

## City of Thomasville Council Meeting, October 13, 2025

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session on the above date. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott presided, and the following Councilmembers were present: Councilmembers Scott Chastain, Royal Baker and Lucinda Brown (by teleconference). Also present were the City Manager, Chris White; City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders; Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy; Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason; other city staff; citizens and members of the media. It shall be noted that Mayor Todd Mobley was absent from this meeting. 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](http://www.thomasville.org).

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Terry Scott called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM. The meeting start time was delayed ensuring a quorum was present to provide for Councilmember Brown to call in by teleconference.

### **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 September 22, 2025, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Councilmember Chastain recognized Fire Chief Tim Connell and members of Thomasville Fire Rescue, noting that fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally. He conveyed that the Thomasville Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach. Councilmember Chastain presented a proclamation to Thomasville Fire Rescue that designated the week of October 5-11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Thomasville.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott acknowledged the following citizens listed on the Citizens to be Heard Sign-In Form and informed them of the three-minute time limitation to speak.

1. Samantha Ritchie, owner of Alaina Aesthetics (a downtown Thomasville business) of Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns regarding the locational zoning restriction within the city limits that prohibits tattoo parlors and studios within the Downtown District. She noted that she is unable to offer micro shading and restorative cosmetic pigmentation, as they are considered as "tattoos" in the City ordinances. These services can be life-changing for individuals who have battled illness or undergone surgeries. Ms. Ritchie encouraged Councilmembers to consider amending the language of the Code of the City of Thomasville that would prevent these types of services from being categorized as tattoos.
2. Keith Thomas, resident of Woods Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, expressed concerns with the process of the removal of the Redspeed Cameras in the School Zones. He noted that not only did the City lose revenue specifically earmarked for school safety; with the program in place the tickets were mailed and there was no physical contact between officers and individuals. This reduced the potential for perceived or unnecessary intimidation or harassment by officers; now those individuals being pulled over for speeding are also receiving tickets for other things. He further noted that the program should not have been ended until it was voted upon by Congress.

## **ADOPT AGENDA**

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Second reading of an ordinance to amend Downtown Entertainment District and Section 3-36 of the Code of Thomasville, Georgia.**

City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders reported that there had been no amendments to the ordinance since its passage on first reading. It was noted that the proposed amendments expand the recently created boundaries of the Entertainment District and revises language that was created for the purpose of allowing alcoholic beverage consumption in the downtown business district under limited circumstances. As the Entertainment District completely encompasses the downtown business district, that language is no longer needed.

Councilmember Chastain moved to order the ordinance to amend Downtown Entertainment District and Section 3-36 of the Code of Thomasville, Georgia, as read for the second time, passed and adopted, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

The ordinance ordered read for the second time, passed and adopted follows.

### **ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-37-10132025**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, BY (1) AMENDING SECTION 3-1, CAPTIONED "DEFINITIONS" OF ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 3; (2) AMENDING AND RECAPTIONING SECTION 3-36, CAPTIONED "CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT SPECIAL EVENTS ON DESIGNATED CITY PROPERTY," OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 3; (3) AMENDING SECTION 3-75, CAPTIONED "DRINKING IN PUBLIC; OUTDOOR DINING" OF ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 3; (4) REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND (5) PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

#### **SECTION I**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Section 3-1, Definitions, of Article I, In General, of Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, is amended by deleting the definition "City special event" as follows:

~~"City special event means an event, held on designated city property, including rights-of-way, located in the city's downtown business district, that is organized and sponsored by the city consistent with the provisions of section 3-36 and other applicable provisions of this chapter."~~

#### **SECTION II**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that Section 3-36, City-sponsored events and private nonprofit special events on designated city property, of Article II, Licenses, of Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, is amended and recaptioned as follows:

~~"Sec. 3-36 City-sponsored events and private~~Private nonprofit special events on designated city property.

~~(a) During city special events as defined in section 3-1, members of the public shall be authorized to possess and consume alcoholic beverages in a designated city special event area in the city's downtown business district. For each such city special event, the city special event area shall be determined by the city manager and shall be set forth on a map which is on file in the city~~

manager's office, the city clerk's office, and the city's Main Street office. A copy of the map may be obtained from any of these locations. Such alcoholic beverages shall be purchased only from vendors which hold a current city alcoholic beverages consumption on premises license. All city special events and members of the public participating therein shall be subject to part A of the requirements for special events allowing alcoholic beverage consumption on city property and rights-of-way in the city downtown business district as established by the city manager, a copy of which is on file with and may be obtained from the city manager's office, the city clerk's office, and the city's Main Street office. The requirements contemplated herein may be modified from time to time by the city manager in the sole discretion of the city manager.

(b) A private nonprofit special event on designated city property (nonprofit special event) as defined in section 3.1, may be held on city property, including rights-of-way, in a designated nonprofit special event area in the city's ~~downtown business district~~ Downtown Entertainment District and as determined by the city manager. Participants in such a nonprofit special event shall be authorized to possess and consume alcoholic beverages in the nonprofit special event area. Such nonprofit special events shall not be open to the general public and shall be attended on the basis of written invitation, pass or ticket only. All such nonprofit special events shall be subject to section 3-35(a) and part B of the requirements for special events allowing alcoholic beverage consumption on city property and rights-of-way in the city Downtown Entertainment District ~~downtown business district~~ as established by the city manager, a copy of which is on file with and may be obtained from the city manager's office, the city clerk's office, and the Thomasville Main Street office. The requirements contemplated herein may be modified from time to time by the city manager in the sole discretion of the city manager.

(c) ~~An alcohol beverage licensee located in the downtown business district which holds a current city alcoholic beverage consumption on premises license, but which is not participating in a city special event shall be permitted to sell and serve alcoholic beverages while such an event is taking place, but patrons of any such establishment shall not be allowed to carry or consume alcoholic beverages purchased from any such establishment outside of the establishment.~~

(d) ~~Entities selling and persons consuming alcoholic beverages in the city's downtown business district under any provision of this section shall obey all state laws and city ordinances, especially including, but not limited to, laws and ordinances pertaining to the sale of alcoholic beverages to or the consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons."~~

### SECTION III

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** the Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that subsection (d), Section 3-75, Reserved, of Article III, Operating Regulations, of Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages, is amended as follows:

"Sec. 3-75. Drinking in public; Outdoor dining.

(d) The Downtown Entertainment District shall be that geographic area defined as follows: (1) the right-of-way known as W. Jackson Street beginning at the northeast margin of the right-of-way of Fleming Street and continuing through the intersection with Broad Street at which point it becomes E. Jackson Street and terminating at the southwest margin of the right-of-way of S. Crawford Street; (2) the right-of-way known as W. Remington Avenue beginning at the east margin of the right-of-way of W. Jackson Street continuing through the intersection with Broad Street at which point it becomes Remington Avenue and terminating at the northeast margin of the right-of-way of S. Dawson Street; (3) the pedestrian crossing and sidewalk located in the southeastern portion of the right-of-way of W. Jefferson Street beginning at the southwest margin of the right-of-way of N. Madison Street and terminating at the southwest margin of the right-of-way of N. Crawford Street; (4) the right-of-way known as Gen. Lloyd Austin Way located between the northwest margin of the right-of-way of W. Remington Avenue and the southeast margin of the right-of-way of W. Jackson Street; (5) the right of way known as S. Madison Street beginning at the southeast margin of the right-of-way of W. Remington Avenue and continuing through the intersection with Jackson Street at which point it becomes N. Madison Street and terminating at the southeast margin of W. Jefferson Street; (6) that right-of-way known as S. Broad Street beginning at the north margin of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company's Waycross-Montgomery main track and continuing through the intersection with Jackson Street at which point it becomes N. Broad Street and terminating at the southeast margin of the right-of-way of Jefferson Street; and (7) the

pedestrian crossing and sidewalk located in the southwestern portion of the right-of-way of S. Crawford Street beginning at the ~~southwest~~ north margin of the right-of-way of ~~Remington~~ Smith Avenue and continuing through the intersection with Jackson Street at which point it becomes N. Crawford Street and terminating at the southeast margin of E. Jefferson Street; (8) the right-of-way known as S. Dawson Street beginning at the north margin of the right-of-way of Remington Avenue and terminating at the south margin of the right-of-way of Smith Avenue; and (9) the right-of-way known as Smith Avenue beginning at the southwest margin of the right-of-way of S. Broad Street and terminating at the point at which Smith Avenue intersects with a perpendicular line projected from the eastern property line of that parcel of real property currently known as 312 Smith Avenue and identified as Parcel ID 009 002003 in the records of the Thomas County Tax Assessor.”

#### **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 parts 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 Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrase of this 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 Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia 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 of this Ordinance 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 Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia 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 sections of this ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

#### **SECTION IX**

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, held September 22, 2025, and read the second time, passed and adopted in like meeting held on October 13, 2025.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Alcohol Beverage Violation Show Cause Hearings.**

City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders, opened the meeting for Show Cause Hearings regarding Mystery Shopper Alcoholic Beverage Violations pursuant to the provisions set forth within Thomasville Municipal Code Chapter 3 “Alcoholic Beverages”. Attorney Sanders reported that in connection with the Police Department’s 2025 Mystery Shopper operation, sales of alcohol to a person under the age of 21 years occurred at the following establishments, all of which have been disposed of in Thomasville Municipal Court or admitted to the violation:

1. El Jalisco, 15370 US Highway 19 South (Second Offense in 12 months (June 1, 2024, and February 22, 2025)
2. Bob & Jeff’s IGA, 309 Smith Avenue (Second Offense in 12 months (June 1, 2024, and February 22, 2025)
3. Like Mart, 504 West Jackson Street (First Offense)
4. Marriott Hotel, 207 South Dawson Street (First Offense), and
5. Raceway #6868, 13883 US Highway 19 South (First Offense)

Attorney Sanders reported that Section 3-31(g), Penalties for sale of alcoholic beverages to underage persons, provides that “if a determination is made that the license holder or license holder’s employee has sold alcoholic beverages to an underage person, the license holder shall be penalized according to the following schedules:”

<i>Alcoholic Beverage Violators—License Holders Sales to Underage Persons</i>		
<i>Violation/Time Frame</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	
	<i>With Training Program</i>	<i>Without Training Program</i>
Issuance of license*	*Licensee affidavit acknowledging receipt and understanding of Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance, including mandatory employee training	*Licensee affidavit acknowledging receipt and understanding of Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance, including mandatory employee training
First offense	Written warning to license holder <b>\$500.00 fine OR 30 days suspension</b> of license at the election of the license holder	<b>\$2,000.00 fine</b> —require mandatory training program for employees/clerks <b>OR 60 days suspension</b> of license at the election of the license holder
Second offense within 12 month period	<b>\$5,000.00 fine OR 60 days suspension</b> of license at the election of the license holder	<b>\$8,000.00 fine OR 90 days suspension</b> of license at the election of the license holder —require mandatory training program for all clerks/employees
Third offense within 12 month period	<b>\$8,000.00 fine AND 90 days suspension</b> of license	<b>\$10,000.00 fine AND revocation of license and may not reapply for license for 12-month period</b> beginning on the date of show cause hearing for third offense

City Attorney Sanders continued and reported that for each of El Jalisco, Bob & Jeff’s IGA, Like Mart, and Marriot Hotel the employee plead guilty through bond forfeiture in municipal court effective April 24, 2025; Relish executed a consent and admission, admitting to the violation; the Raceway employee entered into a pre-trial diversion agreement, which specifically states that it may be used as evidence of the alcohol violation. Upon confirmation of the disposition of each case in Municipal Court, the determination that there has been a violation will result in the following penalties, depending upon demonstrating the employee was trained according to the ordinance and the fine elected by the license holder:

- El Jalisco – 2nd Offense:
  - Demonstrated training and elected the \$5,000.00 fine
- Bob & Jeff’s IGA – 2nd Offense:
  - Demonstrated training and elected the \$5,000.00 fine
- Like Mart – 1st Offense:
  - Demonstrated no employee training and elected the \$2,000.00 fine and require mandatory training program for employees/clerks
- Marriot Hotel – 1st Offense:
  - Demonstrated employee training and elected the \$500.00 fine
- Relish – 1st Offense:
  - Demonstrated employee training and elected the \$500.00 fine
- The Raceway #6868 – 1st Offense:
  - Demonstrated employee training and elected the \$500.00 fine

License holders that were present provided no opposition to their charges or their elected fines to be levied.



Councilmember Chastain moved to determine and confirm that El Jalisco violated Section 3-62 of the City's ordinances by the sale of an alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

Councilmember Baker moved to determine and confirm that Bob & Jeff's IGA violated Section 3-62 of the City's ordinances by the sale of an alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

Councilmember Chastain moved to determine and confirm that Like Mart violated Section 3-62 of the City's ordinances by the sale of an alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

Councilmember Brown moved to determine and confirm that Courtyard By Marriott violated Section 3-62 of the City's ordinances by the sale of an alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

Councilmember Chastain moved to determine and confirm that Relish violated Section 3-62 of the City's ordinances by the sale of an alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

Councilmember Baker moved to determine and confirm that Raceway #6868 violated Section 3-62 of the City's ordinances by the sale of an alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

City Clerk Brannen notified the license holders present that a Fine Levied Letter would be sent by email on October 23, 2025, and the levied fines will be due within seven business days.

**Resolution to submit application for Fiscal Year 2026 Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Resurfacing Grant (LMIG).**

City Engineer, Todd Powell, PE, reported that on June 28th, the City received notification from the Georgia Department of Transportation of the annual Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) with a potential of \$346,129.69 to the City of Thomasville. This annual grant provides partial funding for resurfacing of several roads within the City. With Council's approval, the grant application will be submitted into the LMIG website before the deadline of February 1st. The required local match is 30%. Our resurfacing budget each year is far in excess of this required match.

This project involves resurfacing several roadways and addressing any aging utilities that could possibly leak and damage the new roadway surface. The roads currently proposed to be addressed with the project are as follows:

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| • Riftwood Lane (Millpond - Longleaf)     | • Whitehurst Street (Palm - Pinetree)               |
| • Longleaf Drive (Riftwood - Pinetree)    | • Cogar (Palm - Whitehurst)                         |
| • Colton Avenue (Hill - Blackshear)       | • Mclean Avenue (Dawson - Snodgrass)                |
| • West Monroe Street (Oak - Madison)      | • Partridge Drive (Brookwood - Fountain - Dead-End) |
| • Lake Circle (Remington - Remington)     | • Strong Street (Clair - Fountain Dead-End)         |
| • Fontaine Drive (Strong - Partridge)     | • Wilson Street (Walcott - Dead End)                |
| • Meadow Street (Old Albany Rd - Cassidy) | • Georgia Avenue (Lansing - Mitchell)               |
| • North MLK Drive (Jackson - Hanover)     | • Cloverdale Drive (Bermuda - Meadow)               |
| • Varnedoe Street (Williams - Hadley)     | • North Dawson Street (Vine - Chatham)              |
| • Rosedale Avenue (Hansell - Archbold)    |   |

- Bluebird Avenue (Glenwood Drive - North Pinetree Blvd.)
- Cove Landing (North Pinetree Blvd.- Catlin Lane)
- Turkey Trot Drive (North Pinetree Blvd. - Eagles Landing)
- Eagles Landing (Turkey Trot - Deadend)
- Joree Drive (County Line Road - Swan)
- Swan Street (Robin Drive - Oriole Drive)
- Maple Street (Maury - Strong)
- Glenwood Drive (Chatham Drive - Pinetree Blvd.)
- Edgewood Drive (East Clay - Edgewood Circle)

Councilmember Baker moved to approve the resolution and submit application for the LMIG, with a grant amount of \$346,129.69, and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all documents related to the GDOT LMIG application, as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

The approved resolution follows.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desire to provide resurfacing street improvements within the city limits for the betterment of the community's transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to obtain grant funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Grant for assistance with street resurfacing improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, has received a letter from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with a grant formula amount of \$346,129.69 on June 28, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the commitment in matching funds as required toward the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant for street resurfacing improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore to sign all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the Fiscal Year 2026 GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the submittal of an application for the FY 2026 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant, on or before, the application's deadline of February 1, 2026, to obtain funding toward resurfacing street improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes that the provision of commitment of funds as required in the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Grant; 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 Tempore, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents for the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 13th day of October 2025.

### **Resolution to award a bid for the Lift Station Two, Three, and Fifteen Rehabilitation Project and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign the contract.**

Assistant Utilities Superintendent, Eric Gossett reported that the Lift Station Three Basin has been at capacity and troubled with infiltration issues. The Lift Station Two, Three and Fifteen project is intended to improve all three lift

stations to be able to handle a higher flow volume. The project will also include the replacement of two force mains and upsizing all 15-inch gravity mains to 18-inch from Lift Station Three to Two. Additionally, this will improve economic development in the area. This project was advertised for 30 days on both the City's website and Georgia Procurement registry. Bids were opened on September 18, 2025, for the referenced project. There were six (6) interested proposers, and three (3) bids were received. FS Scarbrough, LLC was determined to be qualified to perform the services at the lowest price proposal received. The total base bid price was \$3,864,651.00 and the work is estimated to be completed within 180 calendar days of the Notice to Proceed. The following is a summary of bids received:

**BIDDER**

FS Scarbrough, LLC  
RPI Underground, Inc  
Hancock & Sons

**BIDS**

\$3,864,651.00  
\$4,435,445.00  
\$4,706,703.00

Assistant Utilities Superintendent Gossett reviewed the location map. City Manager White explained that this project will be budgeted in the 2026 and 2027 Budgets. There was brief discussion regarding the difference between bid amounts and where the proposed bidder held their home offices. It was noted that staff did request and received recommendations of their prior projects work.

Councilmember Chastain moved to approve the resolution to award the contract for Lift Station Two, Three and Fifteen Rehabilitation Project to FS Scarbrough, LLC, in the amount of \$3,864,651.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all required paperwork to execute the contract. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

The approved resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to provide, regulate, and maintain city utilities to its citizens in order to provide reliable services such as water, wastewater, and gas;

WHEREAS, the Civil Engineering and Wastewater Departments for the City of Thomasville, Georgia maintains utility asset information for the wastewater infrastructure in the City of Thomasville, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to award a contract to FS Scarbrough, LLC in the amount of three million eight hundred sixty-four thousand six hundred fifty-one dollars (\$3,864,651.00) to perform necessary work to complete the Lift Station Two, Three & Fifteen Rehabilitation 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. Subject to review and approval by the City Attorney. 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 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

**Resolution to award a bid for the Construction Manager at Risk for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II Project and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign the contract.**

Assistant Utilities Superintendent, Eric Gossett reported that this project is aimed to meet the stringent limitations of the new wastewater treatment plant permit and includes construction and replacement of various functions of the wastewater treatment plant. The driving force of this need is the new permit limitations, primarily total nitrogen, total phosphorus and ammonia. The current plant cannot meet these limitations. Additionally, this project would address economic development and hydraulic retention issues, too. Phase I of the project addressed aged and dilapidated infrastructure in the sum of approximately \$10 M to include the parts of the major wastewater trunk line. Additionally, it was previously approved by Council to award an engineering and services contract to Carter and Sloope. The City selected the Construction Manager at Risk delivery method to control the overall costs of the project. This project was advertised for 30 days on both the City's website and Georgia Procurement registry. Statement of qualifications were opened on September 22, 2025, for a construction manager at risk (CMAR) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II project. There were nine (9) interested proposers, and three (3) proposals were received. Selection process was based upon qualifications and pricing for pre-construction services. This contract will be for the construction manager at risk for the duration of the project or if a guaranteed maximum price is not agreed upon. Superintendent Gossett explained that CMAR is a delivery method that involves a project owner engaging a construction manager to oversee a project from start to finish, including design and construction. The construction manager then manages the construction, including subcontracts and sets a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the project. The City, Carter and Sloope and the selected construction manager at risk will work towards the GMP. Benefits: Improved cost control, reduced change order and faster project delivery.

The following is a summary of bids received:

**BIDDER**

Bate Engineers/Contractors Inc  
Ruby-Collins, Inc  
Reeves Young, LLC

**SCORES AND BIDS**

75.45 / \$299,844.00  
84.60 / \$373,208.52  
96.30 / \$227,750.00

**Non-submitters:**

Construct Connect  
Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc  
M.B. Kahn Construction Co, Inc.

Reynolds Construction, LLC  
Sawcross, Inc.  
Cook Industrial Electric Co, Inc

There was brief discussion regarding the CMAR processes; it was noted that this is a three-member process involving the City of Thomasville, the Consultant, and the CMAR. The City has the final say in all decisions. It was also noted that the scoring process did not include any pricing. Additionally, the City shall come back before Council with the guaranteed maximum price to request a resolution to approve it before moving forward with construction.

Councilmember Baker moved to approve the resolution to award the contract for the construction manager at risk (CMAR) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II Project in the sum not to exceed \$227,750.00 for pre-construction services to Reeves Young, LLC, and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore to sign all the required paperwork to execute the contract. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. It was noted that the City continues to actively identify additional funding sources for this project. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

The approved resolution follows.

### **CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to provide, regulate, and maintain city utilities to its citizens in order to provide reliable services such as water, wastewater, and gas;

WHEREAS, the Civil Engineering and Wastewater Departments for the City of Thomasville, Georgia maintains utility asset information for the wastewater infrastructure in the City of Thomasville, Georgia;

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville procured a Construction Manager At Risk through a competitive two-step procurement process.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a construction manager at risk contract to Reeves Young, LLC in the amount of two hundred twenty-seven thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$227,750.00) to perform pre-construction services for work necessary to complete the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II project.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to engage Reeves Young, LLC to develop a final Guaranteed Maximum Pricing (GMP) for review and approval by City Council.

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. Subject to review and approval by the City Attorney. 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 13th day of October, 2025.

**Resolution to authorize the Thomasville Municipal Airport's FY 2027 Capital Improvement Plan.**

Airport Manager, Robert Petty reported that the Airport has assembled a tentative plan for CIP FY2027. This proposed action plan requires City Council approval for concurrency and the City's planning for the local funding match. The projects identified for 2027 include the construction of the Taxiway A lighting and fillet geometry, an update of the Disadvantaged Business Plan, and the continued expansion of the construction of the SW Development Area for future hangar construction.

Rehab/Replace Taxiway A Lighting. Currently edge lights are out-of-service, as the electrical line's insulation has deteriorated, causing multiple shorts and safety issues. The project will also widen the fillet geometry on Taxiway A and install new edge lighting to match the layout in these areas.

DBE Plan Update for the FY27-FY29. As a recipient of FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds in the amount over \$250,000 per year, it is required to update the Airport's goal for DBE to be calculated every three years (49 CFR 26).

SW Development Area Design and Construction with a 90% reimbursable design. Airport to receive design reimbursement of \$32,324. The proposed project in 2021-22 has met with increasing costs. Efforts being made to reassess the concrete thickness and geometry of the layout to maximize the FY2026 allotted funds.

The proposed Airport CIP for the FY2027 is \$1,262,000 with FAA/GDOT funds in the amount of \$948,300 and the balance to be a match for all projects during the same period from the City of Thomasville is \$281,376.

Airport Manager Petty reported that approving this plan does not commit the City to its share of the project; it allows the Airport to apply for Grant Assurances for FY2027 before the deadline of November 5th. The GDoT Tentative Allocation Letter in October 2026 will require the City to decide on whether it will accept those funds. The FY2027 Funding Sources breakdown is included in the resolution as Exhibit A.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt a resolution approving the Airport's Capital Improvement Plan for planning of the tentative funding for FY2027 for the purpose of applying for the FAA/GDoT grants; and, requesting Council to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign any related documents necessary to enact the plan for the purpose of filing the Airport's FY2027 grant requests. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. Councilmember Brown inquired if this would only allow the submittal of applications for grant money. City Manager White confirmed this action is non-binding in regard to expenditures and noted that a Tentative Allocation Letter would be presented at a later date for Council's approval. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

The approved resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville had determined that there is a need to support airport's projects for continued safety of operations and growth, the Council approves the tentative Capital Improvement Plan for the Thomasville Municipal Airport and plans to support the CIP's local financial share for the FY2027 proposed projects. The tentative project share for FY2027 are Two-Hundred Eighty-One Thousand, Three-Hundred and Seventy-Four and No/100 Dollars;

WHEREAS, Passero Associates, LLC, devised a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Airport providing initial cost estimates and will provide applications to Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to acquire grant funding for said proposed projects;

WHEREAS, the proposed Airport CIP for the FY2027 provides funds from Federal/GDOT in the total amounts of \$948,300 and the balance to be a match from the City of Thomasville of \$281,376.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to confirm by letter to GDOT the City's intent to proceed and fully fund the project in calendar year 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation 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 Capital Improvement Plan FY2027 and Funding Sources. The City Council approves the Airport's Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP") for planning of the tentative funding for FY2027 (attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A") for the purpose of applying for FAA/GDOT grants and to authorize the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tempore in the Mayor's absence, to sign all necessary and related documents to enact the CIP for the purpose of filing the Airport's FY2027 grant requests.

Section 3. General Authority. From and after the approval of this Resolution, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, City Manager, and officers employees of the City are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things to execute all such documents as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the CIP 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 CIP, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the CIP and any related documents, all of the following 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 that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in the furtherance of the CIP and the execution, delivery, and performance of the CIP 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 CIP 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 13th day of October 2025.

#### **REPORTS**

City Manager White reminded those present, and those listening to the livestream, that the annual Hands On Thomas County (HOTC) Day is scheduled to take place Saturday, October 18, 2025, throughout Thomasville and Thomas County and encouraged everyone to attend and serve the community.

Councilmembers that Leadership for their efforts prior to, and during, Council Retreats; it was noted that decisions by Council are not made without prior knowledge, and senior staff always provides adequate information of matters to be voted upon by Council.

Councilmember Brown thanked Leadership for making every effort to include her in meetings that she has been unable to attend due to medical procedure. She noted that she truly appreciated everyone's actions and kind words during this time, and she hoped to be back in person soon.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business for consideration, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA**



Mayor, Todd Mobley



ATTEST: City Clerk

