition of permanent easements in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. (GDOT PI#0015394).

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported there were no changes to these ordinances since their passage on first reading. Attorney Sanders briefly reviewed the acquisitions and noted a separate vote was required from Council for each parcel.

1. Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of a permanent easement in the name of the Georgia Department of Transportation for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 177.54 square feet at 802 Old Albany Road from Ozell Bell in exchange for consideration of \$500 in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 177.54 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 802 ALBANY ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville was awarded funding for right-of-way acquisition in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project (GDOT PI #0015394) ("Project") by the Georgia Department of Transportation for the fiscal year 2022;

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the City of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 177.54 square feet located at 802 Old Albany Road ("Easement") from Ozella Bell and Ira Bell (collectively "Owner") in the name of the City, to be assigned to the Georgia Department of Transportation, is necessary in connection with the construction and maintenance of the Project, and such Easement is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Thomasville, Georgia, recognizes that the purchase of the Easement is necessary to and in furtherance of the Project, is a valid public purpose, and the Project is of significant benefit to the citizens of the City and their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Easement will be a cost effective measure for the goals and objectives in furtherance of the Project.

SECTION II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same (i) that the acquisition of the Easement by the City in the name of the City, to be assigned to the Georgia Department of Transportation, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby

authorized for a purchase price of Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00); (ii) that the option to purchase agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B" is hereby ratified and approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the same; (iii) that the Mayor is authorized to take all actions and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes and intent set forth in this ordinance and to effect the purchase of the Easement, under such other terms and conditions as may be necessary and appropriate in his judgment and discretion, in consultation with the City Attorney, including but not limited to the execution of settlement statements and other related closing documents; and (iv) that the forgoing (i-iii) are conditioned upon and subject to Owner executing an easement in a form and substance as approved by the City Attorney and substantially similar to that which is attached hereto and made a part here of as Exhibit "C."

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but will nevertheless be spread upon the public minutes and records of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of Thomasville, Georgia, held on November 14, 2022, and read a second time, passed, and adopted in a like meeting held on December 12, 2022.

Referenced Exhibits shall be included in the permanent and official minutes of the City of Thomasville.

2. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of a permanent easement in the name of the Georgia Department of Transportation for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 481.11 square feet located at 808 Old Albany Road from Jennie Gail Vall in exchange for consideration of \$500 in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 481.11 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 808 ALBANY ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville was awarded funding for right-of-way acquisition in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project

(GDOT PI #0015394) ("Project") by the Georgia Department of Transportation for the fiscal year 2022;

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the City of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 481.11 square feet located at 808 Old Albany Road ("Easement") from Jennie Gail Vall (collectively "Owner") in the name of the City, to be transferred to the Georgia Department of Transportation, is necessary in connection with the construction and maintenance of the Project, and such Easement is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Thomasville, Georgia, recognizes that the purchase of the Easement is necessary to and in furtherance of the Project, is a valid public purpose, and the Project is of significant benefit to the citizens of the City and their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Easement will be a cost effective measure for the goals and objectives in furtherance of the Project.

SECTION II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same (i) that the acquisition of the Easement by the City in the name of the City, to be assigned to the Georgia Department of Transportation, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby authorized for a purchase price of Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00); (ii) that the option to purchase agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B" is hereby ratified and approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the same; (iii) that the Mayor is authorized to take all actions and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes and intent set forth in this ordinance and to effect the purchase of the Easement, under such other terms and conditions as may be necessary and appropriate in his judgment and discretion, in consultation with the City Attorney, including but not limited to the execution of settlement statements and other related closing documents; and (iv) that the forgoing (i-iii) are conditioned upon and subject to Owner executing an easement in a form and substance as approved by the City Attorney and substantially similar to that which is attached hereto and made a part here of as Exhibit "C."

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but will nevertheless be spread upon the public minutes and records of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION V

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Referenced Exhibits shall be included in the permanent and official minutes of the City of Thomasville.

3. Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of a permanent easement in the name of the Georgia Department of Transportation for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 649.53 square feet located at 105 Highland Street from Roger Devon Ingram, Jr. in exchange for consideration of \$500 in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance title read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 649.53 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 105 HIGHLAND STREET IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville was awarded funding for right-of-way acquisition in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project (GDOT PI #0015394) ("Project") by the Georgia Department of Transportation for the fiscal year 2022;

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the City of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 649.53 square feet located at 105 Highland Street ("Easement") from Roger Devon Ingram, Jr. (collectively "Owner") in the name of the City, to be assigned to the Georgia Department of Transportation, is necessary in connection with the construction and maintenance of the Project, and such Easement is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Thomasville, Georgia, recognizes that the purchase of the Easement is necessary to and in furtherance of the Project, is a valid public purpose, and the Project is of significant benefit to the citizens of the City and their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Easement will be a cost effective measure for the goals and objectives in furtherance of the Project.

SECTION II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same (i) that the acquisition of the Easement by the City in the name of the City, to be assigned to the Georgia Department of Transportation, more particularly shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby authorized for a purchase price of Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00); (ii) that the option to purchase agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B" is hereby ratified and approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the same; (iii) that the Mayor is authorized to take all actions and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes and intent set forth in this ordinance and to effect the purchase of the Easement,

under such other terms and conditions as may be necessary and appropriate in his judgment and discretion, in consultation with the City Attorney, including but not limited to the execution of settlement statements and other related closing documents; and (iv) that the forgoing (i-iii) are conditioned upon and subject to Owner executing an easement in a form and substance as approved by the City Attorney and substantially similar to that which is attached hereto and made a part here of as Exhibit "C."

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but will nevertheless be spread upon the public minutes and records of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION V

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Referenced Exhibits shall be included in the permanent and official minutes of the City of Thomasville.

Second readings of seven separate ordinances to authorize demolition of an unfit structures listed as follows in Thomasville, Georgia.

Executive Director of Inspections & Engineering, Mark Harmon reported there had been no changes to these ordinances since their passages on first reading. It was noted that each structure has been present on the list of dilapidated houses that has been maintained since its inception in 2016. The structures have been in a deteriorating state without utilities for two decades or more. The structures presented were brought before the City Manager in an advertised hearing where an order was lawfully issued to demolish the structures. The time limit on each order has long expired. The appraisals of each have been completed to confirm that each structure meets the threshold for demolition. A title search was performed on each structure, as were notices of the orders being mailed to all parties identified. The orders were posted on each respective site and printed in the required intervals in the legal section of the Times Enterprise per the requirement of City of Thomasville Code and Georgia Law. It was further noted ordinances to authorize demolition of unfit structures are required to be voted upon individually by Council. The addresses of the respective structures are all located within the corporate limits of the City of Thomasville.

1. Councilmember Warren motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 227 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted 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. The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 227 ALEXANDER STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY JOHN CLAYTON; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-381c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 227 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 227 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 001 019 009, 13th Land District, In the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, being 0.14 acre, more or less, shown in Deed Book 8-F, Page 132, described in Deed Book 2251, Page 141, known as 227 Alexander Street.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same herby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of the ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be made a part of the public minutes of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of the foregoing ordinance is the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at the lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held November 14, 2022, and read the second time, passed, and adopted on December 12, 2022.

2. Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 405 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 405 ALEXANDER STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY LILLIE QUEEN FRANKLIN; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-381c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 405 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 405 Alexander Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 001 033 007, 13th Land District, In the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, being 0.14 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 518, Page 298, known as 405 Alexander Street.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same herby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of the ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be made a part of the public minutes of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of the foregoing ordinance is the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at the lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held November 14, 2022, and read the second time, passed, and adopted on December 12, 2022.

3. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 107 Cook Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 107 COOK STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY CORINE BIVINS; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-381c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 107 Cook Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 107 Cook Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 001 038 008, 13th Land District, In the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, being 0.17 acre, more or less, recorded in Deed Book 8-F, Page 67, known as 107 Cook Street.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of the ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be made a part of the public minutes of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of the foregoing ordinance is the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at the lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held November 14, 2022, and read the second time, passed, and adopted on December 12, 2022.

4. Councilmember Warren motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 109 Ely Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 109 ELY STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY CLARETHA HAM; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-381c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 109 Ely Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 109 Ely Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 007 004 034, 13th Land District, In the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, being 0.11 acre, more or less, shown in Deed Book DD, Page 459, described in Deed Book 1802, Page 323, known as 109 Ely Street.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of the ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be made a part of the public minutes of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of the foregoing ordinance is the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at the lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held November 14, 2022, and read the second time, passed, and adopted on December 12, 2022.

5. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 505 McKinley Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 505 MCKINLEY STREET, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY CORINE BIVENS (EST); TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-381c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 405 McKinley Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 405 McKinley Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 001 038 007, 13th Land District, In the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, being 0.14 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 28, Page 46, known as 505 McKinley Street.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of the ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be made a part of the public minutes of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of the foregoing ordinance is the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at the lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held November 14, 2022, and read the second time, passed, and adopted on December 12, 2022.

6. Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 108 Second Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 108 SECOND AVE, THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA; OWNED BY MICHAEL E WATTS, IN REM, ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, DEFENDANT IN FIERI FACIAS, AS GRANTOR, AND MODERN & PRISTINE PROPERTIES; TO PROVIDE THE

EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-381c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 108 Second Ave, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 108 Second Ave, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 007 007 002, Land Lot 41, 13th Land District, In the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, being 0.24 acre, more or less, lot 27, Mallette's Normal School Addition Subdivision, described In Deed Boole 1816, Page 54, known as 108 Second Avenue.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same herby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of the ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be made a part of the public minutes of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

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SECTION V

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7. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize demolition of an unfit structure located at 508 Wolfe Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 508 WOLFE STREET, THOMASVILLE,

GEORGIA; OWNED BY STEVEN ALLAN OLDS AND ALICIA DANIELLE OLDS; TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sub-section 5-381c of the City of Thomasville Municipal Code (the "Code"), the City of Thomasville has previously ordered the owner of the property located at 508 Wolfe Street, Thomasville, Georgia; to either repair, alter, improve, or demolish the structure located on the property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of such property has failed to comply fully with such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of The City of Thomasville that the City Manager of the City of Thomasville is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the structure(s) and clean up the property located at 508 Wolfe Street, Thomasville, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 001 038 012, 13th Land District, In the City of Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia, being 0.11 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 2018, Page 314, known as 508 Wolfe Street.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances of the City of Thomasville in conflict herewith be and the same herby are repealed for purposes of this ordinance only.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of the ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be made a part of the public minutes of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date of the foregoing ordinance is the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at the lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville held November 14, 2022, and read the second time, passed, and adopted on December 12, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Right of Way acquisition of permanent easements in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project (GDOT PI#0015394).

City Attorney, Tim Sanders reported it is necessary to acquire permanent easements in conjunction with the sidewalk construction on the portion of Old Albany Road beginning at the intersection of North Boulevard and Old Albany

Road and ending at the intersection of Plantation Oaks Drive and Old Albany Road. He further reported there exists an emergency requiring the adoption of an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of the easement and right-of-way as described on first and second readings at this one meeting pursuant to City of Thomasville Code Section 2-2. It was noted the emergency is in relation of the owner's sale of adjacent property prior to the year's end. Attorney Sanders requested Council's consideration of the adoption of a Resolution of Emergency to adopt the acquisition ordinance on first and second readings at this one meeting and also to order the acquisition ordinance as read for the first and second times at this one meeting as presented.

1. Councilmember Scott motioned to adopt the Resolution of Emergency to allow for the first and second readings, at this one meeting, of an ordinance to authorize the acquisition of permanent easements in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. (GDOT PI#0015394). Councilmember Chastain seconded. It was noted this action requires four affirmative votes of councilmembers to adopt. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The adopted Resolution of Emergency follows.

RESOLUTION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville was awarded funding for right-of-way acquisition in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project (GDOT PI #0015394) ("Project") by the Georgia Department of Transportation for the fiscal year 2022;

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the City of a permanent easement of 635.97 square feet for the construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage on Old Albany Road ("Easement") from Jeff L. Bickel ("Owner") in the name of the City of Thomasville, to be assigned to the Georgia Department of Transportation, is necessary in connection with the construction and maintenance of the Project;

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the City of 575.12 square feet from Owner for right-of-way in the name of the Georgia Department of Transportation located on Old Albany Road ("Right-Of-Way"), is necessary in connection with the construction and maintenance of the Project.

WHEREAS, Jeff L. Bickel has made a condition of such acquisitions that they be consummated on or before December 31, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the interest of completing the Project in a timely and cost effective manner, the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville hereby determine that there exists an emergency requiring the adoption of an ordinance to authorize the Easement and Right-Of-Way described above on first and second readings at this one meeting pursuant to City of Thomasville Ordinance Section 2-2.

SO DONE this the 12th day of December, 2022.

2. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize acquisition of permanent easements for parcel 1, approximately 1,211.09 combined total square feet located at the intersection of Carroll Street and Old Albany Road as read for the first and second times, under resolution of emergency, at this one meeting. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance ordered read for the first and second times, under resolution of emergency, at this one meeting follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF

APPROXIMATELY 635.97 SQUARE FEET AND THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 575.12 SQUARE FEET OF RIGHT- OF-WAY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CARROLL STREET AND OLD ALBANY ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville was awarded funding for right-of-way acquisition in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project (GDOT PI #0015394) ("Project") by the Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT") for the fiscal year 2022;

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the City of a permanent easement of approximately

635.97 square feet for the construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage on Old Albany Road ("Maintenance Easement") from Jeff L. Bickel ("Owner") in the name of the City of Thomasville, to be assigned to GDOT, is necessary in connection with the construction and maintenance of the Project, and such Maintenance Easement is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, the acquisition by the City of approximately 575.12 square feet from Owner for right-of-way in the name of GDOT located on Old Albany Road ("Right-Of-Way"), is necessary in connection with the construction and maintenance of the Project, and such Right-Of-Way is more particularly described on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Thomasville, Georgia, recognizes that the purchase of the Maintenance Easement and the Right-Of-Way are necessary to and in furtherance of the Project, is a valid public purpose, and the Project is of significant benefit to the citizens of the City and their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Maintenance Easement and the Right-Of-Way will be a cost effective measure for the goals and objectives in furtherance of the Project.

SECTION II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that for a total purchase price of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and 00/100 Dollars (\$8,780.00) (i) that the acquisition of the Maintenance Easement by the City in the name of the City, to be assigned to GDOT, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby authorized; (ii) that the acquisition of the Right-Of-Way by the City in the name of GDOT, more particularly described on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby authorized; (iii) that the option to purchase agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "C" is hereby ratified and approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the same; (iv) that the Mayor is authorized to take all actions and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes and intent set forth in this ordinance and

to effect the purchase of the Easement and the Right-Of-Way, under such other terms and conditions as may be necessary and appropriate in his judgment and discretion, in consultation with the City Attorney, including but not limited to the execution of settlement statements and other related closing documents, and any assignments of the Maintenance Easement to GDOT; and (v) that the forgoing (i-iv) are conditioned upon and subject to Owner executing a maintenance easement in a form and substance as approved by the City Attorney and substantially similar to that which is attached hereto and made a part here of as Exhibit "D" and a deed in a form and substance as approved by the City Attorney and substantially similar to that which is attached hereto and made a part here of as Exhibit "E."

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but will nevertheless be spread upon the public minutes and records of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION V

Following the passage of a resolution of emergency, this ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, held on Monday, December 12, 2022, and read a second time, passed and adopted that same meeting.

Referenced Exhibits shall be included in the permanent and official minutes of the City of Thomasville.

First reading of four separate ordinances to authorize the acquisition of utility and permanent easements in connection with the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project (GDOT PI#0015394).

City Attorney, Tim Sanders reported that on December 7, 2021, the City of Thomasville was selected to be awarded by the Georgia Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2022 funding for right-of-way (ROW) funds for the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project (GDOT PI #0015394). It is necessary to acquire permanent easements in connection with the sidewalk construction on the portion of Old Albany Road beginning at the intersection of North Boulevard and Old Albany Road and ending at the intersection of Plantation Oaks Drive and Old Albany Road. The easements are identified and described as follows:

1. 507 Old Albany Road (Parcel 8): The acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 3,566.66 square feet located from James Thomas Rehberg at 507 Old Albany Road is necessary for furtherance of the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. The consideration paid will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and the easement will vest in the City and will later be assigned to the Georgia Dept. of Transportation.
2. 591 Albany Road (Parcel 11): The acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 153.43 square feet located and a utility easement for the City of approximately 733.00 square feet from Rena Montgomery at 591 Old Albany Road is necessary for furtherance of the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. The consideration paid will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and the construction and maintenance easement will vest in the City and will later be assigned to the Georgia Dept. of Transportation.

3. 106 Highland Street (Parcel 19): The acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 488.61 square feet located and a utility easement for the City of approximately 642.63 square feet from Margaret Deuane Duncan at 106 Highland Street is necessary for furtherance of the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. The consideration paid will be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and the construction and maintenance easement will vest in the City and will later be assigned to the Georgia Dept. of Transportation.
4. 601 Old Albany Road (Parcel 29): The acquisition of a permanent general utility easement of approximately 1,872.82 square feet located from David M. Ley and Laura J. Ley at 601 Old Albany Road is necessary for furtherance of the Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. The consideration paid will be Seven Hundred Three Dollars (\$703.00) and the easement will vest in the City.

Attorney Sanders noted that each ordinance requires separate action of Council.

1. Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of utility and permanent easements for Parcel 8 as read for the first time. Passed and carried over as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance title ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 3,566.66 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 507 OLD ALBANY ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

2. Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of utility and permanent easements for Parcel 11 as read for the first time. Passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance title ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 153.43 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AND A PERMAMENT UTILITIES EASEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY SQUARE FEET 733.00 AT 591 OLD ALBANY ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

3. Councilmember Warren motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of utility and permanent easements for Parcel 19 as read for the first time. Passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance title ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 488.61 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AND A PERMAMENT UTILITIES EASEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY SQUARE FEET 642.63 AT 106 HIGHLAND STREET IN CONNECTION

WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

4. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of utility and permanent easements for Parcel 29 as read for the first time. Passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance title ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT GENERAL UTILITIES EASEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 1,872.82 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 601 OLD ALBANY ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH OLD ALBANY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (GDOT PI #0015394); TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

First reading of an ordinance to amend various sections of Thomasville’s Code to provide uniformity regarding service on certain boards and commissions, with respect to appointment, attendance, training and removal of members.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders reported the ordinance is to implement uniformity regarding service on certain boards and commissions, particularly with respect to appointment, attendance, training and removal of members. The changes effected by this ordinance will generally apply to all of the boards and commissions outlined in section 2-101(a). The exception is that the vacancy and removal provisions do not apply to the members of the Pension Board who are elected by the employees. Specific section comments follows:

Section 2-103: This section provides general qualifications to serve on boards, including City residency and a general interest in, experience or education particular to the board on which the member serves. Absences from any three (3) consecutive meetings will result in an immediate vacancy in the member’s seat.

Section 2-104: This section addresses terms generally and provides that members shall serve and “until their successors are appointed.” Removal provisions are also included and require removal for cause on written charges after a public hearing. Removal requires the vote of four (4) Councilmembers.

Three specific charges are listed as “for cause,” which are failing to meet training and education requirements, violations of conflicts of interest and code of ethics requirements, and changing their residence to outside of the City limits. There is also a broader provision that relates to the member’s duties on their board or otherwise relate to requirements of the Code.

Section 2-105: This provision contains conflict of interest provisions and incorporates by reference the code of ethics contained in O.C.G.A. §45-10-3.

A conflict of interest must be declared in a public meeting of the board. “Conflict of Interest” is defined as any direct or indirect private financial interest of the member serving on a board or an immediate member of their family in a matter pending or coming before the body upon which such member serves. “Immediate family” is defined as the spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, son, or daughter of a member of any of the boards enumerated in section 2-101(a).

Examples of the provisions found in the code of ethics are a member shall “Never discriminate by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to anyone, whether or not for remuneration, and “Never solicit, accept, or agree to accept gifts, loans, gratuities, discounts, favors, hospitality, or services from any person, association, or corporation under circumstances from which it could reasonably be inferred that a major purpose of the donor is to influence the performance of the member’s official duties.”

O.C.G.A. §45-10-3 was drafted to apply to boards and authorities created by the Legislature.

Examples of the provisions found in the code of ethics are that members shall:

- “Never discriminate by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to anyone, whether or not for remuneration;” and
- “Never solicit, accept, or agree to accept gifts, loans, gratuities, discounts, favors, hospitality, or services from any person, association, or corporation under circumstances from which it could reasonably be inferred that a major purpose of the donor is to influence the performance of the member’s official duties;” and
- “Never accept any economic opportunity under circumstances where he knows or should know that there is a substantial possibility that the opportunity is being afforded him with intent to influence his conduct in the performance of his official duties.”

Section 2-106: This section imposes training requirements. Each newly appointed member is required to attend an introductory training course set by the city manager or his/her designee within the first year of service.

Thereafter, subsection (b) provides that each member will be required to attend at least four (4) hours of training in each calendar year. Subsection (d) requires that a record be maintained of each member’s fulfillment of their training and education requirements.

Sections 2-140 through 2-142: These sections formally codify the Airport Advisory Board and provide for the composition and term of the board members.

Section 2-143 through 2-145: These sections formally codify the Main Street Advisory board and provide for the composition and term of the board members.

Sections 5-57, 9-31, 20-52, 22-529, 22-559, 22-560, 22-561: The changes to these sections remove provisions concerning removal, replacement and vacancies that are addresses in a uniform manner in sections 2-103 and 1-104.

Additionally, the compensation provisions for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Architectural Review and Zoning Appeals have been removed. These were the only two boards that received any compensation. It was noted that rules for these boards and commissions have been in place and have been followed; however, this action helps to formally clarify them for the community and those who volunteer for these positions.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the reading of the ordinance to amend the Thomasville Code to provide for uniformity regarding service on certain boards and commissions, with respect to appointment, attendance, training and removal of members as read for the first time, passed and carried over as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance title ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, (1) BY DELETING SECTION 2-101, CAPTIONED “ESTABLISHED” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-101, CAPTIONED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED; OTHER BOARDS AND ENTITIES ENUMERATED; (2) BY DELETING SECTION 2-103, CAPTIONED “RESERVED” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-103, CAPTIONED “GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS; ATTENDANCE RECORDS AND ATTENDANCE; AND VACANCIES”; (3) BY DELETING SECTION 2-104, CAPTIONED “RESERVED” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-104, CAPTIONED “TERMS GENERALLY; REMOVAL”; (4) BY DELETING SECTION 2-105, CAPTIONED “RESERVED” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-105, CAPTIONED “CONFLICTS OF INTEREST; CODE OF ETHICS”; (5) BY DELETING SECTION 2-106, CAPTIONED “RESERVED” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-106, CAPTIONED “TRAINING AND EDUCATION”; (6) BY CREATING A NEW DIVISION 3,

CAPTIONED "AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD" OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2 AND DELETING SECTIONS 2-140 THROUGH 2-142, CAPTIONED "RESERVED" IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 2-140 THROUGH 2-142 CAPTIONED "CREATED; MEMBERSHIP; TERM; AND QUORUM" "RULES" AND "PURPOSE" RESPECTIVELY; (7) BY CREATING A NEW DIVISION 4, CAPTIONED "MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD" OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 2 AND DELETING SECTIONS 2-143 THROUGH 2-145, CAPTIONED "RESERVED" IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 2-140 THROUGH 2-142 CAPTIONED "CREATED; MEMBERSHIP; TERM; AND QUORUM" "RULES" AND "PURPOSE" RESPECTIVELY; (8) BY AMENDING SECTION 9-31, CAPTIONED "POWER TO ADOPT RULES AND STANDARDS; (9) BY AMENDING SECTION 20-52(B), CAPTIONED "CREATED; MEMBERSHIP; TERM; QUORUM"; (10) BY AMENDING SECTION 22-529, CAPTIONED "TERMS, REMOVAL AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS; VACANCIES"; (11) BY AMENDING SECTION 22-559, CAPTIONED "MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS"; AND (12) BY AMENDING SECTION 22-560, CAPTIONED "TERM OF OFFICE"; and (13) BY DELETING SECTION 22-561, CAPTIONED "COMPENSATION" IN ITS ENTIRETY AND CAPTIONING THE SAME AS "RESERVED"; (14) REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; (15) PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

First reading of an ordinance to authorize acquisition of 1,827 square feet located at 1020 Remington Avenue in connection with the Remington Avenue Project.

Executive Director of Engineering and Inspections, Mark Harmon, reported that the Remington Avenue Streetscape Project plans call for a roundabout to be installed at the intersection of Remington Ave and Ben Grace Drive. The roundabout will promote better traffic flow at the intersection and provide safer passage for pedestrians through the intersection. Additional right of way is required from 1020 Remington Avenue (Thomas County Missionary Baptist Association) to install the roundabout. Owner, Thomas County Missionary Baptist Association has approved compensation offer of \$1,535.00 for 1,827 square feet of land along Ben Grace Drive and Remington Avenue.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to order the ordinance to authorize acquisition of a portion of property located at 1020 Remington Avenue as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The ordinance title ordered read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THAT REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 1020 REMINGTON AVE PARCEL NO. 2 DESCRIBED ON THAT SURVEY PREPARED BY EMC ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., DATED JANUARY 9, 2023, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1,827 SQUARE FEET, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF REMINGTON AVE AND BEN GRACE DR.; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Resolution to approve Citizen Board Appointments for Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

Mayor Flowers reported citizens appointed to Boards, Committees, Commissions and Authorities are appointed for various term lengths and when those terms are vacated or expired, it the responsibility of City Council to appoint or re-appoint citizens. Mayor Flowers commend those citizens who have served in any capacity on the various Boards, Committees, Commissions and Authorities. Mayor Flowers read the individual names of appointees and to what they were appointed as listed on "Exhibit A" and included as an attachment to the resolution of appointment.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the resolution appointing individuals for Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Authorities as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The approved resolution, including "Exhibit A", follows.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE

At a regular meeting duly publicized and open to the public, there being a quorum of the City Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia (the "City Council") present, the City Council takes the following actions and adopts the following resolutions:

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the City Council is vested with the authority to appoint persons to various boards, commissions, and authorities and the City Council desires to exercise such authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth fully in this Section 1.

Section 2. Appointment. The City Council hereby appoints those persons listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof to the boards, commissions and authorities as set forth on Exhibit A. The appointments set forth on Exhibit A to such boards, commissions and authorities shall be for the terms as provided for in the ordinance, resolution, legislative act or such other applicable governing organizational document for each such board, commission and authority.

Section 3. Actions Approved and Confirmed. All acts and doings of the City Council, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, the officers and employees of the City that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in the furtherance of appointments described and authorized herein shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects approved and confirmed.

Section 4. Severability of Invalid Provisions. If any one or more of the provisions herein contained shall be held contrary to any express provision of law or contrary to the policy of express law, though not expressly prohibited, or against public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such covenants, agreements or provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining agreements and provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of any of the other agreements and provisions hereof or of the actions authorized or ratified hereunder.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted and approved this 12th day of December, 2022.

"EXHIBIT A"

CITY OF THOMASVILLE 2023 CITIZEN BOARD APPOINTMENTS
FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES
(as approved by Thomasville City Council, 12/12/2022)

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Christopher Clay <i>(Commercial Airport User)</i>	12/31/2025

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW & ZONING APPEALS BOARD

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Royal Baker <i>(City Resident)</i>	12/31/2025

BUILDING CONTRACTORS EXAMINING BOARD

APPOINTMENT Ray Finger TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2026

DESTINATION THOMASVILLE TOURISM AUTHORITY

APPOINTMENT Joe Cargile (*Chamber of Commerce*) TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2023

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BOARD

APPOINTMENT Chris Linton (*Related to Discipline*) TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2025
Jackie Ellis (*Citizen*) 12/31/2025

HOUSING AUTHORITY

APPOINTMENT Bill Rainey TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2027

LIBRARY BOARD

APPOINTMENT Debra Abrams TERM EXPIRES 6/30/2023

MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD

APPOINTMENT Adrian Burns, (*Chamber*) TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2023
Pam Hoveland, (*Citizen*) 12/31/2023
Ed Millere, (*Downtown Merchant*) 12/31/2023
Whitney White, (*Tourism*) 12/31/2024
Morgan Bailey, (*Financial Institution/DDA*) 12/31/2025
Dena White (*Citizen*) 12/31/2025

PAYROLL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

APPOINTMENT Stephen Cheney TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2025
Chansidy Daniels 12/31/2025

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

APPOINTMENT Sam Fink TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2024
Earl Williams 12/31/2024
Joe Tarver (*filling unexpired term of Terry Rouse*) 12/31/2023

THOMASVILLE/THOMAS COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

APPOINTMENT Keith T. Thomas (*City*) TERM EXPIRES 12/31/2025
Stephen Cheney, Jr. (*City*) 12/31/2025

TREE & LANDSCAPE BOARD

APPOINTMENT

Pam Wright
Wes Smith
Devona Thompson

TERM EXPIRES

12/31/2024
12/31/2024
12/31/2024

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~ END EXHIBIT A ~

Resolution to approve Councilmember appointment to South Georgia Governmental Services Authority (SGGSA) Board of Directors.

Mayor Flowers reported his appointment on the SGGSA Board of Directors is set to expire December 31, 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve a resolution appointing Mayor Jay Flowers to the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority (SGGSA) Board of Directors. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that pursuant to the Bylaws of the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority, the following individual is hereby appointed to serve as a City of Thomasville Member on the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority Board of Directors with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Mayor John H. "Jay" Flowers

So Done, this the 12th day of December 2022.

Resolution to adopt the City of Thomasville FY2023 Proposed Budget.

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason reported on November 14, 2022, the Proposed Budget was presented to Council at a scheduled budget review meeting. At this meeting, the budget timeline and the process to develop the budget and the number of new positions (net 0 additional positions) for 2023 were discussed. Councilmembers were also provided a high level overview of some key takeaways in the Proposed Budget. This included the following:

1. 3% Utility Rate Increase for Water
2. 5% Utility Rate Increase for Sewer
3. Five-year Electric Rate Restructuring Plan: Increase in Electric's Basic Facility Charge (BFC) of \$2 per month (Revenue Neutral)
4. Electric Transfers to the General Fund Increased by \$1 million
5. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds appropriated for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements and an Initial Funding for a Community Development Corporation (CDC)
6. Implementation of Pay and Class Study Recommendations
7. Remington Avenue Streetscape
8. Storm Water Master Plan
9. Park Assessment Improvements
10. Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvements
11. Downtown Bathroom
12. Continue Review of City Ordinances, City Charter, and Policies

The Proposed Budget for 2023 includes \$142,309,014 in revenues and \$129,574,632 in operating expenses. The budget also includes transfers from the utility funds to the general fund of \$12,135,000 and no ad valorem taxes. A public hearing was held on December 5, 2022 to obtain citizen input.

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the City of Thomasville Budget Resolution Fiscal Year 2023 Operating and Capital Budget as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. Mayor Flowers and Councilmembers collectively commended the City Manager, Assistant City Managers and CFO Cason for their efforts on this daunting task. CFO Cason commended the City of Thomasville's Finance staff, employees and leadership for their assistance and support. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The approved resolution follows.

City of Thomasville Budget Resolution Fiscal Year 2023
Operating and Capital Budget

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville provides certain services which are deemed to be for the general welfare and in the best interest of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of these services requires the collection of revenue and the appropriation of expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year of the City of Thomasville begins on the 1st day of January, and ends on the 31st day of December of each year; and

WHEREAS, a budget has been prepared which itemizes projected revenue and proposed expenditures for the fiscal year 2023:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Thomasville that for the following budget be adopted for the various funds of the City of Thomasville and for the various Utilities funds as presented by the Chief Financial Officer and attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain appropriations as outlined in the capital budget document are contingent upon the receipt of federal and state grant funds and other revenues and those appropriations will be disbursed only as those funds become available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the revenue from the Utilities Department of the City of Thomasville be transferred on an as needed basis.

SO DONE, in regular session of the Council of the City of Thomasville this the 12th day of December 2022.

Motion to approve agreement by and between Trinity Anglican Church and the City of Thomasville in relation to public parking lot and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary and related documents.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders reported in 2007, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) conveyed certain parcels of land to Trinity Anglican Church in exchange for Trinity's promise to construct a minimum fifty space parking lot to be used for public parking in addition to church parking (located at 325 West Jackson Street). Trinity also entered into a sidewalk easement in 2018 with the City to allow a portion of the multi-use trail to be constructed across Trinity's property. Trinity constructed the parking lot and there is record of a "non-exclusive perpetual easement for vehicular access, ingress, egress, and parking over and upon" the parking lot. In the intervening years, Trinity's and the public's use of the lot has changed. Extensive negotiations further refined and clarified the rights and obligation of the City and Trinity. Both entities have approved the terms of the proposed agreement. Attorney Sanders reviewed a summary of key provisions of the agreement, which were included in the Council's meeting packet.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary and related documents to execute the agreement. Councilmember Scott seconded. Councilmember Chastain reported he would abstain from voting on this matter, citing a possible conflict of interest. The motion passed 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren and Scott.

ABSTAINED: Chastain.

Motion to ratify a resolution to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Grant Program for Cassidy Pond Park Improvements. Manager-Parks/Recreation & Golf, Mike Owens reported the grant, intended for investments in neighborhood features, including parks, recreation facilities, sidewalks, and healthy food access, can also work to improve physical and mental health outcomes. The application is to improve Cassidy Pond Park facilities to include sidewalk access to existing and planned improvements, improved parking, additional shelter and tables, restroom facilities, additional fishing dock, half-mile walking trail, disc golf course, benches, and signage. Cassidy Pond is one of (3) eligible park locations in the Qualified Census Tract. After reviewing these options and utilizing the preliminary results from the Parks Master Plan, proposed site improvements were developed. Matching funds for this grant are not required. Application is for a 100% reimbursement grant with no cash match included. In-kind services in the amount of \$183,027.00 are proposed and include design and surveying and disc course design. It was noted there were three parks in the qualifying census tract (Weston Park, Wayside Park and Cassidy Pond Park). It was further noted that Weston Park recently received improvements and Cassidy Pond Park received more public use than the Wayside Park.

Councilmember Chastain motioned to approve the resolution for the grant as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to provide increased access to recreation to underserved residents in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires that an Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities application be submitted to Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the commitment of nine hundred and eight thousand dollars toward this application with the understanding that the funds are reimbursable; 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 for relation to the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the submittal of the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities and the required supporting documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the provision of commitment of funds as required in the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities; 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 for relation to the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities application and subsequent grant award agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 12th day of December 2022.

Motion to ratify a resolution to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Public Safety Community Violence Reductions Grant Program for the purchase of RECOVER System.

Thomasville Police Department Patrol Operations, Major Shane Harris reported the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant Program is a state grant program administered by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). This grant provides Investments in technology and equipment to allow law enforcement to more efficiently and effectively respond to the rise in gun violence resulting from the pandemic. Data derived from the equipment will be used throughout Thomas County to help develop strategies to reduce violent crime. The outreach partners will also use the data and community-oriented strategies to reach communities throughout southwest Georgia with programs that target underserved communities plagued by disinvestment and crime. Intended beneficiaries are residents living in high-crime areas as well as adjacent businesses. Other beneficiaries include residents who are victims of violent crime through counseling and education regarding alternative behaviors to prevent and resolve conflicts. Major Harris further reported primary activities will include the purchase of Flock Safety surveillance system to determine causes of crime and provide evidence for prosecution. The Flock system costs is \$128,500 and the data and strategies developed from this system will benefit approximately 44,000 Thomas County Residents (\$2.92 per person). The RECOVER system will be purchased to enable processing of the backlog of shell casings from over 18 counties in southwest Georgia, GA State Patrol, US Secret Service, DEA, FBI, GBI (50 counties in 5 regions; 1/3 of Georgia), Homeland Security, and Moody Air Force Base. With a purchase price of \$178,327, this project will cost less than \$0.33 per person. This grant is 100% reimbursement; no cash match is required.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the resolution to authorize the grant submission as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant Program is a state program that is distributed by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB); 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 Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant Program so as to obtain funding assistance to purchase video surveillance systems, gunshot detection equipment, and license plate recognition cameras, and latent fingerprint detection equipment;

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the commitment of three hundred six thousand and five hundred (\$306,500) dollars toward this application with the understanding that the funds are reimbursable; 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 Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the submittal of an application for Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant Program to obtain assistance to purchase video surveillance systems, gunshot detection equipment, and license plate recognition cameras and latent fingerprint detection equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the provision of commitment of three hundred six thousand and five hundred (\$306,500) dollars 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 Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant Program application and grant agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 12th day of December 2022.

Motion to ratify a resolution to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant Program for the purchase of AED units for first responders.

Thomasville Police Department, Major Wade Glover reported the Local First Responders State Microgrant Program is a state grant program administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). This grant provides funds for the purchase of equipment, supplies, technology, and other materials directly related to first responder functions. TPD averages 450 medical-related calls for service each year in which the AED units are deployed. Up to 80% survival rates have been reported when CPR and defibrillation are administered within minutes of a witnessed cardiac event. TPD officers are often the first on the scene, the equipment is vital for our officers to have on hand. Officers received bi-annual CPR training which includes 2 hours of training on the AED. Unfortunately, the much-needed AEDs were cut from this year's budget, leaving TPD officers with outdated equipment that may not function properly when needed. If funded, TPD will purchase 10 AED units for patrol officers to have on hand to respond to sudden cardiac events during calls for service. The grant is 100% reimbursement; no cash match is required.

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the resolution to submit the grant application as resented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain. The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Local First Responders State Microgrant Program is a state program that is distributed by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to support the efforts of our first responders for the greater good of the community; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to submit a Local First Responders State Microgrant Grant Program application so as to obtain funding assistance to purchase Automatic External Defibrillator kits for use in emergencies;

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the commitment of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars toward this application with the understanding that the funds are reimbursable; 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 Local First Responders State Microgrant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the submittal of an application for Local First Responders State Microgrant Program to obtain assistance to purchase Automatic External Defibrillator kits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the provision of commitment of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars as required in the Local First Responders State Microgrant Grant 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 Local First Responders State Microgrant Grant Program application and grant agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 12th day of December 2022.

Motion to approve renewal of 2023 Group Health Coverage Plan.

Human Resource Generalist, Karilyn Green reported the City of Thomasville’s Group Benefits and Insurance Broker J. Smith Lanier/Marsh & McLennan published a request for proposal for the 2023 Group Health Plan renewal rates and presented the staff with the best renewal options. The best option proposed was to remain with the current provider while adjusting various provisions of the plan to achieve overall cost savings to the City. In summary, the insurance premiums paid by employees remained unchanged, spousal coverage would cease (unless affidavit provided that spouse was not covered under another provider), deductible amounts and other provisions were amended, such as but not limited to, the increase in items being covered.

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the 2023 Group Health Coverage Plan as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

Bids and award of Request for Proposals for annual Janitorial Contract.

Public Works Superintendent, Stephen Stewart reported the existing vendor for this contract is not performing to the standards per the RFP. Public Works obtained references for each company listed for performance and services provided. The references provided positive reviews of Golden Facility Services for commercial application; while the remaining companies’ references were for services provided to residential and large apartment complexes following tenant vacancies. Public Works Superintendent further reported an internal committee had been formed to review the contract. The committee recommended the bid be awarded to Golden Facility Services of Thomasville. The following is a summary of RFPs received for the annual Janitorial Contract:

<u>PROPOSAL RECEIVED</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Golden Facility Services <i>Thomasville, GA</i>	\$204,780.00
Johnson Institutional Services <i>Thomasville, GA</i>	\$150,145.96
Clean Rangers <i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	\$138,172.83
Contractors Enterprises <i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	\$313,822.44
Top Quality <i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	\$194,584.68

Councilmember Chastain motioned to award the bid for Janitorial Contract to Golden Facility Services of Thomasville as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was brief discussion regarding the level of service being provided currently. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

REPORTS

City Manager Carson thanked Council for their affirmative vote to adopt the 2023 City of Thomasville Budget. He noted this was the final Council meeting of the year and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Councilmembers collectively wished the citizens and City of Thomasville Staff a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Councilmembers also provided well wished for Chris Hayes and his upcoming retirement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

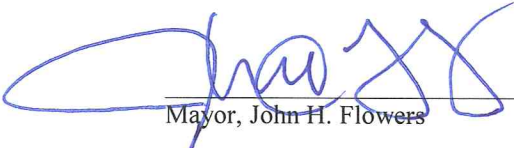
Councilmember Scott motioned to close the public meeting for the purpose of an Executive Session Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1). Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

Following the duly convened and adjourned Executive Session, the meeting was reopened to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor, John H. Flowers



ATTEST: City Clerk

