

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, December 10, 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 (by teleconference), Royal Baker and Lucinda Brown. Also present were the City Manager, Chris White; City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders; Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy; 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 6:30 PM. It was noted that Councilmember Scott Chastain was joining the meeting by teleconference.

INVOCATION

Mayor Mobley 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 November 10, 2025, as presented. Councilmember Lucinda 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.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Mobley noted the following rules of decorum: During Citizens to be Heard, speakers shall only make comments that are relevant to the business and government of the City of Thomasville and that are related to public officials and City employees in their official capacities. Each speaker shall refrain from threats of violence and profanity. Citizens following the sign-in procedure listed on the sign-in sheet will be allowed three (3) minutes to address Council during Council Meeting. Mayor Mobley then acknowledged the following citizen listed on the Citizens to be Heard Sign-In Form.

1. Paul Deese, resident of St. Paul Road, Thomas County, Georgia, noted that he had a conversation with City Attorney Sanders and Mr. Harmon prior to this meeting regarding a payment due to him. He noted that what he came to speak to Council about had been addressed and he no longer needed to address Council.
2. Nancy Tinker, on behalf of Thomasville Landmarks, encouraged Council to support the agenda item relating to the Historic Tax Credits. She noted that those who are currently in the Tax Credit Program will have to wait an additional four years for reviews of their projects. It is the goal of historic preservation minded partners across the state to encourage the State of Georgia to raise the current cap on funding and to extend the program to 2029.
3. Debra Bryant, resident of Hadley Street, Thomasville, Georgia, reported the property of 122 Hadley Street is dilapidated and requested the City do something about it, as it is unsafe for the neighbors in its current deplorable condition.
 - a. Mayor Mobley reported that he had spoken with Director Harmon and hoped to have this property addressed soon.
4. Mary Hopkins, resident of Broadnax Street, Thomasville, Georgia, echoed Ms. Bryant's sentiments about the property at 122 Hadley Street. She noted that she had begun contacting the City about this property for approximately fifteen years and nothing had been done. She reported

RESOLUTION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville is currently engaged in making improvements to Remington Avenue, a portion of which adjoin real property owned by the Board of Education of the City of Thomasville;

WHEREAS, the City determined that it was necessary to acquire approximately 380 square feet of such property ("Property") to complete the improvements to Remington Avenue;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Thomasville approved the transfer of the Property to the City for no consideration;

WHEREAS, section 2-1 of the Code of the City of Thomasville requires an ordinance to accept the transfer of real property to the City;

WHEREAS, because of the ongoing construction in connection with the improvements to Remington Avenue and the need for the City to take title to the Real Property to continue construction of the improvements, delaying acceptance of the Real Property until the next regular meeting of the City Council may cause delays.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the interest of time and avoiding delays in connection with the construction of the Remington Avenue improvements, there exists an emergency requiring the passage of an ordinance to accept the Real Property described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof on first and second readings at this one meeting pursuant to City of Thomasville Ordinance Section 2-2.

SO DONE this the 10th day of December, 2025.

2. First and second reading, under a resolution of emergency, to accept approximately 380 square feet of real property adjacent to Remington Avenue.

Councilmember Brown moved to order the ordinance authorizing the City's acceptance of approximately 380 square feet of real property adjacent to Remington Avenue, to be read for the first and second times at this meeting, passed and adopted under Resolution of Emergency, 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 ordinance ordered as read for the first and second times at this meeting, passed and adopted under a Resolution of Emergency follows.

ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-43-12102025

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 380 SQUARE FEET ADJOINING REMINGTON AVENUE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION I

WHEREAS, real property consisting of 380 square feet currently located real property is owned by the Board of Education of the City of Thomasville with an address of 315 S. Hansell Street, Thomasville, Georgia, but adjoining Remington Avenue, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof ("Property"), and is necessary for the completion of the ongoing improvements to Remington Avenue and the Board of Education of the City of Thomasville desires to convey the Property for no consideration to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, recognizes that accepting the Property is in the interest of the City.

SECTION II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same (i) that the acceptance of the Property, more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, conveyed to the City for no consideration, is hereby approved; and (ii) that the Mayor is authorized to take all actions and to do all things necessary to carry out the purposes and intent set forth in this ordinance and to effect the acceptance of the Property, as may be necessary and appropriate in his judgment and discretion, in consultation with the City Attorney.

SECTION III

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its final adoption.

SECTION IV

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall not be made a part of the official codified ordinances of the City of Thomasville but will nevertheless be spread upon the public minutes and records of the City of Thomasville.

SECTION V

This ordinance was introduced and read at a lawful meeting of the Council of Thomasville, Georgia, held on December 10, 2025, and read a second time, passed, and adopted in a like manner at the same meeting under resolution of emergency pursuant to the Code of the City of Thomasville Section 2-2.

Resolution to ratify Public Service Apprenticeship Program Award acceptance and execution of Memorandum of Understanding with the Technical College System of Georgia.

Assistant Chief, Craig Dukes, reported that In 2024, the Public Service Apprenticeship Program (PSAP) was authorized by Georgia Senate Bill 497, and signed into law by Governor Brian P. Kemp. PSAP provides contract awards to public service employers at the state, city, and local levels in Georgia to encourage the creation

and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs across the state. To incentivize the creation and expansion of Registered Apprenticeship Programs, (RAPs) throughout the State of Georgia, TCSG will administer contract completion awards to Georgia employers selected to participate in the program. Employers can receive awards of \$5,000 per apprentice. Thomasville Fire Rescue has been approved for training for three (3) new recruits with an award amount of \$15,000. No match required. It is requested that the Council consider a resolution to ratify the authorization to execute the MOU with the Technical College System of GA, accept the award of \$15,000 for training 3 new recruits, amend the budget as necessary, and authorize the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary documents.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt the resolution to ratify public Service Apprenticeship Program Award acceptance and execution of MOU with the Technical College System of Georgia 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 Public Service Apprenticeship Program is a state program that is distributed by the Technical College System of Georgia; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to be used for the enrollment of three (3) apprentices in a Registered Apprenticeship Program; and,

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to accept the award in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) and amend the budget as necessary; 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 Memorandum of Understanding with the Technical College System of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby ratifies the authorization to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Technical College System of Georgia; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the acceptance of the award in the amount of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) and to amend the budget as necessary; 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 Memorandum of Understanding with the Technical College System of Georgia.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 10th day of December 2025.

Resolution to approve the first amendment to Remington Park Exterior Landscape Maintenance Agreement between City of Thomasville and Allen Turf Management and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Mike Owens, reported that the City contracts out the maintenance of Remington Park. The current contractor, Allen Turf Management, signed an agreement with the City that began January 1, 2023. The current contract states that all field linings and chalkings are to be billed to the City of Thomasville. Per the new COT/YMCA Recreation Programming agreement, this wording needs to be amended – as the

YMCA will now be responsible for all field linings costs for their programming at the park. It is requested that Council take appropriate action to authorize the Mayor to sign an amendment to the Remington Park exterior landscape maintenance service agreement.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the resolution to approve the first amendment to Remington Park Exterior Landscape Maintenance Agreement 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 entered into that certain Remington Park Exterior Landscape Maintenance Service Agreement, effective December 7, 2022, ("Service Agreement") by and between the City of Thomasville and Allen Turf Landscape Management, Inc.; and desires to renew and amend the Service Agreement.

WHEREAS, both the City of Thomasville and Allen Turf Landscape Management, Inc., desire to amend and renew the Service Agreement.

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Page IV-7 and IV-8 of Exhibit B to the Service Agreement are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced with the provisions more particularly set forth on Schedule One, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. Article Twelve of the Service Agreement is hereby amended by adding the following:
"This Service Agreement may be renewed at the option of Owner by delivering written notice to Contractor of at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration of the then current renewal term."
3. By execution hereof, Owner exercises Owner's option to extend the Service Agreement for another one (1) year term and the Parties hereby acknowledge and confirm the renewal of the Service Agreement for another one (1) year term, commencing on January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.
4. Miscellaneous. Except as specifically amended herein, the Service Agreement, as amended, is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects, shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its stated terms and conditions, provided, however, that the Service Agreement from and after the date of this First Amendment shall mean the Service Agreement as amended by this First Amendment. The Recitals in this First Amendment are incorporated herein by reference and shall constitute a material part of this First Amendment and the Service Agreement as amended. This First Amendment shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Georgia without giving effect to principles of conflicts of laws. No delay or failure by either party to exercise any right under the Service Agreement, as amended, no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof or thereof shall constitute a waiver, and no partial or single exercise of such right, shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right, unless otherwise expressly provided herein. This First Amendment and the Service Agreement represent the entire agreement among the parties with respect to the matters herein. Any amendments hereto shall be in writing and signed by Owner and

Contractor. This First Amendment may be executed in multiple counterparts which, taken together, shall constitute a complete document.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Amendment to the Service Agreement, attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the First Amendment to the Service Agreement on behalf of the City of Thomasville.

SO RESOLVED, this 10th day of December, 2025.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution to authorize acceptance of remaining FY2025 contribution to the Thomasville Police Department.

Police Chief, Wade Glover, reported that since July 16, 2025, the City of Thomasville's Police Department received a contribution of \$1,000.00 from FMGI, Inc. (Wal-Mart) designated to be used for the FY2025 Wander with a 1st Responder Community event. To ensure transparency, Chief Glover requested that Council adopt a resolution formally accepting the contribution.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the resolution to accept the contribution from FMGI, Inc. 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.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville Police Department receives monetary gifts from generous citizens and organizations from time to time to support activities for the Officers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville Police Department receives monetary gifts from generous organizations from time to time to help fund various community projects; and

WHEREAS, attached to this Resolution is "Exhibit A – Contributions Report" itemizing the monetary gifts received by the Thomasville Police Department for the period of July 16, 2025, through December 2, 2025, in a total amount of \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to accept monetary contributions in a transparent manner provided for at a regular meeting duly publicized and open to the public, in which a quorum of the City Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia is present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the monetary gift received by the Thomasville Police Department as described in the attached "Exhibit A – Contributions Report" for the period of July 16, 2025, through December 2, 2025, in a total amount of \$1,000.00, is hereby accepted by the City Council; to be used solely for the purposes set forth on Exhibit A.

SO ADOPTED, the 10th day of December 2025.

Resolution to authorize acceptance of FY2025 contribution to the City of Thomasville's Water and Wastewater Departments.

Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy, reported that a generous citizen, Keith Thomas, had provided a monetary contribution in the amount of \$500.00 to the City of Thomasville's Water and Wastewater Departments. It was Mr. Thomas's wish that these funds be used for the expenses of an appreciation

luncheon for the employees of those departments. To ensure transparency, Assistant City Manager Sealy requested that Council adopt a resolution formally accepting the contribution.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt a resolution to formally accept Mr. Thomas's contribution. 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 OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville receives monetary gifts from generous citizens and organizations from time to time to support City of Thomasville Departments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville received a monetary gift from Keith Thomas, a generous citizen, designated to be used for expenses of an appreciation luncheon for the City of Thomasville's Water and Wastewater Departments; and

WHEREAS, attached to this Resolution is "Exhibit A – Contributions Report" itemizing the monetary gifts received by the City of Thomasville's Water and Wastewater Departments FY 2025, in a total amount of \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to accept monetary contributions in a transparent manner provided for at a regular meeting duly publicized and open to the public, in which a quorum of the City Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia is present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the monetary gifts received by the City of Thomasville's Water and Wastewater Departments as described in the attached "Exhibit A – Contributions Report" FY 2025 in a total amount of \$500.00, are hereby accepted by the City Council; to be used solely for the purposes set forth on Exhibit A.

SO ADOPTED, the 10th day of December 2025.

Resolution to award a bid for the 2025 Stormwater Improvement Project.

Executive Director of Engineering and Inspections, Mark Harmon, reported that the areas of Georgia Avenue and Washington Street have stormwater drainage concerns. Georgia Avenue: This drainage area has long been prone to low stage flooding at the creek crossing under Mitchell Street at Georgia Avenue due to heavy rainfall events. Following these events, water backs up in the road and subsides only after the water in the creek subsides. This condition typically occurs when the creek is flowing full, and the storm drain pipes cannot empty because they are discharging in an upstream direction. This project will consist of installing two (2) – 15" pipes from an existing storm drain structure and discharge them into the adjacent drainage ditch while re-directing the discharge in the downstream direction. Washington Street: This box culvert discharges stormwater into the creek at MacIntyre Park. While the culvert itself remains in good condition, the concrete flumes on either side of the culvert have begun to fail. This project will reconstruct the flumes that convey stormwater from Washington Street into the creek and armor the stream banks at the discharge point and downstream to reduce ongoing soil erosion. Additionally, due to the nature of the design, a natural crossing area will be created, allowing park users to walk across the creek at this location without entering the roadway. Director Harmon further reported this project went through informal procurement, and bids were due on November 18, 2025, at 10:00 AM EST. There were four (4) plan recipients, and one (1) bid was received. CMI was determined to be qualified to perform the services at the lowest price proposal received. The total base bid price was \$141,665.00, and the work is to be completed within 45 consecutive calendar days of the Notice to Proceed. The following is a summary of the bids received:

PLAN HOLDER

BID AMOUNT

CMI	\$141,665
David Taylor Construction	No bid submitted
Scoggins Dozer	No bid submitted
Green's Backhoe	No bid submitted

Director Harmon noted that it is recommended that the City Council award the contract for the 2025 Stormwater Improvement Project for \$141,665.00 to CMI 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 2018 SPLOST funds.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt a resolution to authorize award of bid for the 2025 Stormwater Improvement Project to CMI, 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 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 2025 Stormwater Improvement Project that include stormwater improvements at Georgia Avenue and East Washington Street;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approved in the 2025 Annual budget an amount of \$1,098,559.00 for storm water drainage infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to CMI in the amount of \$141,165 to perform the work necessary to complete the 2025 Stormwater Improvement 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 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 10th day of December 2025.

Consider three separate Resolutions in reference to the adoption of the City of Thomasville FY2026 Proposed Budget.

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason, reported that Councilmembers were previously presented with the City of Thomasville Proposed Budget FY2026, which included proposed fees and utilities rates for Fiscal Year 2026. She further reported that the Proposed FY2026 City of Thomasville Budget has been made available to the public, it was posted on the City of Thomasville's website and was available in the City Clerk's office. The Proposed FY2026 Budget Public Hearing was held on December 8, 2025, at which there were two citizens in attendance who spoke on items not relating to the Proposed FY2026 Budget. CFO Cason noted that the Budget is a legally binding document that aligns Council priorities with the City. She reviewed the Council's initiatives and projects for 2026; reported there were no property taxes in the Proposed FY2026 Budget; and noted that staff strives to obtain as many grants as possible to help offset expenses. CFO Cason also reviewed areas within the budget where cuts were made to maintain mindful spending. There was brief discussion regarding Thomasville's status as one of four cities in Georgia that does not impose an ad valorem tax on its property owners.

1. Resolution to adopt the City of Thomasville FY 2026 Departmental Fee Schedules.

CFO Cason reviewed an overview of the departmental fee schedules and highlighted the proposed changes for 2026.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the resolution to adopt the City of Thomasville FY2026 Departmental Fee Schedules as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was brief discussion regarding the location of the departmental fee schedules. It was noted that they were listed in their entirety in the budget book provided to Council and the online version. The departmental fees include all fees charged by the city departments. There was no further discussion. The motion remained unchanged. The motion passed 3-2, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Chastain, Baker.

NAYS: Scott, Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

City of Thomasville City Wide Fees Resolution Fiscal Year 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville provides certain services which are deemed to be for the general welfare and in the best interest of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of these services require the collection of revenue and the appropriation of expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year of the City of Thomasville begins on the 1st day of January, and ends on the 31st day of December of each year; and

WHEREAS, a city-wide fee schedule has been prepared and itemized by both Governmental and Enterprise Funds for the projected revenues for the fiscal year 2026:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Thomasville that the city-wide fees be adopted as presented by the Chief Financial Officer and attached.

SO DONE, in regular session of the Council of the City of Thomasville this the 10th day of December 2025.

2. Resolution to adopt the City of Thomasville Utility Rates.

CFO Cason reviewed an overview of the proposed utility rate schedules and adjustments, which are all represented in the 2026 Proposed Budget. She noted that collectively, the average residential customer (inside the City limits) could see an approximate increase of \$11.53 per month and the rate schedules in their entirety are made a part of the Proposed 2026 Budget. The proposed utility rate adjustments are as follows:

1. Water
 - 3% Utility Rate Increase for Commercial Inside
 - 5% Utility Rate Increase for Commercial and Residential Outside
2. Wastewater
 - 5% Utility Rate Increase for Commercial Inside
 - 7% Utility Rate Increase for Commercial and Residential Outside
3. 2% Utility Rate Increase for the following Funds (Based on 75% of the change in CPI (June))
 - Electric (Includes \$2 Base Rate Increase)
 - Natural Gas
 - Solid Waste
4. New Stormwater Utility Charge at \$5 per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit)

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the resolution to adopt the City of Thomasville Utility Rates. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-2, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Chastain, Baker.

NAYS: Scott, Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

City of Thomasville Utility Rates Resolution Fiscal Year 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville provides certain services which are deemed to be for general welfare and in the best interest of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of these services require the collection of revenue and the appropriation of expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year of the City of Thomasville begins on the 1st day of January, and ends on the 31st day of December of each year; and

WHEREAS, a utility rate schedule has been prepared and itemized by Utility Enterprise Funds for the projected revenues for the fiscal year 2026:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Thomasville that the Water, Wastewater, Electric, and Solid Waste utility rates be adopted as presented by the Chief Financial Officer and attached.

SO DONE, in regular session of the Council of the City of Thomasville this the 10th day of December 2025.

3. Resolution to adopt the City of Thomasville FY 2026 Budget.

CFO Cason reported that the operating and capital budgets are one of the most important documents a government can produce. The budget works as a financial planning tool, a policy and legally binding document, a guide for operations and capital, and a communication device that expresses to the citizens the Council's vision for the City. Each year, the City is responsible for adopting the operating and capital budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. On November 17th, 2025, the Proposed Budget was presented to the Council at a scheduled budget review meeting. At this meeting, we compared the 2025 budget against the 2026 proposed budget. A high-level overview of some key takeaways in the Proposed Budget was also presented. This included the Proposed Fee Schedules and Rate Schedules presented just prior to this item on the agenda. She also noted there was no property tax included in this budget and a new Stormwater utility would be in place in January (approved in July 2025 and effective January 2026). The following proposed projects and initiatives are also included in the budget:

- a. Park Improvements for Balfour, Cassidy, Flipper, Paradise, Remington and Cherokee
- b. Infrastructure includes but is not limited to Remington Streetscape, Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project, Airport SW Quadrant Expansion, Gas and Wastewater AMI Upgrades, Stormwater and Street Improvements, Landfill Cell VI Expansion
- c. Auditorium Improvements - Phase I Life Safety Improvements
- d. Housing efforts to include Comprehensive Plan Update and Development Code Rewrite, Grant Funds for Neighborhood Improvement, Incentives for Traditional Neighborhood Infill Incentives
- e. Communication & Other Initiatives include continued Community Outreach, Online Permitting and Payment Portal, New Utility Billing System (customer engagement enhancements), and IP Phone Migration

CFO Cason also noted the following budget cuts were made to the 2026 Budget request:

- a. Northside Park Street Paving Project
- b. 2024 LMIG/SPLOST Paving Projects
- c. Hansell Street Sidewalk Project and Lift Station Ten Project
- d. 15 vacant positions were unfunded

Overall, the Proposed Budget for 2026 includes \$169,135,088 in revenues and \$139,322,735 in operating expenses. The budget includes transfers to the general fund of \$11,862,500 and no ad valorem taxes. A public hearing was also held on December 8th, 2025, for citizens' input. The same presentation and information from the November 18th meeting were scheduled to be provided again at this hearing to offer multiple in-person opportunities to attend a budget information session.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt a resolution to adopt the City of Thomasville FY2026 Budget as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. Mayor Mobley commended CFO Cason and the Financial Services Team for their diligent work on preparing the 2026 Budget. There was no discussion. The motion passed 3-2, with the following votes recorded:

AYES: Mobley, Chastain, Baker.

NAYS: Scott, Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

**City of Thomasville Budget Resolution Fiscal Year 2026
Operating and Capital Budget**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville provides certain services which are deemed to be for the general welfare and in the best interest of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of these services require the collection of revenue and the appropriation of expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year of the City of Thomasville begins on the 1st day of January, and ends on the 31st day of December of each year; and

WHEREAS, a budget has been prepared which itemizes projected revenue and proposed expenditures for the fiscal year 2026:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Thomasville that for the following budget be adopted for the various funds of the City of Thomasville and for the various Utilities funds as presented by the Chief Financial Officer and attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain appropriations as outlined in the capital budget document are contingent upon the receipt of federal and state grant funds and other revenues and those appropriations will be disbursed only as those funds become available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the revenue from the Utilities Department of the City of Thomasville be transferred on an as needed basis.

SO DONE, in regular session of the Council of the City of Thomasville this the 10th day of December 2025.

Resolution to formally support the preservation, renewal, and/or expansion of the Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property Program and authorize the Mayor's signature to execute letters of support.

City Manager, Chris White, reported that the State of Georgia's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit (HRTC) Program is under threat, and Thomasville Landmarks, in partnership with the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, is working with partners across the state to expand, and to strengthen, Georgia's historic tax credit. The HRTC program encourages private investment in the restoration of historic structures, helps prevent the loss of important properties, boosts local job creation, and supports revitalization in our downtown and

neighborhoods. It also makes challenging rehabilitation projects financially feasible — including projects like The Mason on Broad, which would not be possible without this incentive. A strengthened HRTC will provide predictability to developers and local communities, ensure continued investment across the state, and sustain Georgia's leadership in heritage-based economic development. Any reduction or elimination of the program would threaten both current and future preservation and economic development efforts in Thomasville and throughout Georgia. City Manager White requested Council to authorize the Mayor's signature to execute letters of support to formally support the preservation, renewal, and /or expansion of the Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to authorize the Mayor's signature to execute support letters 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.

REPORTS

City Manager White commended CFO Cason and the Financial Services Team for their efforts in preparing the 2026 Budget. He commended Council for passing the budget, noting this was the largest budget recorded for the City of Thomasville. City Manager White also applauded the employees of TEAM Thomasville for their work throughout the year and their service to the community. He reported this would be the last meeting for 2025 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmembers collectively thanked citizens for their support; commended TEAM Thomasville leadership and staff for their continued service to the community; encouraged the community to attend the annual Victorian Christmas festivities later in the week; and, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business for consideration, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor, Scott Chastain



ATTEST: City Clerk

