

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, June 26, 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 Councilmember Terry Scott. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; Assistant City Manager and 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 media 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. It was noted that Councilmembers Wanda Warren and Scott Chastain were absent from this meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Scott gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Scott motioned to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley and Scott.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Councilmember Scott recognized the Juneteenth Committee and volunteers for their efforts in the coordination of the recent Juneteenth 2023 community celebratory event. Councilmember Scott presented to Ms. Lucinda Brown (Juneteenth Committee member) with a Proclamation declaring June 19th as Juneteenth Day in Thomasville, Georgia in celebration with the nation and encouraged citizens to pause, reflect and embrace the shared journey of freedom.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley recognized the City of Thomasville's Solid Waste Team members. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley presented a Proclamation declaring the week of June 19th, 2023 as National Solid Waste Workers Week in Thomasville, Georgia, and thanked those who serve in the Solid Waste Department.
3. Mayor Flowers recognized the members of the City of Thomasville's Water Department Team members. It was noted that the City of Thomasville's Water Treatment Plant received a Platinum Award from the Georgia Association of Water Professions (GWAP) for operating with perfection during 2022 by meeting or exceeding compliance standards with all Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. Mayor Flowers reported this was the sixth consecutive year earning the Platinum Award after previously receiving the Gold Level recognition for five consecutive years.

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. Veronica Scott, resident of Pinecrest Boulevard, Thomasville, Georgia, asked that Council and citizens join her in a special presentation to TPD Officer Krystal Parker. Mrs. Scott noted that she volunteers with providing large numbers of meals to the community. She noted that at a recent distribution event, she became overwhelmed with the numbers of meals to be provided and Officer Parker stopped to help count out the meals and assist with distribution. Mrs. Scott acknowledged Officer Parker's dedication to help those in need

and her willingness to provide assistance in such a manner. Mrs. Scott presented Officer Parker with a small token of gratitude.

2. Lucinda Brown, resident of Halcyon Way, Thomasville, Georgia, commended the City of Thomasville for its help with the coordination of the annual Juneteenth Celebration. She noted that even though the event was held outside of the city limits (at the Fairgrounds), The City of Thomasville was there to help and the event was a great success. Ms. Brown thanked Councilmembers and City Staff for their assistance with the 2023 event.
3. Keith Thomas, resident of Woods Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, noted he wanted Councilmembers and City Manager to know that Officer Chris Mullins was also to be commended for his dedication to the Thomasville community and his work to help slow traffic down on South Pinetree Boulevard. Mr. Thomas also commended the positive works being done by the current Council, City Manager, and city staff members. He noted everyone should keep up the good work.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley and Scott.

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 had been no changes to the three ordinances since their passage on first reading. It was noted 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.

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.

Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to authorize acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage for Parcel 18 as read for the second time, passed and adopted. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

A copy of the ordinance ordered as read for the second time, passed and adopted, and filed as ORD-27-06262023 To Authorize ACQ P#18 - 910 Old Albany Rd, is attached to the official and permanent record of these minutes. The ordinance title 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to authorize acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage for Parcel 25 as read for the second time, passed and adopted. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

A copy of the ordinance ordered as read for the second time, passed and adopted, and filed as ORD-28-06262023 To Authorize ACQ P#25 208 Meadow Street, is attached to the official and permanent record of these minutes. The ordinance title 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.

Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to authorize acquisition of a permanent easement for construction and maintenance of slopes and drainage for Parcel 30 as read for the second time, passed and adopted. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

A copy of the ordinance ordered as read for the second time, passed and adopted, and filed as ORD-29-06262023 To Authorize ACQ P#30 603 Old Albany Rd, is attached to the official and permanent record of these minutes. The ordinance title 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.

NEW BUSINESS

First reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 11, Offenses, to create new Loitering Ordinance.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders, reported the Code of the City does not address loitering or assemblages of people that obstruct the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles on public property or the parking areas of commercial business or shopping centers. The proposed new section 11-21 is identical to the loitering ordinance that was proposed in connection with the proposed updated noise ordinance. In order to address congregations or assemblages of persons that obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic, this section also includes in the definition of loitering assemblages or congregation of persons:

- (i) so as to hinder or obstruct unreasonably the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles upon any public sidewalk, street, park, public place or passage; or
- (ii) in the parking area of any commercial business or shopping center or for any purpose other than working, shopping or doing business related to the goods or services available at the commercial business or shopping center without specific license from any person authorized to grant permission to use the premises for such assembly or congregation.

Attorney Sanders noted this section does not apply to lawful parades, marches, picketing, nor any other lawful conduct, assembly, or demonstration on a public way. Violations of this section are punishable in accordance with section 1-7 of the Code, which provides for punishment of a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and imprisonment for a period not to exceed 6 months.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to order the ordinance to amend Chapter 11, Offenses, to create a new loitering Ordinance as read for the first time, passed, and carried over. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, BY (1) AMENDING CHAPTER 11, CAPTIONED "OFFENSES," TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 11-21, CAPTIONED "LOITERING AND PROWLING"; (2) REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; (3) PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

First reading of an ordinance to rezone 549 West Calhoun Street from R-1 to C-1, Limited Use, with Conditions. City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported historically, this property was known as the Calhoun Street Grocery. The original grocery was built in 1941, and the wooden structure was replaced in the 1950's with the current cinderblock building. The property was well established as a neighborhood grocery market when the Thomasville Zoning Ordinance was adopted in 1958; however, the property was zoned to R-1, allowing the grocery to operate in its existing form as an existing, non-conforming use. This "grandfathering" of the parcel became void once the property sat vacant for over one year, and as currently zoned the property can only have a single-family house. The applicant is seeking to rezone the property to C-1, Limited Use, with Conditions, to reopen the grocery store and restaurant. The rezoning request is in conformance with the *Thomasville: Blueprint 2028 Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map* and will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property. However, conditions have been placed on the rezoning that will require greater neighborhood compatibility and sensitivity to the existing historic structure and surrounding historic neighborhood. Specifically:

- The Blueprint Comprehensive Plan identifies the properties as being inside a Neighborhood Center within the Traditional Neighborhood area. Commercial and civic uses are encouraged in the Neighborhood Centers so long as the buildings respect the character of the neighborhood. (*Thomasville Blueprint 2028*, Book 1, p. 2.16)
- The rezoning is consistent with both the existing and proposed use for the site. As the existing building is designed to be a grocery store, a C-1 zoning is the most appropriate zoning for the property.
- The Limited Use and Conditions placed on the rezoning will mitigate potential adverse effects on the surrounding neighborhood. The conditions include items such as neighborhood compatibility standards, site standards, and a restricted palette of uses that together will require new development to conform to the character to the surrounding residential neighborhood.

The proposed rezoning of *C-1, Limited Use, With Conditions* meets the criteria for rezoning found in §22-178 Policies and Procedures for Citizen/Property Owner initiated rezoning activities of the *Thomasville Municipal Code*. The conditions placed on this property are in accordance with the proposed reuse of the existing building and a sensitivity to the surrounding residential neighborhood. It was noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommends that Council approve the rezoning request as presented.

Councilmember Scott motioned to order the ordinance to rezone 549 West Calhoun Street from R-1 to C-1, Limited Use, with Conditions as read for the first time, passed and carried over. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING",

BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 4 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "R-1, RESIDENTIAL", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 96 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "C-1 LU, COMMERCIAL LIMITED USE WITH CONDITIONS (EXHIBIT A)". TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Resolution to appoint Voting Delegate and Alternate for Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG).

Assistant City Manager, Chris White reported the voting delegate and alternate for Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) are currently listed as Mayor Jay Flowers and Assistant City Manager Chris White. It was noted that Mayor Flowers is running for a vacancy on the MEAG Board of Directors. As part of the MEAG Board of Directors' Bylaws, Voting Delegates are not eligible to be on the election committee. Therefore, there is a need to update the listed voting delegates. Assistant City Manager White requested of Council to consider a resolution has been prepared to appoint Assistant City Manager Chris White as the Voting Delegate and Assistant City Manager Sheryl Sealy as the Alternate. The Voting Delegate has the authority to cast all votes to which the City is entitled. If the Voting Delegate is unable to vote, the Alternate Voting Delegate then is provided the authority to cast all votes to which the City is entitled.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to adopt the resolution to appoint Voting Delegate and Alternate for Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia that Assistant City Manager Chris White is hereby appointed to serve as this City's voting delegate on the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia's Election Committee, with authority to cast all votes to which this City is entitled. Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy, is appointed as alternate voting delegate.

So resolved this 26th Day of June 26, 2023.

Resolution to approve application submittal for the FY2023 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program.

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

eligible for other departments and industries. This is a reimbursement grant which requires allocation of funds in the FY2023 Budget; award disbursements to all grantees will be for eligible costs incurred on a reimbursable basis. All Operation and Maintenance costs will be covered by the Natural Gas Department budget. No additional FTE positions are required for this project. The deadline for application submission is July 26, 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to adopt the resolution to approve application submittal for the FY2023 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the FY2023 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program is a federal program that is distributed by the U.S. Department of Transportation; and,

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

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

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to commit funding in the FY2024 budget to provide for the provision of the reimbursable funds as a requirement of the FY 2023 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program Grant application; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary and related documents, as shall be necessary in relation to the F2023 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the submittal of an application for the FY2023 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program on, or before, the application' s deadline of July 26, 2023 to obtain assistance to rehabilitate the Natural Gas system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the provision of commitment of funds in the FY2024 Budget so as to provide the reimbursable funds and matching funds as required in the FY2023 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Thomasville as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the FY2023 Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program application and grant agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 26th day of June, 2023.

Resolution to authorize acceptance of a grant award from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant Program.

TPD Major, Shane Harris reported earlier this year TPD Council approved submittal of grant application to the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant Program, 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. The purpose of this project is to reduce violent crime in the City of Thomasville and Thomas County. 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. Primary activities will include the purchase of Flock Safety surveillance system to determine causes of crime and provide evidence for prosecution. 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. The award amount is \$183,161.00. Major Harris requested Council consider a resolution that provides for the following:

- Authorizes the acceptance of an award from 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
- Authorizes the provision of commitment of one hundred eighty-three thousand one hundred sixty-three (\$183,161) dollars as required in the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) grant award agreement; and
- Council 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.

Councilmember Scott motioned to adopt the resolution to authorize acceptance of a grant award from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant Program as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

The adopted 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 accept a Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant award 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 one hundred eighty-three thousand one hundred sixty-three (\$183,161) dollars toward this project; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tempore to sign all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary for relation to the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the acceptance of an award from 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 one hundred eighty-three thousand one hundred sixty-three (\$183,161) dollars as required in the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) 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 26th day of June, 2023.

Resolution to adopt the Thomasville Blueprint 2028 Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update.

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported Thomasville Blueprint 2028 was adopted in 2018 as the City's Comprehensive Plan. The comp plan provides a long-range vision for our community and requires a major update every ten years. However, in accordance with the state's local planning requirements, certain elements of the comprehensive plan must be updated every five years in order to maintain our "Qualified Local Government" (QLG) status. Thomasville's planning process for the 5-year update prioritized community input during the development of an updated comprehensive plan and included a variety of public engagement activities (two public hearings, stakeholder focus group sessions, an open house, and an online community survey), as well as oversight from the Planning Committee throughout the process. Overall, the 5-year update confirmed that the community's existing needs and opportunities remain relevant today and that the City's priority initiatives in 2023 are consistent with the goals and policies established in 2018 for Thomasville Blueprint 2028. According to DCA's minimum requirements and QLG recertification schedule, the five-year update for Thomasville Blueprint 2028 must be completed, reviewed by the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGRC), and approved by DCA prior to adoption by City Council. Pending DCA's approval, City Council must adopt the approved plan by June 30, 2023 to retain the City's QLG status. Failure to meet the June 30th deadline will affect the City's QLG status and corresponding eligibility for essential financial incentives from DCA, DNR, GEFA, and the OneGeorgia Authority. City Planner Thompson requested Council consider a resolution that would adopt the Thomasville Blueprint 2028 Comp Plan Five-Year Update as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the resolution to adopt the Thomasville Blueprint 2028 Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

A Resolution for the City of Thomasville, Georgia
to Adopt the Thomasville Blueprint 2028 Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update

Be it hereby resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia that:

WHEREAS, to retain its "Qualified Local Government" (QLG) status, the City of Thomasville must remain in compliance with the requirements of the State of Georgia's Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville initiated a process to prepare the five-year update of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Thomasville Blueprint 2028, in February 2023; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, the City of Thomasville Planning Department facilitated the development of the five-year update in accordance with state's local planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, required public hearings were held on February 16, 2023 and May 16, 2023 at the Thomasville Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, additional community involvement activities were conducted while developing the five-year update, including stakeholder focus group sessions, an open house event, and an online community survey; and

WHEREAS, the Thomasville Blueprint 2028 Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update was submitted to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review and was approved by the Department as being in compliance with the Minimum Standards and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may adopt the approved Thomasville Blueprint 2028 Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain Qualified Local Government (QLG) certification, the City Council must adopt the approved plan within one year after the plan is found to be in compliance with the Minimum Standards and Procedures; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, in a meeting of duly assembled, the Thomasville Blueprint 2028 Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update, as approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall become effective on the 26th day of June 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia this, the 26th of June 2023.

Resolution to approve application for the Safe Streets for All Grant Program.

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) establishes the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program that will provide \$5-6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg's National Roadway Safety Strategy and a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways. The SS4A Grant will fund both planning and demonstrations projects and builds the foundation for future infrastructure funding. This project is a complement to the Multimodal Transportation Plan. The project will focus on the West Jackson Street corridor from Pinetree Blvd to Remington Avenue/North Lee Street. With increased residential and commercial development in this corridor there is a need to proactively provide safety for our residents in this already busy area. The project will allow staff to conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. A 20% cash match is required for the grant. The City must allocate \$50,000 toward the creation of a SS4A in the 2024 budget, which will cover the cost of the match.

Councilmember Scott motioned to adopt the resolution to approve application submittal for the Safe Streets for All Grant Program as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Mobley seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to develop a Safety Action Plan and Demonstration Project for our residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires submit an application to the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, DOT for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville Planning Department has an opportunity to submit a DOT SS4A application for a grant of up to one hundred seventy-five thousand (\$175,000) so as to obtain funding assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore to sign all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the SS4A grant application; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the submission of a DOT SS4A grant application in an amount up to \$175,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Thomasville, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the DOT SS4A grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 26th day of June 2023.

Motion to approve Beer and Wine Package Alcohol License for Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC, Family Dollar #29020, 2004 Smith Avenue.

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel, reported Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, LLC, Family Dollar #29020, 2004 Smith Avenue, Regina Jackson (store manager) has completed application for Alcohol License for Beer and Wine Package for the establishment Family Dollar #29020, 2004 Smith Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia. The license is issued by the City is conditioned upon the applicant obtaining a like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit. Manager Creel further reported the Regina Jackson had signed the City of Thomasville affidavit relating to the sale of alcohol to underage persons and the owner was made aware of the annual mystery shopper program.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the Alcohol License for Beer and Wine Package for Regina Jackson (store manager) of the establishment Family Dollar #29020, 2004 Smith Avenue, as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

Motion to approve Consumption of Beer, Wine and Liquor Pouring Alcohol License for Loco's Grill & Pub, 256 Liberty Street.

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel, reported Loco's Grill & Pub, 256 Liberty Street, James Loftin (restaurateur) has completed application for Consumption of Beer, Wine and Liquor Pouring Alcohol License for the establishment Loco's Grill & Pub, 256 Liberty Street, Thomasville, Georgia. The license is issued by the City is conditioned upon the applicant obtaining a like permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco

Tax Unit. Manager Creel further reported the James Loftin had signed the City of Thomasville affidavit relating to the sale of alcohol to underage persons and the owner was made aware of the annual mystery shopper program.

Mayor Pro Tem Mobley motioned to approve the Consumption of Beer, Wine and Liquor Pouring Alcohol License for the establishment Loco's Grill & Pub, 256 Liberty Street, as presented. Councilmember Scott seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-0, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Flowers, Mobley, and Scott.

REPORTS

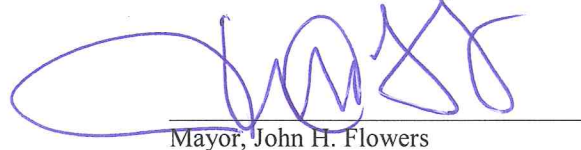
City Manager Carson reported there would be no Committee meetings in July and that the City Council would hold only one Workshop and Meeting in July. The next Workshop is scheduled for July 19th and the Meeting is scheduled for July 24th. He encouraged everyone to enjoy the Fourth of July Holiday and the Fireworks Celebration planned for the community.

There were no other reports provided. Councilmembers collectively thanked those present for their attendance and wished everyone a safe Fourth of July Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor, John H. Flowers

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ATTEST: City Clerk

