

## City of Thomasville Council Meeting, June 12, 2023

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session on the above date. Mayor John H. "Jay" Flowers presided and the following Councilmembers were 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, Sheryl Sealy; 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 media and citizens not present via the City of Thomasville's online live stream feed located at [www.thomasville.org](http://www.thomasville.org).

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### INVOCATION

Councilmember Terry Scott gave the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Todd Mobley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Warren motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2023, 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.

### PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Councilmember Scott recognized local organization *Think Before You Re-Act* for continuing to work with local law enforcement to help assist in bringing violence awareness to the local areas and presented a proclamation declaring June 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Month.
2. Mayor Flowers acknowledged the Thomasville Main Street Program was recently designated as an Accredited Main Street America program for meeting rigorous performance standards. Mayor Flowers recognized Main Street Manger, Brandy Avery; Downtown & Tourism Coordinator, Angel Clemmons; and, Managing Director of Marketing and Communications, April Norton, for their efforts in maintaining a thriving downtown and Main Street Program. Mayor Flowers also congratulated Thomasville Main Street for being named as Georgia's Main Street Program of the Month.
3. Councilmember Warren acknowledged the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Thomasville for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Award of Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Councilmember Warren recognized the outstanding efforts of Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, and the finance department, for being recognized and receiving both awards. She noted these are the highest forms of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Flowers acknowledged the following Citizens as listed on the Citizens to be Heard Sign-In Form and requested citizens adhere to the three-minute limit when speaking.

1. Lucinda Brown, resident of Halcyon Way, Thomasville, Georgia, spoke in opposition of the proposed noise ordinance. She voiced concerns that the proposed ordinance would not be fairly enforced throughout the entire city and implored Council to reject this ordinance.

2. Mary Hopkins, resident of Broadnax Street, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns on behalf of the Arizona Neighborhood Watch program. She presented a list of various items and concerns the program requested Council to address. Mayor Flowers asked Ms. Hopkins to provide the list to the City Manager for follow-up.
3. Michelle Arwood, resident of Remington Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia, spoke in opposition of the proposed noise ordinance. She voiced concerns of the unintended consequences for businesses and equitable enforcement across the community. Ms. Arwood encouraged Council to table this item for further discussion and stakeholder input.
4. Ian Quinton, representing The Biscuit Company (an event venue), also spoke in opposition of the proposed noise ordinance. He noted citizens were not aware the proposed ordinance was coming before Council for discussion. Mr. Quinton voiced concerns of potential negative effects this ordinance will have on event venues and similar businesses. He encouraged Council not to vote on this ordinance at this meeting without further discussion and language amendments that will be more favorable to businesses.
5. Lakertonette Reddick, resident of East Webster Street, Thomasville, Georgia, spoke against the proposed noise ordinance. She noted that there were more important things that needed to be addressed, and stated this ordinance would hurt the economy as it does not allow people to have fun event. She further requested Council to consider not passing this ordinance.
6. Jonathon Gandy, Production and Events Manager, S&L Integrated, spoke against the proposed noise ordinance. He noted that, if adopted, the ordinance will inadvertently move business opportunities to surrounding towns that will permit the events to be held. He further noted the City employs production vendors, bands, etc., for the events produced by the City, which is exempted by the ordinance. He voiced concerns of that exemption being viewed as an unfair perspective. Mr. Gandy also noted the proposed ordinance negatively impact fundraising efforts of local charitable organizations.
7. Roger Hawkes, owner, Hubs and Hops, encouraged Council to table this item. He noted citizens had not been made aware of the ordinance and it has not had enough discussion regarding the negative impacts to local businesses if the ordinance is adopted as it is currently proposed.
8. Earl Williams, III, resident of Yorkshire Crescent, Thomasville, Georgia, also spoke in opposition of the proposed noise ordinance. He encouraged Council to table the item until a substantial amount of research has been completed and community input has been received.
9. Rick Ivey, Artistic Director for Thomasville Entertainment Foundation (TEF), voiced concerns of unintended consequences for organizations such as TEF and businesses if the proposed noise ordinance is adopted as proposed. He noted the current restrictions listed within the ordinance are too broad and goes too far. Mr. Ivey further noted that if the intent of proposed ordinance was to address house parties, graduation parties, and such residential parties, the language should be amended accordingly. Mr. Ivey requested Council to table this item and consider the consequences on legitimate events, organizations and businesses affected by the proposed ordinance.
10. Buffie Spencer, Receptions for You (an event venue), also spoke in opposition of the proposed noise ordinance. She called for the item to be tabled for further discussion. Ms. Spencer noted that, as proposed, the ordinance will effectively shut her business down. She further noted that the reservations she currently holds will take their business/events to areas with fewer restrictions relating to noise, events, and parties. Ms. Spencer requested Council to consider the option for legitimate events venues to be exempted, as City sponsored events are exempted, within the ordinance.
11. Morris Arrington, resident of Woods Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, spoke in opposition of the proposed noise ordinance. He noted that the creation of this new ordinance was unnecessary, is very biased and will be enforced in the same manner. Mr. Arrington further noted that if adopted, the implementation of the noise ordinance will create unnecessary loss of revenue for local businesses because the organizers of the events will go elsewhere. He also voiced concerns with the provision of City sponsored events being exempted from this ordinance.
12. Candee Henderson, resident of Egg and Butter Road South, Thomas County, Georgia, requested Council consider ways for the City to utilize ways to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2035. She described possible ways to do this by installing electric car charging stations downtown with solar power panels positioned as a cover over the charges to provide shaded parking spots.

## **ADOPT AGENDA**



Councilmember Scott motioned to adopt the agenda 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.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Second readings of three separate ordinances in relation to the Downtown Code.**

City Planner, Kenny Thompson, reported there were no changes to any of the three separate ordinances in relation to the downtown code since their passage on first reading. The Downtown District creates a new zoning code for Downtown Thomasville that makes downtown legal to build again. The code protects the historic character, promotes quality new development, and preserves the existing buildings and businesses within the downtown. The code was developed through several public meetings to capture the community's vision for downtown, and will create high-quality buildings and public spaces. The three ordinances provide for the adoption of the Downtown District Code in Chapter 22 of the Thomasville Code, amends numerous sections of Chapter 22 to provide for support of the Downtown Code and provides for a Foreclosure and Vacant Real Property Registry in Chapter 5 of the Thomasville Code of Ordinances. City Planner Thompson requested Council approve on second readings, three separate ordinances in relation to the Downtown Code as presented. It was noted the ordinances required separate votes of Council.

1. Second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Thomasville Code of Ordinances to provide for the adoption of the Downtown District Code.

Councilmember Warren motioned to order the ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Thomasville Code of Ordinances to provide for a Downtown District Code as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. Councilmember Chastain and Mayor Flowers recused themselves from the discussion and vote on these three ordinances due to conflict of interest. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley presided during the Mayor's recusal. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Warren, and Scott; NAYS: there were none; and, ABSTAINED: Flowers and Chastain.

*A copy of the ordinance ordered as read for the second time, passed and adopted, and filed as ORD-23-06122023 CH22 DOWNTOWN CODE, is attached to the official record of these minutes. The ordinance title follows.*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY PROVISIONS SET OUT AS SECTION 22-593 THROUGH 22-595 OF DIVISION 1 CAPTIONED "GENERALLY" OF ARTICLE XV CAPTIONED "OVERLAY DISTRICTS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING" SO AS TO ADOPT IN ITS ENTIRETY NEW SECTIONS 22-593 THROUGH 22-595; TO AMEND THE CAPTION OF ARTICLE XV, CHAPTER 22; TO AMEND THE CAPTION OF DIVISION 1 OF ARTICLE XV, CHAPTER 22; TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, AS THE SAME HAS BEEN AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TO CREATE THE REGULATION PLAN, CONSISTING OF THE DOWNTOWN CODE BOUNDARY, DOWNTOWN CORE, DOWNTOWN GENERAL AND DOWNTOWN EDGE TRANSECT ZONES AND REZONE ALL THE PARCELS LOCATED WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN CODE BOUNDARY AS DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, AS THE SAME HAS BEEN AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, TO CREATE THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS PLAN AND IDENTIFY AND DESIGNATE THE PARCELS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS PLAN; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

2. Second reading of an ordinance to amend various sections of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for support of the Downtown Code.

Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to amend various sections of Chapter 22 of the Thomasville Code of Ordinances to provide for support of the Downtown District Code as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Warren seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Warren, and Scott; NAYS: there were none; and, ABSTAINED: Flowers and Chastain.

*A copy of the ordinance ordered as read for the second time, passed and adopted, and filed as ORD-24-06122023 CH22 text amend to support DDC, is attached to the official record of these minutes. The ordinance title follows.*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 22-6 CAPTIONED "DEFINITIONS" OF ARTICLE I CAPTIONED "IN GENERAL" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING" SO AS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 22-6 CAPTIONED "DEFINITIONS" OF ARTICLE I CAPTIONED "IN GENERAL" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-7 CAPTIONED "INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION" OF ARTICLE I CAPTIONED "IN GENERAL" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY AMENDING TO SECTION 22-14 CAPTIONED "ENCROACHMENT ON PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY" OF ARTICLE I CAPTIONED "IN GENERAL" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 22-25 CAPTIONED "PERMITTED MODIFICATION OF SETBACK REQUIREMENT" OF ARTICLE I CAPTIONED "IN GENERAL" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING" SO AS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 22-25 CAPTIONED "PERMITTED MODIFICATION OF SETBACK REQUIREMENT" OF ARTICLE I CAPTIONED "IN GENERAL" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 22-46 CAPTIONED "TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT" OF ARTICLE I CAPTIONED "IN GENERAL" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS" OF ARTICLE III CAPTIONED "DISTRICTS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING" SO AS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS" OF ARTICLE III CAPTIONED "DISTRICTS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (C), SECTION 22-92 CAPTIONED "ZONING MAP" OF ARTICLE III CAPTIONED "DISTRICTS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 22-121 CAPTIONED "SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED USES" OF ARTICLE IV CAPTIONED "PERMITTED USES" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING" SO AS TO ADD A NEW SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "PERMITTED USES" OF ARTICLE IV CAPTIONED "PERMITTED USES" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 22-142 CAPTIONED "SIGN PERMITS" AND SECTION 22-141 CAPTIONED "ZONING ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED; DUTIES" OF ARTICLE V CAPTIONED "ADMINISTRATION" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING" SO AS TO RENAME AS ARTICLE V "RESERVED" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING" AND RENAME SECTIONSS 22-141 THROUGH 22-167 "RESERVED"; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-210 CAPTIONED "SPECIFICATIONS" OF ARTICLE VII CAPTIONED "DISTRICTING STANDARDS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-427 CAPTIONED "SCOPE" OF ARTICLE X CAPTIONED "OFF STREET PARKING AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-438 CAPTIONED "OFF-STREET LOADING REQUIREMENTS" OF ARTICLE X CAPTIONED "OFF STREET PARKING AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-440 CAPTIONED "RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PROTECTION OF CITIES OF-WAY" OF ARTICLE X CAPTIONED "OFF STREET PARKING AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; BY



AMENDING THE NAME OF THE ARTICLE XV CAPTIONED "OVERLAY DISTRICTS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING" TO ARTICLE XV CAPTIONED "SPECIAL DISTRICTS" OF CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED "ZONING"; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

3. Second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 5 to provide for a Foreclosure and Vacant Real Property Registry.

Councilmember Warren motioned to order the ordinance to amend Chapter 5 of the Thomasville Code of Ordinances to provide for a Foreclosure and Vacant Real Property Registry, as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Warren, and Scott; NAYS: there were none; and, ABSTAINED: Flowers and Chastain.

*A copy of the ordinance ordered as read for the second time, passed and adopted, and filed as ORD-25-06122023 CH5 VCNT FRCLSD REG, is attached to the official record of these minutes. The ordinance title follows.*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XI-A (1) TO PROVIDE FOR VACANT AND FORECLOSED PROPERTY REGISTRIES; (2) TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; (3) TO PROVIDE FOR GUIDELINES FOR VACANT AND FORECLOSED PROPERTY REGISTRIES; (4) TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS; (5) TO PROVIDE FOR MAXIMUM FEES AND PENALITIES FOR REGISTRATION AND FAILURE TO REGISTER; (6) TO PROVIDE FOR APPELLATE RIGHTS; (7) TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; (8) TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; (9) TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND (10) FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

At this time, Mayor Flowers resumed presiding over the remainder of the meeting.

**Second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 15, "Solid Waste Management" to provide for a Solid Waste District.**

Director of Solid Waste & Landfill, Jimmy Smith, Jr., reported there had been no changes to the ordinance since its passage on first reading. The amendments relate to collections for city curbside service, unauthorized disposal of waste, commercial collection requirements and the addition of the Downtown Solid Waste District. The ordinance for the Solid Waste District will outline boundaries, required services, subscription categories plus container and collection requirements.

Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to amend Chapter 15 of the Thomasville Code of Ordinances to provide for a Solid Waste District, as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. It was noted that staff has communicated with affected customers regarding these amendments. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

*A copy of the ordinance ordered as read for the second time, passed and adopted, and filed as ORD-26-06122023 CH15 DWNTWN SOLID WASTE DIST, is attached to the official record of these minutes. The ordinance title follows.*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, BY (1) DESIGNATING SECTIONS 15-58 THROUGH 15-67 AS DIVISION 1, CAPTIONED "GENERALLY," OF ARTICLE III, CAPTIONED "GARBAGE AND TRASH," OF CHAPTER 15, CAPTIONED "SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT," AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-58 THROUGH 15-67; (2) DESIGNATING SECTIONS 15-68 THROUGH 15-92 OF ARTICLE III, CAPTIONED "GARBAGE AND TRASH," OF CHAPTER 15, CAPTIONED "SOLID WASTE

MANAGEMENT,” AS A NEW DIVISION 2, CAPTIONED “DOWNTOWN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT” AND REPLACING SECTIONS 15-68 THROUGH 15-92 IN THEIR ENTIRETY; (3) REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; (4) PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Second Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 11, Offenses, to create new Noise and Loitering Ordinances.**

City Manager Carson addressed Council and noted that one of the things that make Thomasville a special place to live is also one of the things that makes America a wonderful country – the ability of people to make comments and to listen to those comments. In this particular case, staff has worked diligently to try to solve the issues brought to us by citizens and councilmembers. However, it seems as though a different direction would be best taken at this point in time in relation to the amendments to the noise ordinance. City Manager Carson reported there has been a lot of confusion and misinformation circulating about this ordinance and it is the duty of city staff to straighten out that confusion and information. He acknowledged that no matter the input, this will not be a perfect ordinance for everyone. City Manager Carson reported it was never the intent to affect businesses or commercial establishments and noted that a lot of what is in the ordinance was requested by citizens and Council. He noted this was the fourth time the item has been discussed in public meetings with Council. City Manager Carson encouraged citizens to look at council agendas that are published on the city’s website and pay attention to items listed for Council’s discussion. City Manager Carson noted his responsibility is to ensure leadership works with Council and Council works with the public to achieve the best product and outcome that we possibly can. City Manager Carson requested Council consider his recommendation to table this item.

Councilmember Warren motioned to table the second reading of the ordinance to amend Chapter 11, to create a new a Noise and Loitering Ordinances, as recommended. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, Warren, Scott and Chastain.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**First 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)

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). Offers were accepted by the record owners of parcels 18, 25 and 30 at the appraised value for permanent easements for construction and maintenance of slopes and utilities easements. These easements are necessary in order to construct the Old Albany Road Sidewalk between North Boulevard and Plantation Oaks Drive. The City will acquire the easements in the name of the Georgia Department of Transportation. City Attorney Sanders reviewed the map images of the Project Area.

1. Parcel 18: Acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 664.79 square feet located at 910 Old Albany Road from Carol Christian in exchange for consideration of \$1,250.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage for Parcel 18 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 EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SLOPES AND DRAINAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 664.79 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 910 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. Parcel 25: Acquisition of a permanent utility easement of approximately 102.96 square feet located at 208 Meadow Street from Donald L. Pettis and Saran Pettis in exchange for consideration of \$500.00.

Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of a permanent utility easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage for Parcel 25 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 GENERAL UTILITIES EASEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 102.96 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 208 MEADOW 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.

3. Parcel 30: Acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage of approximately 1,522.51 square feet located at 603 Old Albany Road from Nita M. Lovett in exchange for consideration of \$571.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize the acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage for Parcel 30 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 1,522.51 SQUARE FEET LOCATED AT 603 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.

**Resolution to authorize the acceptance of Governor's Office of Planning and Budget Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Grant Award for Cassidy Pond Park.**

Manager-Parks/Recreation & Golf, Mike Owens reported the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities is a state grant program administered by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). This grant provides funding development of or improvements/maintenance to parks or recreational facilities in Qualified Census Tracts in Georgia. Cassidy Pond Park is one of three eligible locations which include Weston Park and Wayside Park. The application was to improve Cassidy Pond park facilities to include sidewalk access to existing facilities and planned improvements, which include improved parking, additional shelter and tables, restroom facilities, additional fishing dock, half-mile walking trail, disc golf course, benches, and signage. This is a reimbursement grant and no cash match is required. Manager Owens requested that Council approve a resolution to authorize the acceptance of the grant; approve a maximum of \$1,000,000 toward this project; authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary documents related to the 2022 OPB Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Grant Award; and, designate the Grants Administrator for the City of Thomasville to act as the Authorized Representative as defined in the Grant Agreement for the purpose of the Grant Agreement in consultation with the City Manager or City Manager's designee.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the resolution, as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. Councilmember Chastain suggested that a landscape architect is involved in the design process to ensure path layouts are correct. 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 to accept an Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities through the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget be accepted; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the commitment of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) toward this project with the understanding that the funds are reimbursable; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor or his/her successor to sign all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary for relation to the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities grant award; 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 the Mayor Pro Tempore, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary for relation to the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities grant award agreement a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A ("Grant Agreement").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia designates Pam Schalk, in her capacity as Grants Administrator for the City of Thomasville, as the Authorized Representative, as that term is defined in the Grant Agreement, and authorizes Pam Schalk to act as the Authorized Representative for purposes of the Grant Agreement, in a manner consistent with this Resolution, and in consultation with the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

### **Approval of proposed 2024 Budget Calendar.**

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason reported that as part of the City's Financial Policies, the City has developed a budget calendar detailing the 2024 Budget cycle. The proposed calendar outlines dates for when the budget is presented to the Mayor and Council, public meetings to discuss the proposed budget, and a public hearing to provide citizen input. The budget calendar expands over the next six months and includes key events such as the Annual Council retreat. The retreat provides opportunity for the Mayor and Council to give staff direction and goals for the upcoming fiscal year. The calendar also includes the Proposed Budget Meeting, Public Hearing, and the official date for the Council to adopt the budget. It was noted that at the request of Council, a note has been made to adjust the schedule if the scheduled Public Budget Hearing is in conflict with the date of the annual Christmas Parade.



Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the 2024 Budget Calendar, 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.

**Motion to approve Change Order for Wastewater Treatment Facility Miscellaneous Improvements and to authorize Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem, to sign all necessary documents.**

Assistant Utilities Superintendent, Eric Gossett reported during a discovery process for the electrical duct bank, Southern Champion Construction discovered that it was beyond spot repairs. The original electrical duct bank had been poorly constructed by utilizing wooden post as support for electrical conduit. Afterwards, concrete was poured directly on top of the conduit. Over time, this caused the electrical conduits to bend across the decaying wooden posts and allow water intrusion inside the electrical conduits. It is recommended to construct a new electrical duct bank. This change order would increase the overall Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement project by \$176,598.80 bringing it to a total of \$6,416,098.80. It was noted that funding sources will consist of capital funds, Economic Development Grant, and Georgia Environmental Financing Authority loan funds. A summary of the awarded contractor and increase amount follows.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Increased Amount</u>
Southern Champion Construction, Atlanta, Georgia	\$176,598.80

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the Change Order for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Miscellaneous Improvements and to authorize the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem, to sign all necessary documents. Councilmember Chastain 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 for the purchase of Asphalt Patching Contract for City Streets.**

City Engineer, Todd Powell reported bids were received for the project, which includes furnishing all labor and equipment to perform the following work: Remove and replace asphalt and base for limited areas with distressed asphalt along Turnberry Court, Edgewood, Longleaf and Tuxedo Drives; perform a utility pavement patch on Williams Street; and, add asphalt within the gutter along Montrose Drive. It was noted the work will be funded utilizing the 2018 SPLOST Funds. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
H and H Paving	\$ 93,541.00
Green's Backhoe	\$ 94,564.50
Scoggins Dozier	\$136,215.50
David Taylor Construction	No Bid Received

Councilmember Scott motioned to award the bid for the purchase of asphalt patching contract to H and H Paving, and to authorize the mayor to sign all necessary and related documents, 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.

**REPORTS**

Councilmembers collectively thanked citizens for their input regarding the proposed noise ordinance and commended the City of Thomasville Finance Team and Main Street Team for their dedication and hard work.

**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). 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.

Following the duly convened and adjourned Executive Session, the meeting was reopened to the public at 7:10 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



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Mayor, John H. Flowers

*Alicia Brannen*

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ATTEST: City Clerk

