

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, January 29, 2024

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session on the above date. Mayor Todd Mobley presided, and the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott and Councilmembers Scott Chastain, Lucinda Brown and Royal O. Baker, III. Also present were the City Manager, J. Alan Carson; Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy; City Attorney, Timothy C. 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 unable to attend the meeting via the City of Thomasville's online live stream feed located at www.thomasville.org.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Todd Mobley called the meeting order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Scott Chastain gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Chastain moved to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown, and Baker.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Mobley acknowledged the following citizen as listed on the Citizens to be Heard Sign-In Form:

1. Keith Thomas, resident of Woods Gate Lane, encouraged Councilmembers to work together for the betterment of the community as a whole. He noted they should continue to work together and move the City and its children in the right direction for success.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

First reading of an ordinance to rezone 202 South Broad Street from DC-Downtown Core, to DC CU, Downtown Core Conditional Use (manufacturing, processing, and packaging-light (less than 12,000 sf).

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported the applicant (Southlife Supply Company) currently operates their business under a Conditional Use permit at 130 S. Broad Street. In 2021, the applicant purchased 202 South Broad Street and intends to relocate their business to this new location. This type of leatherworking business is typically classified as a form of manufacturing, which is only allowable as a conditional use in the Downtown districts. Therefore, in order to move their business, the subject property will need to be rezoned to allow the conditional use of "manufacturing, processing, and packaging – light (less than 12,000 SF)". The property is currently zoned DC, Downtown Core. The

surrounding properties and uses are similar in character and intensity to the proposed function (retail sales of handbags, wallets, and other goods made on site). Since the proposed use (Manufacturing, Processing, and Packaging – Light < than 12,000 SF) is a Conditional Use, Council must review the proposal for potential impacts, and if necessary, attach mitigating stipulations to the rezoning. Neither the Planning and Zoning Commission nor staff recommend any additional stipulations and find the use appropriate for the site. It is requested Council approve this ordinance to rezone 202 South Broad Street, Thomasville, Georgia on first reading as recommended by staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission, from Downtown Core to Downtown Core Conditional Use (Manufacturing, Packaging, and Processing – Light) as presented.

Councilmember Baker moved to order the ordinance to rezone 202 South Broad Street as presented, as read for the first time, passed and carried over to second reading. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The title of the ordinance ordered as 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 1 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED “DC-DOWNTOWN CORE”, TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 10 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED “DC-CU, DOWNTOWN CORE CONDITIONAL USE (125, MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING, AND PACKAGING-LIGHT (LESS THAN 12,000 SQ. FT.))”. TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

First reading of an ordinance to rezone 345 West Jackson Street from DC-Downtown Core to DC CU, Downtown Core Conditional Use (manufacturing, processing, and packaging – light (less than 12,000 sf).

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported the applicant, Juice Box, currently operates a retail store out of the adjacent property (the old Wilson Radiator building). The owner intends to use this property to produce and distribute prepared juices and other food that may be sold retail and/or wholesale. This type of production is classified as a form of manufacturing, which is only allowable as a conditional use in the Downtown districts. Therefore, the subject property will need to be rezoned to allow the conditional use of “manufacturing, processing, and packaging – light (less than 12,000 SF)”. The property is currently zoned DC, Downtown Core. The proposed use is compatible with the surrounding properties and is essentially an extension of the current operations. Since the proposed use (Manufacturing, Processing, and Packaging – Light < than 12,000 SF) is a Conditional Use, Council must review the proposal for potential impacts, and if necessary, attach mitigating stipulations to the rezoning. Neither the Planning and Zoning Commission nor staff recommend any additional stipulations and find the use appropriate for the site. It is requested Council approve on first reading, the ordinance to rezone 345 West Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia, as presented and recommended by staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission, from Downtown Core to Downtown Core Conditional Use (Manufacturing, Packaging, and Processing – Light).

Councilmember Chastain moved to order the ordinance to rezone 345 West Jackson Street, as read for the first time, passed and carried over to second reading, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The title of the ordinance ordered as 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 1 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED “DC-DOWNTOWN CORE”, TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 11 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED

“DC-CU, DOWNTOWN CORE CONDITIONAL USE (125, MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING, AND PACKAGING-LIGHT (LESS THAN 12,000 SQ. FT.)”. TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

First reading of an ordinance to rezone 725 N. Dawson Street & 207 E. Webster Street from R-1-CU & R-1 to C-1A, Limited Use (Cultural facilities, libraries, museums and similar facilities).

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported the applicant, the Thomasville History Center, has a vacant lot that abuts their existing complex. They want to use this lot to expand the museum’s campus, however the underlying residential zoning does not allow cultural institutions, like the museum. To better accommodate the museum’s existing and expanding operations, the applicant is requesting that both lots be rezoned to C-1A-LU, Limited Use, “Cultural facilities, libraries, museums, and similar facilities”. The History Center campus expansion 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, a complete rezoning to C-1A could allow future uses that are incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood, so the property is requesting a rezoning as a “Limited Use”. The Limited Use Zone allows for a property to be used only for the specific uses approved by the City Council, and if the property ever fails to be used for the approved use, then it shall revert automatically to the underlying zone, in this case, R-1. Neither the Planning and Zoning Commission nor staff recommend any additional stipulations and find the use appropriate for the site. It was noted that the History Center plans include the combining of these two parcels as one final parcel. It was requested that Council approve on first reading, the ordinance to rezone 725 North Dawson Street and 207 East Webster Street, Thomasville, Georgia as presented and recommended by staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission, from R-1-CU and R-1 to C-1A-LU, Limited Use (Cultural Facilities, Libraries, Museums, and similar facilities).

Councilmember Brown moved to order the ordinance to rezone 725 North Dawson Street and 207 East Webster Street as read for the first time, and carried over to second reading, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion, the motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The title of the ordinance ordered as 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 TWO TRACKS OF LAND FROM PARCEL 6 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED “R-1, CONDITIONAL USE (#22 CULTURAL FACILITIES, LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, AND SIMILAR FACILITIES)” AND “R 1, RESIDENTIAL, TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACTS AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACTS AS PARCEL 80 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED “C-1A, LU #34 (CULTURAL FACILITIES, LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, AND SIMILAR FACILITIES)”. TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayoral appointments of Councilmembers to Boards, Authorities, Commissions and Committees.

Mayor Todd Mobley reported that Councilmembers are appointed to the numerous Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees of the City of Thomasville depending upon the enabling Act, board composition or creation by Code for that Authority, Board, Commission, or Committee. Appointments that do not require a vote by Council are “Mayoral Councilmember Appointments”. As a matter of complete transparency, these Mayoral Councilmember Appointments, and appointments made by virtue of office held for local Authorities, are being made in an open meeting with a quorum of the City Council present. Mayor Mobley declared the following Councilmembers as appointed to the following Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees. Mayor Mobley further reported that formal action by the Council was not required for these appointments.

Pursuant to the Authority’s Enabling Act:

DESTINATION THOMASVILLE TOURISM AUTHORITY (DTTA).... Scott Chastain
"Mayor Shall Serve", Pursuant to DTTA Act.

PAYROLL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PDA) Todd Mobley
"Mayor Shall Serve", Pursuant to Thomasville PDA Act.

Pursuant to City Charter (Section 2.22(b)):

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD Royal Baker
AUDIT COMMITTEE..... Todd Mobley, Royal Baker
GEORGIA INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING (GICH)..... Lucinda Brown
MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD Todd Mobley
PLANNING COMMITTEE..... Lucinda Brown, Scott Chastain
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE..... Lucinda Brown, Terry Scott
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE Terry Scott, Royal Baker
RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Terry Scott, Scott Chastain
SOLID WASTE/LANDFILL COMMITTEE..... Terry Scott, Royal Baker

Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia (Sec. 31-3-2(a)(7))

BOARD OF HEALTH..... Todd Mobley

Pursuant to Thomasville Municipal Code:

PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES Todd Mobley, Terry Scott
Pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-222(a).

UTILITIES COMMISSION Todd Mobley
Pursuant to City Charter, Section 9.14.
Terry Scott
Scott Chastain
Lucinda Brown
Royal O. Baker, III

Resolutions approving Councilmember appointments to Authorities.

Mayor Todd Mobley presented the following appointments to be made by formal resolution.

1. Councilmember Chastain moved to approve a resolution appointing Mayor Todd Mobley to the Land Bank Authority Board. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The approved resolution follows.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that Mayor Todd Mobley is appointed to serve on the Thomasville-Thomas County Land Bank Authority Board for a four-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

2. Councilmember Brown moved to approve a resolution appointing Councilmember Chastain to the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority Board. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

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, so as to fill the unexpired term of Jay Flowers.

Councilmember Scott Chastain.

So Done, this the 29th day of January 2024.

3. Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve a resolution appointing Councilmember Brown to the Thomasville/Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board. Councilmember Scott seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

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 Councilmember Lucinda Brown is appointed to the Thomasville/Thomas County Recreation Advisory Board so as to fill the unexpired term of Wanda Warren for the term expiring December 31, 2024.

So Done, this the 29th day of January 2024.

Resolution to approve recommendations of Councilmember and Non-Public Member appointments to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Council for 2024.

Mayor Todd Mobley reported Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGRC) requires annual appointments to the SWGRC Council to be submitted by letter of resolution to the SWGRC each year. Appointments are mutually agreed upon between Thomas County and its Municipalities as: a Councilmember from the largest Municipality, one non-public representative and one additional representative. On January 11th, the Thomas County Board of Commissioners approved the reappointments of both Mr. Giddens and Ms. Mays as non-public representatives.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve a resolution appointing Councilmember Brown and approving recommendation of Thomas County Board of Commissioner's additional representatives as reported. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The approved resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that the following Councilmember is unanimously recommended for appointment to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Council for the year 2024:

Councilmember Lucinda Brown, City Elected Official

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that the following individuals are unanimously recommended for appointment to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Council for the year 2024, as appointed by the Thomas County Board of Commissioners:

Non-Public: Jason Giddens
Additional Member: Elaine Mays

So Done, this the 29th day of January 2024.

Resolution to approve Citizen Appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions, Councils and Local Authorities.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Scott motioned to approve the resolution appointing individuals for Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Authorities as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

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 29th day of January, 2024.

EXHIBIT "A"

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE 2024 CITIZEN BOARD APPOINTMENTS
FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES**

(as approved by Thomasville City Council, January 29, 2024)

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW & ZONING APPEALS BOARD

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Rendall Mash <i>(City Resident – filling unexpired Term of Royal Baker)</i>	12/31/2025
Janet Liles	12/31/2026
Mark Parker	12/31/2026

BOARD OF HEALTH

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Tammy Bryant <i>(Consumer Advocate)</i>	12/31/2029
Janice Cooke <i>(Consumer or Licensed Nurse)</i>	12/31/2023

BUILDING CONTRACTORS EXAMINING BOARD

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
David Dunn	12/31/2027

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Krystal Gainous	12/31/2027
Bill Edwards	12/31/2027
Rodney Hunter	12/31/2027
Ron Dixon	12/31/2027

DESTINATION THOMASVILLE TOURISM AUTHORITY

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
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Heather Abbott (<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>)	12/31/2024
Lauren Arwood (<i>Citizen – filling unexpired term of Melvin Hugans</i>)	12/31/2024

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BOARD

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Mary Jo Beverly (<i>Citizen</i>)	12/31/2026
Alberto Comas (<i>Construction</i>)	12/31/2026
John Hand (<i>Architectural</i>)	12/31/2026

HOUSING AUTHORITY

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Greer Cox	12/31/2028
Cara Hankinson (<i>filling unexpired term of Elijah Miranda</i>)	12/31/2024

MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Adrian Burns, (<i>Chamber</i>)	12/31/2024
Pam Hoveland, (<i>Citizen</i>)	12/31/2024
Amy Hart, (<i>Downtown Merchant</i>)	12/31/2024
John Gregory (<i>Downtown Merchant</i>)	12/31/2025
Nancy Tinker (<i>Historic Preservation</i>)	12/31/2025

PAYROLL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Heather Abbott (<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>)	12/31/2024

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Maurice Jackson	12/31/2027
Demetrius Hadley	12/31/2027
Joe Tarver	12/31/2027
Audrey Linder (<i>filling unexpired term of Micah Graham</i>)	12/31/2024

THOMASVILLE/THOMAS COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Matthew Cone (<i>City</i>)	12/31/2026
Chris Newman (<i>YMCA</i>)	12/31/2026

TREE & LANDSCAPE BOARD

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Kathy MacQuirter	12/31/2025
Matt Dukes	12/31/2025
Sydni Barwick (<i>County Extension Service</i>)	12/31/2025

~ END EXHIBIT A ~

Resolution appointing County Commissioner Mark NeSmith as a member of the Thomasville Payroll Development Authority.

City Attorney, Tim Sanders the Thomasville Payroll Development Authority (“PDA”) was created by an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, proposed by House Resolution Act No. 175 of the 1960 General Assembly and duly ratified at the 1960 general election (Ga. L. 1960, p. 1329) (“Act”). Pursuant to the Act, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County is a member of the PDA serving a term concurrent with the term of the Chairman. Commissioner Wiley E. Grady was elected as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County. Attorney Sanders further reported Section 1., C., (4) of the Act provides that “In the event . . . the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Thomas County shall resign as a member of saith authority during their term of office, of rail and refuse to qualify and take the prescribed oath, then there shall be deemed a vacancy” which may be filled by the City Council. Chairman Grady has declined to serve as a member of the PDA and has recommended Commissioner Mark NeSmith to serve as a member of the Authority in his place. It was requested that Council adopt a resolution appointing Commissioner NeSmith to the PDA, as presented.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt a resolution appointing Commissioner NeSmith to the PDA as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Thomasville Payroll Development Authority (“PDA”) was created by an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, proposed by House Resolution Act No. 175 of the 1960 General Assembly and duly ratified at the 1960 general election (Ga. L. 1960, p. 1329) (“Act”);

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1., C., (3) of the Act, “The said Authority shall consist of five (5) members, one of whom shall be . . . the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Thomas County;”

WHEREAS, Section 1., C., (4) of the Act provides that “In the event . . . the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Thomas County shall resign as a member of said authority during their term of office, or fail and refuse to qualify and take the prescribed oath, then there shall be deemed a vacancy which may be filled by the Commissioners of the City of Thomasville by election of a member whose term shall run concurrently with the term of office of such official refusing to qualify and serve;”

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wiley E. Grady, who was duly elected Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County for a term of one (1) year for the 2024 term, declined to serve as a member of the PDA and recommended Thomas Commissioner Mark NeSmith to serve in place of the Chairman;

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville desires to elect Thomas County Commissioner Mark NeSmith as a member of the PDA in accordance with Section 1., C., (4) of the Act to serve a term concurrent with that of Chairman Grady’s one (1) year term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth fully herein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Act, the Council of the City of Thomasville hereby elects Commissioner Mark NeSmith as a member of the PDA in accordance with Section 1., C., (4) of the Act to serve a term concurrent with that of Chairman Grady's one (1) year term as Chairman of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this 29th day of January 2024.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution to approve modification of Loan Agreement and Promissory Note for Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loan No. CW2022025.

Project Manager, Eve Geyer, reported On March 21, 2023, the board of directors of the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) approved the City's loan application in the amount of \$7,890,000. The loan interest rate is set at 2.32%, paid in 239 consecutive monthly installments. The estimated installment amount is \$8,001.40 per month, assuming the full amount of funds indicated in the loan documents is dispersed to the project, and all requirements for the project are met. Funds are being utilized for improvements at the wastewater treatment facility and outfall sewer main into the treatment plant. At the facility, improvements consist of secondary house pump improvements, digester improvements, primary and secondary sludge process improvements, secondary clarifier #1 improvements, headworks improvements, and electrical improvements. The outfall line into the plant will be improved by rehabilitation of the 30-inch sewer main via trenchless methods and by rehabilitating existing manholes with corrosion resistant liners. upgrade/replace our aging water mains, fire hydrants, and related appurtenances at various locations throughout the City. The first version of this loan agreement was approved by this Council in May of 2020. Due to a variety of circumstances, all funds provided through this loan agreement have not yet been expended. Initially, all funds were planned to have been exhausted by early 2024. Approximately 36% of the original \$7,890,000 remains to be spent. The agreement has not changed with the exception of the loan closing date that will now be October 31, 2024. It is requested that the Council approve the resolution that modifies the loan closing date and designates authorized signatures on necessary and related documents.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the resolution to modify the GEFA Loan and designate authorized signatures as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The approved resolutions follow.

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BODY

Recipient: City of Thomasville
Loan Number: CW2022025

At a duly called meeting of the governing body of the Borrower identified above (the "Borrower") held on the 29th day of January 2024, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

WHEREAS, the Borrower has borrowed \$7,890,000 from the GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (the "Lender"), pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), dated March 21, 2023, between the Borrower and the Lender; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower's obligation to repay the loan made pursuant to the Loan Agreement is evidenced by a Promissory Note (the "Note"), dated March 21, .2023, of the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Lender have determined to amend and modify the Loan Agreement, pursuant to the terms of a Modification of Promissory Note and Loan Agreement (the "Modification") between the Borrower and the Lender, the form of which has been presented to this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the form, terms, and conditions and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Modification are hereby approved and authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borrower that the terms of the Modification are in the best interests of the Borrower, and the governing body of the Borrower designates and authorizes the following persons to execute and deliver, and to attest, respectively, the Modification, and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Modification.

Person to Execute Documents: Mayor, Todd Mobley
Person to Attest Documents: City Clerk, Felicia Brannen

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

Date: January 29, 2024 City Clerk, Felicia Brannen

Following the completion of the action relating to the above agenda item, City Manager Carson requested Mrs. Geyer to provide an update to Councilmembers regarding her daughter's upcoming graduation and accomplishments. Mrs. Geyer reported her daughter, Miss Kathleen Geyer, will be a 2024 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. Miss Geyer had the privilege of serving as Mayor Pro Tem Scott's Honorary Councilmember of January of 2019; which she enjoyed. Through her hard work and determination, being ranked 101st in her class of approximately 1,000 is only one of Miss Geyer's many accomplishments as a cadet of the United States Air Force Academy. Mayor Mobley, Mayor Por Tem Scott, Councilmembers, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, staff and citizens congratulated Miss Geyer and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Resolution to authorize acceptance of a grant award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for the FY2023 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Grant Program.

Major Wade Glover reported that nearly 645,000 people have died from an opioid overdose since 1999 in the United States. As these numbers continue to rise, first responders must have the tools needed to quickly provide life-saving doses of naloxone. Between October 2022 to September 2023, there were approximately 155 cases in Thomasville where naloxone was dispensed at the local hospital. This number is lower than the true number of cases because "crash cart" dispenses and doses given by first responders are not included in this number. The goal of this project is to replenish used and expired nasal naloxone kits. The grant funding will equip all Thomasville Police Department officers with naloxone to prevent unnecessary deaths in our community; as well as ensuring the safety of officers and staff who often encounter dangerous substances during evidence collection and handling. All employees received State Opioid Adapted Response (SOAR) training on November 14, 2023, which is a four-hour training. Each employee also received 1-hour of naloxone training through our Police One Training Academy software. Major Glover reported there are no matching funds required to receive the grant. The grant award is \$4,615.00 and will be used to reimburse expenses for the purchase of naloxone in the amount of \$4,615.00. It was requested that Council adopt a resolution for the grant award, authorizes commitment of the purchase of naloxone and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary documents related to the FY2023 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Grant Program award.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Brief discussion ensued regarding the importance of the grant program, national opioid crisis and potential future grants in relation to the crisis. The motion remained unchanged. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the FY2023 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program is administered by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC); and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such opioid overdose; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to accept a Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program Grant award so as to obtain funding assistance to replenish used and expired nasal naloxone kits;

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the commitment of four thousand six-hundred and fifteen dollars (\$4,615) dollars toward this project; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem, to sign all necessary and related documents, as shall be necessary in relation to FY2023 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program Grant Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the acceptance of an award from Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program Grant Program to obtain assistance to replenish used and expired nasal naloxone kits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the provision of commitment of four thousand six-hundred and fifteen dollars (\$4,615) dollars as required in the FY2023 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or Mayor Pro Tem, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the FY2023 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Grant Program award.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 29th day of January 2024.

Resolution to authorize submittal of Georgia Office of Highway Safety High Visibility Enforcement (GOHS – HVE) Grant application FY 2025.

Major Shane Harris reported the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety has been granted federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to promote the development and implementation of innovative programs to address highway safety. HVE is a universal traffic safety approach to create deterrence and change unlawful traffic behaviors. HVE combines highly visible and proactive law enforcement targeting specific traffic safety issues. Law enforcement efforts are combined with visibility elements and a publicity strategy to educate the public and promote voluntary compliance with the law. This is a continuation of the FY2024 project. The Thomasville Police Department has experienced increased calls from concerned citizens regarding various traffic violations, speeding, reckless driving, distracted driving, etc. There has also been a decrease in seatbelt usage. The application will include the necessary equipment and enforcement hours at 10 hours a week for one year. It was requested Council take appropriate action to allow an application to be submitted to the Governor's Office of Highway High Visibility Enforcement program for officer enforcement hours, authorizes allocation FY 2025 budget funds for the project and authorizes the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem, to sign necessary and related documents.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the submittal of the grant application as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. It was noted the grant, if awarded, would be for an amount up to \$25,000 and there was no match required. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to provide the necessary traffic enforcement for the protection of our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to submit an application to the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) Innovative Grants program for traffic enforcement hours equaling to 10 hours per week for 52 weeks.

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville Police Department has an opportunity to submit a GOHS Innovative application for a grant of up to twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) in funding assistance so as to obtain funding assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to allocate funds from the FY 2025 Budget as a match to this project; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the submission of a GOHS grant application in an amount up to \$25,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the allocation of FY 2025 Budget funds for this project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the expenditure of up to \$25,000 and the Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or Mayor Pro Tem, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the GOHS Grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 29th day of January 2024.

Motion to approve active 2024 Pawn Broker License Renewals.

Customer Service Manager, Melissa Creel, reported that all 2024 Pawn Broker renewal licenses had been paid in full and required approval of the licenses by City Council. She noted the 2024 renewals included Paw Broker licenses for categories of General and Vehicle; General Only; and, Vehicle Only.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve the 2024 Pawn Broker Licenses as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

The approved licensed establishments follow.

2024 PAWN BROKERS RENEWAL LIST AS OF January 5, 2024
FOR THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA 31792

License #	Year	Business Name/Address	Charges
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PAWNBROKER – GENERAL AND VEHICLE

58	2024	American Pawn Shop, 1306-A East Jackson Street	\$150.00
2550	2024	American Pawn Shop, 1306-A East Jackson Street	\$2,500.00

PAWNBROKER – GENERAL

1237	2024	Shepards Bait & Tackle & Pawn, 1006 West Jackson Street	\$150.00
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PAWNBROKER – VEHICLE

2701	2024	TitleBucks of Thomasville, 1308 East Jackson Street	\$2,500.00
3368	2024	TitleMax of Thomasville, 15177 US Highway 19 South	\$2,500.00
4946	2024	First Choice Title, 914 East Jackson Street	\$2,500.00

Consider bids and award for the purchase of Impact Attenuators on West Clay Street.

City Engineer, Todd Powell reported that on May 22, 2023, the City Council passed a resolution to authorize the submittal of an application for the FY2023 Local Maintenance Infrastructure Grant (LMIG) Safety Action Plan (SAP) to obtain funding toward low-cost safety improvements on our roads. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) provided a list of eligible items and 27 applicable city roads based on crash data, and the city submitted a list of projects based on that guidance. On June 23, 2023, GDOT committed \$298,000 toward our projects, which the city has already received. One such project includes the removal of the existing impact attenuators and installation of new impact attenuators on West Clay Street at the CSX underpass. Impact attenuators are mechanical, road safety devices that are designed to absorb the kinetic energy from a colliding vehicle. This absorption of energy not only brings the vehicle to a safer stop but also helps to reduce the impact damage to structures and keep the passenger(s) inside the vehicle safer during the collision. The scope of work for this project includes removal of the two existing, crushed attenuators and the installation of two new safety impact attenuators. The Safety Action Plan is primarily funded through the LMIG. As with all LMIG projects, a 30% local match will be required. The total cost for this project, per bid, is \$58,880. Of this total, the local share will be \$17,664, which has been allocated in the 2024 Budget under the 2018 SPLOST. The project specifications/bid requests were sent to five separate entities. Only one bid proposal was received. The proposal was from C&H Construction Services, LLC from Theodore, Alabama, with a total base bid of \$58,880.00, which was less than the staff's estimate.

Councilmember Chastain moved to award the bid to C&H Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$58,880.00 for the purchase of attenuators, and to authorize the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem, to sign all necessary and related documents to execute the contract. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. It was noted that proper safety notices are present at the West Clay Street overpass, which included caution lights, and notice of a 9'6" clearance. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

Consider bids and award for the purchase of 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

City Engineer, Todd Powell reported the project includes furnishing all labor and equipment for improvements to Alexander, Culpepper, Burns, Harris, Luke, and Wolf Streets. These improvements include asphalt resurfacing, curb and gutter installations, storm water drainage improvements, water main replacements, and cured in place pipe sewer main rehabilitation. In addition, a 42" culvert will be replaced at Wolf Street. A summary of bids received follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Green's Backhoe, Thomasville, GA	\$ 3,758,214.55
Doyle Hancock & Sons, Doerun, GA	\$ 4,015,896.43
Popco, Inc., Albany, GA	\$ 5,057,263.65
SAK Construction, LLC, O'Fallin, MO	No Bid Received
RDJE, Inc, Newnan, GA	No Bid Received
RPI Underground, Inc., Valdosta, Ga	No Bid Received
Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc., Patterson, Ga	No Bid Received
David Taylor Construction, Inc., Moultrie, Ga	No Bid Received

Staff requested that Council award the contract for the 2022 CDBG to Green's Backhoe in the amount of \$3,758,214.55 as being the lowest, qualified bidder to perform this work, and to authorize the Mayor, or Mayor Pro

Tem, to sign all necessary documents to execute the contract. This project is funded through the CDBG program and SPLOST funds.

Councilmember Brown moved to award the contract to Green's Backhoe, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded the motion. There was brief discussion regarding CDBG FY 2022 grant award and the project's timeline for completion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown and Baker.

REPORTS

City Manager Carson reported celebrations recognizing Black History Month will begin with a downtown parade on Saturday, February 3, 2024. It was noted that Councilmember Brown was the Parade's Grand Marshal. The community was encouraged to attend the festivities.

Councilmembers also encouraged the community to attend the planned celebrations. They also thanked those citizens who agreed to serve if appointed to Citizens Boards. Mayor Mobley reported citizens interested in serving on citizens boards are required to complete an online application to begin the process. The applications are kept for two years.

Mayor Mobley also thanked Councilmembers for their efforts of cooperation and coordination regarding the Mayoral appointments this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business for consideration, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor, Todd Mobley



ATTEST: City Clerk

