

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, October 28, 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, Royal Baker and Lucinda Brown. Also present were the City Manager, Chris White; Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy; City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders; Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason; 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 to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Lucinda Brown gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2024, 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, Baker and Brown.

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Scott noted that the community's local university, Thomas University, has an athletic program that has many sports, including basketball. Mayor Pro Tem Scott welcomed the Thomas University Night Hawks Basketball Team into Council Chambers. Coaches and team members were introduced, it was noted that team members were from all over the United States and Canada. Mayor Pro Tem Scott recognized the Nighthawks Basketball Coaches and Team for their hard work and dedication to Thomas University and the Community. It was reported that each Thomas University Team adopts a cause, and that Night Hawks Basketball Team has adopted Autism Awareness and the students of Step N' Stones Academy. Through conversations and specialized programs of the academy, the basketball team members help to provide support and bring awareness to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) within the community. Mayor Pro Tem Scott encouraged the team members to continue with their dedication and to join community clubs to expand their horizons.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Mobley acknowledged the following citizen to be heard as listed on the Citizen to be Heard Sign-In Form.

1. Ian Quinton, resident of East Club Drive and local business owner, addressed Council with concerns regarding the proposed ordinance to rezone the property at 610 North Stevens Street. He noted that the zoning of DE was not designed for this type of property. Mr. Quinton also voiced concerns about the annexation and rezoning of 3472 South Pinetree Boulevard, noting that when purchased, the adjacent properties were not intended to be smaller. He also addressed traffic concerns with the type of proposed development for this area.

ADOPT AGENDA

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the agenda, 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, Baker and Brown.

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of an ordinance to annex and rezone 3472 South Pinetree Boulevard, Thomasville Georgia (Parcel No. 046 119, 14.12 acres).

City Planner Kenny Thompson reported there were no changes to the ordinance since its passage on first reading. The ordinance would annex and rezone the property from A (Agricultural) to R-1A (Single-Family Residential). City Planner Thompson further reported the application indicates the 14.12 acres +/- property will be developed with 20-30 single-family homes. Mayor Pro Tem Scott inquired if there had been community opposition heard at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for this request. City Planner Thompson reported there were concerns regarding the proposed lot sizes and proposed lot density. It was noted that the entirety of the 14.12 acres could not be developed in homes alone, as there are requirements for infrastructure such as wastewater, streets and stormwater. Also discussed was the potential development of cluster housing or townhomes. City Planner Thompson noted the proposed zoning does not support cluster housing or townhomes. He further noted that if the developer desires to change the R-1A zoning to accommodate additional density, state law requires a wait of 12 months and then the developer would have to make application for such request to the Planning and Zoning Commission and to Council, provided P&Z recommended the request at that time.

Councilmember Chastain moved to order the ordinance to annex and rezone 3472 South Pinetree Boulevard, Thomasville, Georgia (Parcel No. 046 119) from A (Agricultural) to R-1A (Single-Family Residential), as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 3-2, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Chastain, Baker.

NAYS: Scott, Brown.

The adopted ordinance follows.

ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-23-10282024

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND INCORPORATE CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED LAND, WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A 36-36-1 TO THE EXISTING CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY, UPON THE REQUEST CENTERVILLE PARTNERS, LLC, OWNER & DAVID HARDY, OWNER-AGENT OF THE LAND PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED AND INCORPORATED; TO DESCRIBE THE LAND AND PROVIDE THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE ORDINANCE AND SURVEY OF SAID LAND, SO INCORPORATE, BE FILED BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA; TO PRESCRIBE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ANNEXATION AS PROVIDED BY O.C.G.A. 36-36-2; 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 THOMAS COUNTY AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS **PARCEL 51, OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "R-1A, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL"**; TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that land described, which land is contiguous under the provisions of O.C.G.A. 36-36-1 to the existing corporate limits of the City of Thomasville and which is

incorporated land, all of which land is owned by the person signing the petition (a copy of which is located in the files of the City Clerk's Office and to which reference is made); said owner having, by said petition formally requested the Council of the City of Thomasville to have said land annexed to and become incorporated within the City of Thomasville in accordance with said petition, and the limit of the City of Thomasville are hereby extended to include the following tract of land:

and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 1: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lots 87 and 98 of the 13th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, definitely described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeast corner of the intersection of the Thomasville-Monticello Highway (now known as "Old Monticello Road") and Pinetree Boulevard and running thence south along the southeasterly margin of Pinetree Boulevard 911 feet, more or less, to the lands formerly of W. Cameron Forbes (now the property line of Country Club Estates Subdivision); thence south 33 degrees 40 minutes east 1,456 feet to the original east line of Land Lot Number 87; run thence north 0 degrees 30 minutes west along said original land lot line 1,217 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence north 30 degrees 20 minutes east 393 feet, more or less, to the Old Monticello Road; thence north 60 degrees 35 minutes west along the margin of Old Monticello Road 270 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning and being all the land shown on a plat of survey of W. H. Thames, dated June 30, 1934 and recorded in Deed Book 43, Page 166, among the deed records of Thomas County, Georgia; and

ALSO, all property, if any, belonging to the Parties of First Part located between the northwestward margin of the property hereby conveyed and the southwestward margin of the right-of-way of Pinetree Boulevard as described in a deed from Mrs. Evelyn V. Peck to Thomas County, Georgia and recorded in Deed Book 9-A, Page 504 in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Thomas County, Georgia.

It is the intention of Parties of First Part to convey unto Parties of Second Part all of the property acquired by them pursuant to that deed dated November 9, 1979, and recorded in Deed Book 132, Pages 387-388, of the public records of Thomas County, Georgia, and their predecessors in title pursuant to that deed dated May 10, 1973 and recorded in Deed Book 72, Page 800, said public records, and pursuant to that deed dated November 14, 1973 and recorded in Deed Book 77, Page 170, said public records.

The above-described property is conveyed subject to the following right-of-way deeds and power line easements, to-wit:

1. Right-of-way deed from S. R. Maynard to the State Highway Board of Georgia dated January 3, 1928, and recorded in Deed Book 4-M, Page 728 of the public records of Thomas County, Georgia.
2. Power Line Easement from Evelyn V. Peck to the City of Thomasville, Georgia, dated December 19, 1936, and recorded in Deed Book 5-L, Page 110 of the public records of Thomas County, Georgia.
3. Right-of-way deed from Mrs. Evelyn V. Peck to Thomas County, Georgia dated June 14, 1960, conveying 0.166 acres and recorded in Deed Book 9-A, Page 504 of the public records of Thomas County, Georgia, together with all ditch and drainage easements contained therein.

The above-described tract or parcel of land is the same as that described in that deed from John F. Payne and Camille L. Payne to Parties of First Part herein dated November 9, 1979, and recorded November 12, 1979, in Deed Book 132, Pages 387-388, Thomas County, Georgia deed records.

LESS, EXCLUDED AND EXCEPTED FROM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED TRACT 1 is the following described property, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lots 87 and 98 of the 13th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGIN at a point marked by a concrete marker on the intersection of the southeasterly margin of Pinetree Boulevard and the southwesterly margin of the Old Monticello Road (State Route No. 35). From said point of beginning run thence along the southwesterly margin of the Old Monticello Road (State Route No. 35) to a point marked by a concrete monument, said point lying a chord distance south 58 degrees 58 minutes 52 seconds east a distance of 283.35 feet from the point of beginning; run thence south 32 degrees 37 minutes 29 seconds west a distance of 308.55 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; run thence north 67 degrees 36 minutes 16 seconds west a distance of 295.91 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; run thence north 27 degrees 49 minutes 31 seconds west a distance of 146.75 feet to a point marked by an iron pin on the southeast margin of Pinetree Boulevard; run thence north 58 degrees 24 minutes 29 seconds east a distance of 311.83 feet to a point marked by a concrete monument and the point of beginning of the property herein described.

A plat of survey of the excluded tract referenced above is recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 231, Thomas County, Georgia deed records.

ALSO CONVEYED HEREBY IS THE FOLLOWING TRACT:

TRACT 2: All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot Number 87 of the 13th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia and being the southeast one-half of Lot 58 and all of Lot 59 in Block "J" of Country Club Estates Subdivision and the east one-half of Lot 41 and all of Lot 42 in Block "G" of Country Club Estates Subdivision, as shown on the plat of said subdivision prepared by U. B. McCranie, Surveyor, dated February 4, 1954, a copy of said plat being recorded in Deed Book 7-X, Folio 594 of the public records of Thomas County, Georgia, which by reference thereto is incorporated herein and made a part hereof; and

ALSO, all that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot Number 87 in the 13th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, and being all of the area designated as "Undeveloped Area Reserved for Future Development" fronting on the southeast margin of East Club Drive, lying between Lot Number 59 in Block "J" and Lot Number 42 in Block "G" of Country Club Estates Subdivision, as shown on the plat of said subdivision prepared by U. B. McCranie, Surveyor, dated February 4, 1954, a copy of said plat being recorded in Deed Book 7-X, Folio 594 of the public records of Thomas County, Georgia, which by reference thereto is incorporated herein and made a part hereof, said land being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northeast boundary line of said subdivision which is 1320 feet south 36 degrees 00 minutes east from the point of intersection of the northeast boundary line of said subdivision with the southeast margin of Pine Tree Boulevard before it was widened for paving (said point also being where the southeast boundary line of Lot Number 59 in Block "J" of said subdivision intersects the northeast boundary line of said subdivision) and running thence south 36 degrees 00 minutes east along the northeast boundary line of said subdivision and the land of Evelyn V. Grace 134 feet; thence south 1 degree 30 minutes west along the east boundary line of said subdivision 643 feet; thence south 89 degrees 30 minutes west along the south boundary line of said subdivision 482.7 feet to the east boundary line of Lot Number 42 in Block "G" of said subdivision; thence north 0 degrees 30 minutes west along the east boundary line of Lot Number 42 in Block "G" of said subdivision 170 feet thence westerly along the north boundary line of said Lot Number 42 in Block "G" of said subdivision to the southeast margin of East Club Drive; thence northeasterly along the southeast margin of East Club Drive to the southeast margin of Lot Number 59 in Block "J" of said subdivision; thence north 54 degrees east along the southeast boundary line of Lot Number 59 in Block "J" of said subdivision 265 feet to the Point of Beginning. The depth of the southeast 1/2 of Lot Number 58 and all of Lot 59 in Block "J" of said subdivision is 10 feet less than as shown on the above-described plat, said 10 feet having been heretofore conveyed by B. L. Brewton to Thomas County, Georgia for additional road right-of-way for East Club Drive.

The above-described property is conveyed subject to the Restrictive Covenants set forth in an instrument recorded in Deed Book 7-X, Folio 226 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Thomas County, Georgia.

LESS, EXCEPTED AND EXCLUDED FROM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED TRACT 2 is the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot Number 87 of the 13th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, and being a portion of the area designated as "Undeveloped Area Reserved for Future Development" in that plat of survey of Country Club Estates Subdivision prepared by U. B. McCranie, Surveyor, dated February 4, 1954, a copy of said plat being recorded in Deed Book 7-X, Folio 594, Thomas County, Georgia deed records, which by reference thereto is incorporated herein and made a part hereof, said tract excluded and excepted hereby being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the southeast corner of Land Lot Number 87 in the 13th Land District of Thomas County, Georgia, which is the Point of Beginning; thence run north along the eastern boundary of Land Lot Number 87 a distance of 190 feet to a point; thence run a straight line in a general northwestern direction to a point located on the southeastern boundary of Club Drive; thence southwesterly along the southern boundary of Club Drive 190 feet to the intersection of the eastern boundary of Lot Number 42 of Block "G" of Country Club Estates Subdivision; thence run in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of Lot 42 of Block "G" of Country Club Estates Subdivision 225 feet, more or less, to the southern boundary of Land Lot Number 87; thence run easterly along the southern boundary of Land Lot 87 a distance of 490 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning of the property herein described (the "Property").

The Property is more commonly known as 3472 S. Pinetree Blvd., Thomasville, Georgia 31792 according to the present system of numbering in Thomas County, Georgia.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of this ordinance, properly certified, together with a copy of the plat of survey of the property to be annexed, be filed by the Clerk of Council of the City of Thomasville with the Department of Community Affairs of the State of Georgia, as provided by the laws of the State of Georgia.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Code of the City of Thomasville is amended by excluding a certain tract from Thomas County and to AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS Parcel 51, of Section 22-91 captioned "R-1A, Single-Family Residential"

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be effective on the date of its final reading and passage.

SECTION V

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION VI

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and it is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Thomasville that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases

of the Ordinance are and were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and the Council to be fully valid, enforceable, and constitutional.

SECTION VII

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and it is hereby declared by the Mayor and Council of the City of the Thomasville that (i) to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase and (ii) that to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

SECTION VIII

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and it is hereby declared that in the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgement or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Thomasville that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or section of the Ordinance and that to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or section of this ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

SECTION IX

This ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but shall nevertheless be spread upon the public minutes and records of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION X

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, held on October 14, 2024, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on October 28, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

Show Cause Hearings – Alcohol Beverage Violations.

City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders opened the meeting for Show Cause Hearings regarding the Mystery Shopper Alcohol Beverage Violations pursuant to the provisions set forth within Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 3 “Alcoholic Beverages”. Attorney Sanders reported on June 1, 2024, the Thomasville Police Department conducted the annual Mystery Shopper detail in Thomasville, Georgia to assure all businesses licensed in the city limits are within Georgia law. As a result of this investigative detail, and its subsequent actions, a total of nine (12) establishments had employees who have pled guilty or been adjudicated guilty. Following the adjudication of the establishment’s employee, the establishment’s license holder is subject to a fine levied by the City Council pursuant to Section 3-31 of the Municipal Code. The Alcoholic Beverage License Holder has the right to request a show cause hearing to be held before the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, as to why their license to sell alcoholic beverages at the establishment should not be suspended or revoked by Council because of the sale of alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Attorney Sanders reported that four of the establishments have provided proof that an Alcohol Beverage training program is in place and proof of the employee’s participation in the required alcohol beverage training program pursuant to Section 3-62 of the Municipal Code. Attorney Sanders reported the offenses are considered as first offenses as each establishment had no violations in the twelve months prior to this citation. It was noted that the remaining establishments cited in the Mystery Shopper Detail will have their hearings

at a later date. City Attorney Sanders reported the license holders of the following Thomasville, Georgia, establishments have acknowledged admission of the violation and have elected to pay the fine of \$500.00, if so levied:

ESTABLISHMENT

LICENSE HOLDER

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| 1. Quick Lotto Corner, 402 Magnolia Street | Jigarkumar Patel |
| 2. Susie Q's #20, 1334 West Jackson Street | Mukesh Patel |
| 3. Bird Dog Bottling Company, 1918 Smith Avenue | Bryan Knox |
| 4. Mom & Dad's Italian Restaurant, 1800 Smith Avenue | Danilo Pistelli |

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to approve the levied fine of \$500.00 for the citation of each License Holder, as a first offender for Alcohol Beverage Violation – License holder Sales to Underage persons pursuant to City of Thomasville Municipal Code § 3-31 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, Baker and Brown.

First reading of an ordinance to rezone 610 North Stevens Street from R-1, Residential to DE, Downtown Edge-Limited Use (Residential).

City Planner, Kenny Thompson reported that the owner purchased the property in February 2024 with intent to construct single-family dwellings. While the property is zoned *R-1, Residential*, the dimensions of the lot and the requirements of the R-1 district only allow a maximum of three homes to be constructed on the site. The owner is seeking to rezone the property to Downtown Edge to allow for flexibility in the number of houses and the configuration of the lots in an effort to provide attainable housing within the neighborhood. Zoning was first applied to this property in 1958, when it was zoned *R-1, Residential* along with the surrounding area. However, the historic properties in the neighborhood are generally smaller than what is allowed under the R-1 zoning, with lot widths ranging from 38'-60' and lot areas ranging from 4,500 sq. ft. to 6,000 sq. ft. In 2023 the City adopted a new set of zoning requirements for the downtown and adjacent areas, which includes the Downtown Edge zone. This district is primarily characterized by a mix of commercial and residential building types that are compatible with Thomasville's traditional neighborhoods. Buildings include pedestrian-oriented frontages with access via porches, stoops, and forecourts. The Downtown Edge zoning district is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The proposal meets the requirements for a rezoning, including:

- The rezoning will allow for compatible residential development of the site,
- The rezoning is compatible with surrounding properties and will not have a negative impact on these properties.
- The rezoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Character Area designation of "Traditional Neighborhood".

City Planner Thompson further reported that following Council Workshop discussion regarding Council's desire to limit potential future commercial development, the ordinance was changed to include the additional restriction of Limited Use and is now proposed as the first reading of an ordinance to rezone 610 North Stevens Street from R-1, Residential, to DE-LU, Downtown Edge-Limited Use. The Limited use (LU) zoning only allows for prescribed uses, in this case, residential. The Residential designation will prohibit any future commercial use of the property that would otherwise be allowed by the Downtown Edge zoning district. All other development standards within the Downtown Edge district will still apply to the property. It was reported that the property owner has no objections to additional restrictions.

Councilmember Chastain moved to order the ordinance to rezone 610 North Stevens Street from R-1, Residential to DE-LU, Downtown Edge – Limited Use (Residential) as read for the first time, passed, and carried over as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding a potential further limitation to ensure that only single-family homes could be developed. Councilmember Brown voiced concerns about potential future development of apartments or duplexes. The motion remained unchanged. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 4-1, with the following votes recorded:

- AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker.
NAY: Brown.

The ordinance title 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, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 2 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "DE-DOWNTOWN EDGE-LIMITED USE (RESIDENTIAL)". TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Resolution to accept the FY2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant for Security Enhancements.

Director of Information Technology, Michael Reddick reported the nation faces unprecedented cybersecurity risks, including increasingly sophisticated adversaries, widespread vulnerabilities in commonly used hardware and software, and broad dependencies on networked technologies for the day-to-day operation of critical infrastructure. Cyber risk management is further complicated by the ability of malicious actors to operate remotely, linkages between cyber and physical systems, and the difficulty of reducing vulnerabilities. The potential consequences of cyber incidents threaten national security. Strengthening cybersecurity practices and resilience of state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments is an important homeland security mission and the primary focus of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). Through funding from Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the SLCGP enables DHS to make targeted cybersecurity investments in SLT government agencies, thus improving the security of critical infrastructure and improving the resilience of the services SLT governments provide their community. This project is to install a new backup and disaster recovery solution to enhance our current solution to prevent any chance of data loss in the event of a cybersecurity breach. Our current on-premises backup solution consists of a VMWare server that is utilizing Veeam Backup Solution to protect the valuable data in our server farm. The grant award is \$297,000 with a local match of \$33,000. This is a reimbursement program.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt the resolution to accept the FY2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant 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, baker and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to commit to undertake mitigation projects to reduce the risks from cybersecurity risks; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to accept an FY2022 State and Local Cybersecurity (SLCGP) Grant Award from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to commit funding in the annual budget to provide for the provision of the matching funds as a requirement of the FY 2022 SLCGP grant award; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor and his/her successor to sign all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary for relation to the FY 2022 SLCGP grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes acceptance of the FY2022 SLCGP grant award in the amount of two hundred ninety-seven thousand dollars (\$297,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes a budget amendment for the commitment and appropriation of funds in FY2024's Budget in the grant amount of two hundred ninety-seven thousand (\$297,000) and local funds in the

in the amount of three hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$330,000) as required in the FY 2022 SLCGP grant 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 his/her successor, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary for relation to the FY 2022 SLCGP grant award agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 28th day of October 2024.

Resolution to accept the FY2025 Governor's Office of Highway High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Grant.

Thomasville Police Department Major, Shane Harris reported that 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. The Thomasville Police Department continues to promote traffic education and enforcement to discourage unsafe driver behaviors that can cause crashes on our roadways. The goal during the high visibility enforcement period, coupled with continual road safety education is to eliminate highway fatalities involving motor vehicles. 2025 marks the second year that TPD has received the HVE grant. It is important to note TPD exceeded all required benchmarks during the 2023/2024 grant award period set by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The \$26,001.60 grant is a reimbursement grant, meaning that the City of Thomasville must expend the funds prior to receiving the grant.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the resolution to accept the FY2025 Governor's Office HVE grant 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, Baker and Brown.

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 City of Thomasville Police Department has an opportunity to receive a GOHS High Visibility Enforcement grant for twenty-six thousand one dollar and sixty cents (\$26,001.60) in funding assistance directed towards officer enforcement hours; 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 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 acceptance of a GOHS grant in the amount of \$26,001.60; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes a budget amendment for the commitment and appropriation of funds in FY2025's Budget in the grant amount of twenty-six thousand one dollar and sixty cents (\$26,001.60) as required in the FY 2025 GOHS-HVE grant award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the expenditure of \$26,001.60 and the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the GOHS Grant acceptance.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 28th day of October 2024.

Amendments to the Grant and Loan Documents with the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign the necessary and related documents.

Executive Director of Engineering and Inspections, Mark Harmon reported that on August 18, 2020, the City of Thomasville entered into an agreement with the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) for a \$750,000 grant for the preliminary engineering and construction phases and a \$2,115,000 loan for the construction phase towards improvements on Remington Avenue. In 2023, the City subsequently requested and was approved for a two-year spend down extension (1st Amendment to the Agreement) to complete all design work. On 08/10/23, bids were received for the Remington Streetscape project with the lowest bid being \$22,686,792.99, which was significantly over the budgeted estimates, so those bids were rejected. On May 8, 2024, Mark Harmon presented a reduced scope of work option to the Utilities Committee. With the reduced scope of work, staff requested a scope of work amendment from the GTIB. The GTIB agreed to the reduced scope of work and new project delivery dates as outlined in the amendments. It was noted that the documents will be sent via DocuSign. It is recommended that City Council approve the amendments to both the grant and loan agreements for a reduced scope of work, update the project delivery dates and authorize the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tem, to execute all necessary and related documents. Executive Director Harmon reviewed map images of the project areas, and the following Revised Project Scope as follows:

Revised Project Scope:

- Work Effort 1 will reduce the number of lanes on Kern Street between Smith Avenue and Reid Street from 4 to 2 lanes; adding a round-about at Kern/Reid/Remington; and adding a 5-foot sidewalk on both the north and south side of Kern Street between Smith Avenue and Reid Street. The sidewalk will extend pedestrian facility connectivity to the high school on the south end of the project.
- Work Effort 2 will reduce overall lane width on Remington Avenue between Reid Street and Rose Avenue.
- Work Effort 3 will add a new 3-way signal at the intersection of Remington Avenue and Covington Avenue.
- Work Effort 4 is between Ben Grace Drive and Pinetree Boulevard. Here the road width will be reduced to match the rest of the road, a median will be added near Pinetree Boulevard, and the ingress/egress to the local YMCA will be reconfigured for enhanced safety.

It was reported that the two items would require the adoption of two separate resolutions relating to the change in scope of work in both the Loan and the Grant.

1. Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt a resolution to amend the grant agreement with the GTIB for a reduced scope of work and update to the project delivery dates and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to execute all necessary and related documents, 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, Baker and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to maintain, repair, and replace city streets in order to provide transportation, access, and social and economic activity within our community;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia entered into an Agreement for Grant Program with the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank on

08/18/2020 for preliminary engineering and construction funding for the Remington Avenue Streetscape Improvements project in the amount of \$750,000 and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to continue implementing the Remington Avenue Streetscape Improvements project but with a reduced scope of work.

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. Approval and Authorization of the Second Amendment (Grant). The City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approves the second amendment to the grant agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A (“Second Award”) and authorizes the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tempore in the Mayor’s absence, to execute and deliver the Award to proceed.

Section 3. General Authority. From and after the approval of this Resolution, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, City Manager, officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the Award as executed and are further authorized to take any and all further actions and execute and deliver any and all other documents and certificates, including but not limited to the Award, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Award and any related documents, all of the forgoing in consultation with the City Attorney.

Section 4. Actions Approved and Confirmed. All acts and doings of the City Council, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, the City Manager, the officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in the furtherance of the Award and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Award and related documents shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects approved and confirmed.

Section 5. 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 provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of any of the other provisions hereof or of the Award ratified hereunder.

Section 6. 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 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted and approved this 28th day of October, 2024.

2. Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt a resolution to amend the loan agreement with the GTIB for a reduced scope of work and update to the project delivery dates and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to execute all necessary and related documents, 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, Baker and Brown.

The adopted resolutions follow.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to maintain, repair, and replace city streets in order to provide transportation, access, and social and economic activity within our community;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia entered into an Agreement for a Loan Program with the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank on 08/18/2020 for construction funding for the Remington Avenue Streetscape Improvements project in the amount of \$2,115,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to continue implementing the Remington Avenue Streetscape Improvements project but with a reduced scope of work.

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. Approval and Authorization of the Second Amendment (Loan). The City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approves the Second Amendment to the loan agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A (“Second Amendment”) and authorizes the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tempore in the Mayor’s absence, to execute and deliver the Second Amendment to proceed.

Section 3. General Authority. From and after the approval of this Resolution, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, City Manager, officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the Second Amendment as executed and are further authorized to take any and all further actions and execute and deliver any and all other documents and certificates, including but not limited to the Second Amendment, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Second Amendment and any related documents, all of the forgoing in consultation with the City Attorney.

Section 4. Actions Approved and Confirmed. All acts and doings of the City Council, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, the City Manager, the officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in the furtherance of the Second Amendment and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Second Amendment and related documents shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects approved and confirmed.

Section 5. 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 provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of any of the other provisions hereof or of the Second Amendment ratified hereunder.

Section 6. 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 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted and approved this 28th day of October, 2024.

Resolution to award bid for the purchase of Campbell Street Culvert Replacement.

Civil Engineer II, Cary B. “Britt” Wetherington reported that In early 2024, the Civil Engineering Department evaluated the Campbell Street culvert crossing, determining it to be a priority upgrade project. During the evaluation, the existing corrugated arch pipe was found to be in poor condition and the existing headwalls showed signs of settlement that had caused the headwalls to gradually fall away from the existing roadway. Another concern was the deep existing ditch along the south side of Campbell Street from the creek to almost the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Along with the depth of the ditch, the ditch also had numerous areas of intense erosion. This project will consist of the removal of the existing corrugated metal arch pipe and a 36” reinforced concrete pipe that currently provides drainage for the existing creek under Campbell Street. The existing culvert will be replaced by a 9-foot wide by 4-foot high reinforced concrete box culvert with headwalls that will accept the existing storm drain pipes that run longitudinally along Campbell Street and outfall at the creek. This project will also include the installation of a pipe system starting at the creek and running east to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. The storm drainpipe will not eliminate the existing ditches but will replace them with a shallow swale. The water captured in this swale will be directed to the pipe system via grate inlets with open weirs along the length of the pipe run. The project was advertised for 30 days to the Georgia Procurement Registry as well as the City’s website. A total of five potential bidders secured plans with four bid proposals received for the project. The bid opening was on October 8, 2024, with Green’s Backhoe, Inc. offering the lowest qualified bid of \$531,670 to complete the entire project. The work is to be completed within ninety (90) calendar days from the Notice to Proceed date. This project will be funded by the 2018 SPLOST with the total cost of the project, per bid, being \$531,670 with the funding being allocated in the 2024 Budget. The summary of bids follows.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Green’s Backhoe	\$531,670.00
CE Construction of GA	\$574,281.12
Griffin Grading and Concrete, LLC	\$643,258.90
North Georgia Concrete, Inc.	\$1,241,747.97
Construct Connect	N/A

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt a resolution to award the bid for the purchase of the Campbell Street Culvert Replacement 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, Baker and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to maintain, repair, and replace city infrastructure within the city limits in order to provide transportation, access, safety, and social and economic activity within our community;

WHEREAS, the Civil Engineering Department developed construction and contract documents for the 2024 Campbell Street Culvert Replacement project;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approved in the 2024 Annual budget an amount of \$600,000 for storm water drainage infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to Green's Backhoe, Inc. in the amount of \$531,670.00 to perform the work necessary to complete the 2024 Campbell Street Culvert Replacement project.

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. Approval and Authorization of Award. The City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approves the award amount attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A ("Award") and authorizes the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tempore in the Mayor's absence, to execute and deliver the Award to proceed.

Section 3. General Authority. From and after the approval of this Resolution, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, City Manager, officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the Award as executed and are further authorized to take any and all further actions and execute and deliver any and all other documents and certificates, including but not limited to the Award, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Award and any related documents, all of the foregoing in consultation with the City Attorney.

Section 4. Actions Approved and Confirmed. All acts and doings of the City Council, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, the City Manager, the officers, and employees of the City of Thomasville, Georgia that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in the furtherance of the Award and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Award and related documents shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects approved and confirmed.

Section 5. 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 provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of any of the other provisions hereof or of the Award ratified hereunder.

Section 6. 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 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted and approved this 28th day of October 2024.

REPORTS

City manager White reminded Councilmembers and citizens there were only two Council Meetings left in the year 2024: November 12th and December 16th, with their respective Workshop sessions. It was noted that Council is scheduled to adopt the City of Thomasville's proposed FY2025 Budget at the December meeting.

Chief Financial Officer reported Council will also review the proposed FY2025 Budget during the Budget Workshop scheduled in November and a required Public Hearing for the proposed FY2025 Proposed Budget to obtain citizen comment will be held prior to Council's adoption of the proposed FY2025 Budget as well.

Councilmembers thanked citizens for their comments and interest in the Thomasville City Council's actions.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business for consideration, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor, Todd Mobley



ATTEST: City Clerk

