

## City of Thomasville Council Meeting, October 27, 2025

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; City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders; Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy; 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](http://www.thomasville.org).

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Royal Baker 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 Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2025, as presented. Councilmember Scott Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYS: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Councilmember Chastain recognized members of the City of Thomasville's Planning Department and commended their efforts of community planning that helps to manage the challenges of change that affects the city. It was noted that community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community. Councilmember Chastain, together with Council, proclaimed October 2025 as National Community Planning Month and presented the proclamation to the Planning Department's team members.
2. Mayor Mobley noted the Governor of the State of Georgia has proclaimed Sunday, November 2, 2025, as Retired Educators Day in Georgia. He recognized several Retired Educators who were in attendance at this meeting and commended them for their service to the students of the community. It was noted that there are more than 145,000 retired educators in Georgia. Mayor Mobley presented a proclamation to those Retired Educators present at this meeting.

### **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. Candee Henderson, resident of Thomas County, encouraged Councilmembers to vote to remove the tariffs assessed on those utilities customers who have chose to install solar panels on homes within the community. She noted it is her mission to encourage Thomasville and Thomas County to have 100% renewable sourced energy by the year 2035, and one way to achieve this mission is for government to consider the use of solar energy.
2. Carisa Campanella, Events Chair of the Thomasville, Georgia, Pickle Ball Association, encouraged Councilmembers to consider adding new pickle ball courts, or to refurbish existing courts as multipurpose courts, within the community. She noted that the pickle ball sport promotes health and wellness while giving residents opportunities to stay active in their community. She also noted that well maintained courts would help to promote economic development within the community by attracting pickle ball tournaments.

3. Keith Thomas, resident of Wood Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns regarding recent social media posts made between Councilmembers and community members relating to candidates in the upcoming municipal election. Councilmember Brown noted that the Council meeting was not the appropriate place to air grievances resulting from social media posts. Keith Thomas further voiced concerns regarding interruption of his three minutes to speak by Councilmember Brown. He continued and noted that candidates have the right to use their campaign to promote their platform.

### **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**

There was no Old Business to be considered by City Council members at this meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**First readings of four separate ordinances relating to the Bellamy Planned Unit Development (PUD) that will establish a new overlay district and rezone 1218, 1222 and 1224 East Jackson Street, known as the Bellamy (PUD).**

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson reported that Bellamy Planned Unit Development (PUD) was originally approved in September 2021. A First Amendment to the PUD was approved in December 2021, followed by a Second Amendment in July 2022. In 2025, the applicant submitted a request for a Third Amendment. The current request is driven by shifting market conditions and evolving development opportunities. The PUD requirements include specific development and site plan requirements; however, the developer has been unable to maintain the previously approved plan and desires a more flexible zoning designation. During review of the request, staff identified the need to establish a more adaptable regulatory framework while maintaining protections for adjacent properties. To achieve this, staff recommends transitioning away from the site plan-based PUD amendment process and instead establishing a zoning overlay district, in combination with an underlying zoning designation. The proposed overlay would:

- Provide flexibility in the arrangement and phasing of development.
- Allow the project to respond to changing market forces without requiring repeated amendments tied to a specific site plan.
- Include development standards designed to protect adjacent residential neighborhoods and ensure compatibility.

City Planner Thompson noted that this approach balances flexibility in project delivery with the City's responsibility to protect community character and uphold planning objectives. He further noted that During the September Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the following items were discussed:

1. The appropriateness of transitioning from a site plan-based PUD to an overlay district with defined development standards.
2. Ensuring that key standards or considerations have been incorporated into the overlay to ensure appropriate neighborhood protections.
3. The approval of a rezoning request with development standards applied, replacing the need for a Third Amendment to the original Bellamy PUD.

City Planner Thompson reported that finding the above criteria met, the Planning and Zoning Commission, along with staff, recommends approval of the overlay district and the rezoning requests as presented. It was noted that this recommendation requires approval of four separate ordinances to accomplish.

1. **First reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 22, "Zoning", Article XV, "Special Districts", to establish a new Division 4, "Bellamy Place Overlay District".**

Councilmember Chastain moved to order the ordinance to amend Chapter 22, "Zoning", Article XV, "Special Districts", to establish a new Division 4, "Bellamy Place Overlay District", as read for the first time, passed and carried over, 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 title of the ordinance read for the first time, passed and carried over follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE BY (1) AMENDING CHAPTER 22, "ZONING," ARTICLE XV, "SPECIAL DISTRICTS," DIVISION 3, "TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD INFILL DISTRICT," CREATING NEW SECTIONS 22-646 THROUGH 22-650, TO BE CAPTIONED "RESERVED"; (2) AMENDING CHAPTER 22, "ZONING," ARTICLE XV, "SPECIAL DISTRICTS," TO CREATE A NEW DIVISION 4, CAPTIONED "BELLAMY PLACE OVERLAY DISTRICT," SECTIONS 22-651 THROUGH 22-658; (3) TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; (4) TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

2. **First reading of an ordinance to rezone Bellamy PUD to C-1, with the Bellamy Place Overlay District.**  
Councilmember Brown moved to order the ordinance to rezone Bellamy PUD to C-1, with the Bellamy Place overlay District, as read for the first time, passed and carried over, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 2 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 98 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "C-1, COMMERCIAL WITH THE BELLAMY PLACE OVERLAY." TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

3. **First reading of an ordinance to rezone Bellamy PUD to C-1A, Limited Use Business District, with the Bellamy Place Overlay District.**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to order the ordinance to rezone Bellamy PUD to C-1A, Limited Use Business District, with the Bellamy Place overlay District, as read for the first time, passed and carried over, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 2 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 83 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "C-1A, LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT WITH THE BELLAMY PLACE OVERLAY." TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

4. **First reading of an ordinance to rezone Bellamy PUD to R-2, Multifamily Residential, with the Bellamy Place Overlay District.**

Councilmember Chastain moved to order the ordinance to rezone Bellamy PUD to R-2, Multifamily Residential, with the Bellamy Place overlay District, as read for the first time, passed and carried over, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, OF 1971, AS AMENDED WHICH IS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE AS CHAPTER 22, CAPTIONED "ZONING", BY EXCLUDING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM PARCEL 2 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT", TO DESCRIBE SAID EXCLUDED TRACT AND TO DESIGNATE THE SAID SAME TRACT AS PARCEL 81 OF SECTION 22-91 CAPTIONED "R-2, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH THE BELLAMY PLACE OVERLAY." TO ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Resolution to accept the FY 2026 Governor's Office of Highway Safety High Visibility Enforcement Grant (HVE).**

TPD Major, Shane Harris reported that Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety has been granted federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to promote the development and implementation of innovative programs to address highway safety. HVE is a universal traffic safety approach to create deterrence and change unlawful traffic behaviors. HVE combines highly visible and proactive law enforcement targeting specific traffic safety issues. Law enforcement efforts are combined with visibility elements and a publicity strategy to educate the public and promote voluntary compliance with the law. This is a reimbursement grant of \$52,547.20, which includes \$47,347.20 for enforcement hours, \$200 for two (2) Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) Training, and \$2,500 for the purchase of two (2) LIDAR. 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. 2026 marks the third year that TPD has received the HVE grant. It was noted that no match of city funding is required. It was requested that (1) The Council to authorize acceptance of a GOHS grant in the amount of \$52,547.20; and, (2) Council further authorize a budget amendment for the commitment and appropriation of funds in the budget in the grant amount of fifty-two thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars and twenty cents (\$52,547.20) as required in the FY 2026 GOHS-HVE grant award; and, (3) Council further authorize the expenditure of \$52,547.20 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 award.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt the resolution to accept the FY 2026 GOHS HVE 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 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 (\$26,160.00) in funding assistance directed towards officer enforcement hours, equipment, and CPST; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to allocate funds from the budget as required for 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 award; 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 \$52,547.20; 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 budget in the grant amount of fifty-two thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars and twenty cents (\$52,547.20) as required in the FY 2026 GOHS-HVE grant award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes 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 27th day of October 2025.

**Resolutions relating to the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant for Phase II renovations to Paradise Park.**

City Planner, Kenneth Thompson reported that the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program is a grant and loan program administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and authorized by The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act. Program funds will be dispersed for the purpose of providing stewardship to state parks; state lands and wildlife management areas; to support local parks and trails; and to protect critical conservation lands. Eligible applicants include qualified local governments (as determined by the Department of Community Affairs), constituted recreation authorities, state agencies and non-governmental entities with a core mission of conservation. The Red Hills Region is home to over 200,000 acres of native longleaf pine forest, one of the largest privately owned forests in the United States, yet for a majority of Thomasville residents and visitors, this ecosystem remains largely unseen and unknown. Paradise Park, centrally located in Thomasville, has the unique opportunity to showcase the landscape of the Red Hills, with one of the largest known stands of old-growth longleaf pine located in an urban setting. Beginning in 2019, the Planning Department has worked with the community and steering committee to develop a long-term master plan for the park. This phased approach will include several elements of the initial master plan, including the restoration of seven acres of native wiregrass understory, increased accessibility to nature-based outdoor recreation, providing nature-based educational opportunities within the park, and mitigating stormwater through the construction of a wetland pond. This restoration project will provide opportunities for residents and visitors to experience this vital ecosystem and learn about the important role it plays in our local economy. The GOSP grant award is for up to \$3,000,000, with a required minimum match of 25%. Private donations in the amount of \$1,720,525.00 have been committed to the project to cover the match. This is a reimbursement grant program; renovations will initially be funded using donations and SPLOST funds in the budget. It was requested that Council (1) adopt a resolution to accept the GOSP grant award for Phase II renovations to Paradise Park; and, (2) adopt a resolution to accept private donations as committed to the project to cover the match.

- 1. Resolution to accept a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) Grant Award for Phase II Renovations to Paradise Park and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents.**

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt a resolution to accept the GOSP Grant award for Phase II Renovations to Paradise Park 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.

The adopted resolution follows.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) is a state program that is distributed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to enhance public parks for the greater good of the community; and,



WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to accept a GOSP grant award so as to obtain funding assistance for improvements to Paradise Park; 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 GOSP grant award; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to commit a minimum of one million four hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$1,430,00) in matching funds as required by the GOSP grant program; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the acceptance of the GOSP grant award in the amount of three million dollars (\$3,000,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the commitment of funds in the budget as match for the Paradise Park renovations; and,

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 27th day of October 2025.

**2. Resolution to accept private donations as committed to the project to cover the required match in relation to the GOSP Grant Award for Phase II Renovations to Paradise Park.**

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt a resolution to accept the private donations as committed to the project relating to the GOSP Grant award for Phase II Renovations to Paradise Park 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.

The adopted resolution follows.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the City of Thomasville has received monetary gifts from generous citizens and organizations to support the development of Paradise Park, Phase II; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to enhance public parks for the greater good of the community; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to accept the monetary gifts so as to obtain funding assistance for improvements to Paradise Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to accept donations in the amount of \$1,720,525.00 in funds as match for the GOSP grant award; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the acceptance of the monetary gifts in the amount of one million seven hundred twenty thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,720,525.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the commitment of these funds in the budget as match for the Paradise Park renovations: and,

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 27th day of October 2025.

**Resolution to award a contract for the Remington Avenue Streetscape Phase 2 Sidewalks Project.**

City Engineer, Todd Powell reported that Phase 1 of the Remington Avenue Streetscape was initiated to address the highest priorities from a list of concerns derived from numerous public input sessions. These concerns involve providing safe pedestrian access, water main replacements, improving road condition, traffic calming, and intersection concerns. However, the Phase 1 sidewalks currently end at Schley Street, because the sidewalk plan along the entire project path would have involved the installation of storm water drainage piping and curb and gutter through the entire corridor along with addressing other utility infrastructure, the cost was significant. This prompted the City to work internally to create a more feasible Phase 2 plan. This plan involves installing storm water drainage piping from Schley Street to Laurel Hill Cemetery entrance and with other more creative methods to incorporate five (5) foot wide sidewalks from Schley Street to East Pinetree Boulevard beside the existing or slightly modified ditch banks. Additionally, all of the driveways will be replaced to accommodate American's with Disabilities Act requirements. To satisfy the vertical separation requirements, concrete header curb will be installed in the areas where the new sidewalk will be less than ten (10) feet from the roadway. This project was advertised for 30 days on both the City's website and Georgia Procurement registry. Proposals were opened on October 14, 2025, for the above referenced project. There were ten (10) potential bidders, and two (2) bids were received. Green's Backhoe, Inc. was determined to be qualified to perform the services at the lowest price proposal received. The total base bid price was \$679,386.65, and the work is to be completed within 120 consecutive calendar days of the Notice to Proceed.

The following is a summary of bids received:

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b>
Buck Run Preserve	No bid
David Taylor Const.	No bid
Green's Backhoe, Inc.	\$679,386.65
HTS Construction Inc.	No bid
Limit Concrete & Works Inc.	No bid
Michael Baker International	No bid
Reames & Sons	No bid
Rm Concrete Specialists	No bid
Scrugg's Company	\$720,436.87
Zane Grace Construction	No Bid

It was recommended that the City Council award the contract for the Remington Avenue Streetscape Phase 2 Sidewalk Project for \$679,386.65 to Green's Backhoe, Inc. as being qualified to perform the services at the lowest price proposal and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore to sign all the required paperwork to execute the contract. The work will be funded utilizing SPLOST and LMIG SAP funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt the resolution to award the contract to Green's Backhoe, Inc. as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was brief discussion regarding the location of the sidewalk and the new YMCA entrance. The motion remained unchanged. 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, to include sidewalks in order to provide transportation, access, and social and economic activity within our community;

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 Utility Departments for the City of Thomasville, Georgia maintains utility asset information for the wastewater infrastructure in the City of Thomasville, Georgia and the Civil Engineering Department developed construction and contract documents for the Remington Avenue Streetscape Phase 2 Sidewalk Project;

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville desires to add a sidewalk and other needed amenities to improve the streetscape of Remington Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to Green's Backhoe, Inc. on the 27th day of October 2025 at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting in the amount of \$679,386.65 to perform the work necessary to complete the Remington Avenue Streetscape Phase 2 Sidewalk 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 27th day of October, 2025.

**Resolution to award bid for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program 4400-0066: Natural Gas/Diesel Fixed Commercial Industrial Grade Standby Generators.**

Interim Assistant City Engineer, Britt Wetherington reported that On October 14, 2018, the President declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Georgia. This declaration was based on damage resulting from Hurricane Michael. In 2020, the city submitted an application to the 2019 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), which is a federally funded program that provides funds to grantees to facilitate the protection of life and property against man-made and natural disasters by directing the state's efforts in the areas of prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery, with funds directed toward generators for critical facilities. In 2024, the city was awarded HMGP funds and entered into an agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA). The total funds received were \$793,792.00 with the federal share being \$595,244.00 (75%), the state share being \$79,379.20 (10%) and the city's share being \$119,068.80 (15%). This project was advertised for at least 30 days on both the City's website and Georgia Procurement registry. Proposals were opened on September 2, 2025, for the above referenced project. There were two (2) plan holders, and one (1) bid was received. Bannister Electric was determined to be qualified to perform the services at the lowest price proposal received. The total base bid price was \$1,125,951.00, and the work is to be completed within 120 consecutive calendar days of the Notice to Proceed. The application for HMGP was submitted in 2019. As shown previously, the total funds originally allocated for this project were based off of cost projections from 2019. Since 2019 research shows that the commercial backup electric generator industry costs have increased dramatically with hardware-only genset prices rising ~40%, while the balance-of-system gear many commercial installs need (ATS/switchgear) have climbed closer to ~70–85%. The installed project cost trend will usually land somewhere between those, depending on how switchgear-heavy the scope is. The increase from the 2019 estimate vs. the total 2025 bid equates to 41.8%. The following is a summary of the bids received:

<b>BID HOLDER</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b>
Bannister Electric	\$1,251,951.00
Tyco Construction	No bid submitted

Upon review of the scope of work, staff determined that the generator (\$133,499.00) at the natural gas station on the Fleet Services campus is no longer needed since the city is moving away from fueling with natural gas and the extended warranties (\$115,629.00) are no longer needed since the city currently has a contract for generator maintenance. This reduction in scope of work brings the contract amount to \$876,823. The federal and state matching shares will remain the same per the city's contract and the city's local match increases to \$202,099.80. This is an \$83,031.00 increase from the 2019 estimate. It is recommended that the City Council 1) award the contract for the HMGP 4400-0066: Natural Gas/Diesel Fixed Commercial/Industrial Grade Standby Generators project in the amount of \$876,823.00 to Bannister Electric as being qualified to perform the services at the lowest price proposal and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore to sign all required paperwork to execute the contract and 2) authorize local match expenditure of \$202,099.80. The work will be funded utilizing federal grant funds, state grant funds, 2026 Capital funds.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the resolution to award the bid to Bannister Electric, as presented. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Councilmember Baker requested to know the useful life of these generators. Interim Assistant City Engineer Wetherington provided an estimation of 10-25 years with annual maintenance. City Manager White noted that the City currently has a number of these generators that have been in service for 35 years and there are no plans to take them offline. Mayor Mobley noted that these generators will keep service to over 1,000 customers with these generators provided at the lift stations during a multi-day power outage. The motion remained unchanged. The motion passed 4-1, with the following votes recorded:  
AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Brown.  
NAY: Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville desires to allow ongoing electrical services to certain critical city facilities in the event of a power outage; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia authorized application to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program on February 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia accepted the Hazard Mitigation Grant on August 12, 2024, entered into an Agreement with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the commitment of the expenditure of local funds as required by the HMGP 4400-0066 in the amount of \$202,099.80; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to Bannister Electric in the amount of \$876,823.00 to perform the work necessary to complete the HMGP 4400-0066: Natural/Gas/Diesel Fixed Commercial/Industrial Grade Standby Generator 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 the Award and Commitment of Matching Funds. The City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approves the award amount attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A ("Award"); authorizes the commitment of a local match as required by the HMGP 4400-0066 in the amount of \$202,099.80; 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, the 27th day of October 2025.

### **REPORTS**

City Manager White reported that Congressman Sanford Bishop's Field Representative, Mr. Paul Fryer, was present at this meeting. Mr. Fryer reported that in spite of the government shutdown, Congressman Bishop had traveled to Washington this week and he and his office is still working towards solutions. Mr. Fryer congratulated the city on receiving grant funding for the emergency generators.

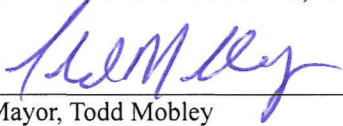
Councilmember Brown noted that if she had offended anyone with her comments during the Citizens to be Heard portion of this meeting, she apologized and wanted the community to know that being transparent is important.

Councilmembers collectively thanked the retired educators for their service to the community and commended the Planning Department for their efforts within the community.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business for consideration, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA**

  
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Mayor, Todd Mobley

  
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ATTEST: City Clerk

