

City of Thomasville Council Meeting, January 13, 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; Assistant City Manager, Sheryl Sealy; City Attorney, Timothy C. Sanders; Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason; other city staff; citizens and members of the media. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 144 East Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia. Simultaneous access to the meeting was provided to those members of the media and citizens unable to attend the meeting via the City of Thomasville's online live stream feed located at www.thomasville.org.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Todd 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 Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024. 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.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Pro Tem Scott recognized Reverend Clarence Hedrington and presented him with a Proclamation for his work throughout the Thomasville community and many other communities across the Caribbean and United States.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

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

1. Keith Thomas, resident of Woods Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, voiced concerns of recent gun violence and encouraged the community and Councilmembers to do a better job mentoring the younger generation in positive ways. He noted the Chief of Police, and the Sherriff could not do it on their own, he encouraged the community to talk to law enforcement to let them know what is happening within their community. Mr. Thomas also encouraged Councilmembers to work towards getting a public pool for the children in the community.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of an ordinance to set Qualifying Fees for the 2025 Municipal General Election.

City Clerk, Felicia Brannen, reported there had been no changes to the ordinance since its passage on first reading. The ordinance will set the candidate qualifying fees at \$607.68 for Councilmember seats, and \$35.00 for City School Board of Education member seats.

Councilmember Brown moved to order the ordinance to set the Qualifying Fees for the Municipal General Election as read for the second time, passed and adopted. 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 ordinance follows.

ORDINANCE NO.: ORD-01-01132025

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE CANDIDATE QUALIFYING FEES FOR THE 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that for the 2025 municipal elections the qualifying fee for the office of City Councilmember shall be \$607.68.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that for the 2025 municipal elections the qualifying fee for the office of City Board of Education shall be \$35.00.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that said fees shall be paid to the Municipal Election Superintendent at the time a candidate files qualifying fee as prescribed by O.C.G.A. §21-2-131 (c)(5)(B).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed for the purposes of this ordinance only.

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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final adoption.

This ordinance was introduced and read for the first time in a lawful meeting of the City Council held on December 16, 2024, and passed and adopted on the second reading of the ordinance at a lawful meeting of the City Council held on January 13, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to approve recommendations of Councilmember and Non-Public Member appointments to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Council for 2025.

Mayor, Todd Mobley, reported that the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGRC) requires annual appointments to the SWGRC Council to be submitted by letter of resolution to the SWGRC each year. Appointments are mutually agreed upon between Thomas County and its Municipalities as: a Councilmember from the largest Municipality, one non-public representative and one additional representative. Councilmember Lucinda Brown has agreed to serve as the Elected Official of Thomasville, Mr. Jason Giddens and Ms. Elaine Mays have expressed interest in continuing to serve as non-public representatives.

Councilmember Chastain moved to approve a resolution to appoint Councilmember Lucinda Brown and approve recommendation of Thomas County Board of Commissioner's additional representatives to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Council as Non-Public Member Representative: Jason Giddens; and, as Additional Member Representative: Elaine Mays. 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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that the following Councilmember is unanimously recommended for appointment to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Council for the year 2025:

Councilmember Lucinda Brown, City Elected Official

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, that the following individuals are unanimously recommended for appointment to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Council for the year 2025, as appointed by the Thomas County Board of Commissioners:

Non-Public: Jason Giddens
Additional Member: Elaine Mays

So Done, this the 13th day of January, 2025.

Resolution to receive Fiscal Year 2025 Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Resurfacing Grant.

City Engineer, Todd Powell, reported that the City received a letter from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) with a grant formula amount of \$305,604.20 on June 28, 2024. This is to provide resurfacing assistance for several roads within the City limits. The grant application will need to be entered into the GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Application (LMIG) website. The local match required is 30%, and it has been budgeted for the City to provide at least \$500,000 of local funds towards this grant. The roadways are selected based on a number of factors such as the Roadbotics ride score, the condition of underlying utilities, and coordination with upcoming grant projects. This project involves resurfacing several roadways and addressing any aging utilities that could possibly leak and damage the new roadway surface. The roads to be addressed with the project are as follows:

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

City Engineer Powell requested that the Council adopt a resolution to apply for the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG); vote to apply for the GDOT grant amount of \$305,604.20; and, authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem to sign a letter addressed to GDOT, sign the LMIG application, and the Resolution. The work will be funded utilizing SPLOST funds and budgeted for construction in calendar year 2026 or later.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. It was noted that the resurfacing may not be completed until 2026 or later. There was no further 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, 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 \$305,604.20 on June 28, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the commitment of thirty percent in local matching funds 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 2025 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 the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Grant application and the required supporting documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes 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 as shall be necessary for relation to 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 January 2025.

Resolution to award bid for the 2024 Remington Avenue Streetscape Phase 1 Project and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign contract.

Executive Director of Engineering and Inspection, Mark Harmon, reported that Remington Avenue and Kern have demanded attention for some time. The origins of this project began in 2018 with a public input process by the Planning Department. Initial problems to address were safe pedestrian access, road surface condition, traffic calming to control speed, and intersection concerns at Reid, Ben Grace, E Pinetree, and Covington. Although the project was forecasted to be \$8M-\$9M in the early stages, it ballooned to over \$22M with the expansion of the project scope and the severe inflation that occurred during COVID. However, Phase I of the project looks to retain the most critical elements while meeting the community's desires from the public input session that addressed the initial problems. The work includes: 1) Kern Street – reducing the road width and adding sidewalks on both sides between Smith Ave and Reid Street; 2) round-about addition – this will be at Kern/Reid/Remington; 3) Covington Avenue – adding a 3-way signalized light; 4) Access Management – moving the YMCA driveway and then adding a median in the 5 lane section of Remington Avenue near East Pinetree Boulevard for right-in/right-out; 5) Mill/Resurface entire road in project area; and, 6) Evaluate and add as appropriate a bike lane on Remington Avenue between Reid Street and East Pinetree Boulevard. Additionally, improvements will be made to the water and sewer systems in the area. The project was advertised for at least 30 days on both the City's website and Georgia Procurement registry. Proposals were opened on December 5, 2024, for the above referenced project. There were ten (10) plan holders, and two (2) bids were received. The Scruggs Company was determined to be qualified to perform the services at the lowest price proposal received. The total base bid price was \$5,130,734.94, and the work is to be completed within 300 consecutive calendar days of the Notice to Proceed. The following is a summary of the bids received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
The Scruggs Company	\$5,130,734.94
CMI	\$4,800,827.50

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. Director Harmon reported that there will be a change order to address the need for a wider shoulder for the roadway. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to maintain, repair, and replace city streets, 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 2024 Remington Avenue Streetscape Phase 1 Project;

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville received a \$750,000 GTIB Grant and a \$2,115,000.00 GTIB loan for construction of the 2024 Remington Avenue Streetscape Phase 1 Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to The Scruggs Company in the amount of \$5,130,734.94 to perform the work necessary to complete the 2024 Remington Avenue Streetscape Phase 1 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 Change Order 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 Change Order, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Change Order 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 Change Order and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Change Order 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 Change Order 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 January, 2025.

Resolution to ratify approval to apply for the Science Discovery on Main Street Grant.

Main Street Director, Brandy Avery, reported that the Simons Foundation Science Discovery on Main Street grant program provides funding and support to help Main Street communities research, identify, and celebrate their unique scientific assets or history through partnerships and programming. The grant program will award twelve (12) Discovery Grants of \$12,500 each to selected rural National Main Street Center (“Main Street America” or “MSA”) accredited and affiliate communities. Main Street America is offering this program through a generous grant from Simons Foundation International administered by the Simons Foundation’s Science, Society & Culture division. The Science Discovery on Main Street grant program aims to help Main Street communities uncover and leverage their unique science assets, history, and features towards building local pride and creating engaging local attractions and activities. Through this partnership with Main Street America, we aim to offer educational programs to both residents and visitors that connect our community’s history, culture, and local ecology, showcasing how these elements shape our environment. Paradise Park offers a unique opportunity to highlight this connection. This grant program will allow the City to create an accessible ecological showcase highlighting local flora and fauna, as well as the vital role of prescribed burning in forest management. Director Avery requested that the Council consider ratifying the approval to apply for the FY 2025 Science Discovery on Main Street and to authorize the Mayor, and/or Mayor Pro Tem’s signature on necessary and related documents.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the resolution to ratify the approval to apply for the Science Discovery on Main Street Grant as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Scott seconded. 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 identify and celebrate the unique scientific assets in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to submit an application to the Simons Foundation Science Discovery on Main Street grant program to create engaging local attractions and activities.

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville Main Street Department has an opportunity to submit a FY 2025 Science Discovery on Main Street application for a grant of up to twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) in funding assistance; 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 FY 2025 Science Discovery on Main Street Grant application; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Thomasville’s Grants Policies and Procedures, the application deadline for submission of the FY 2025 Science Discovery on Main Street grant created the need for the application to be submitted prior to Council approval; therefore, the approval shall be ratified by the Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby ratifies the authorization for the submission of a FY 2025 Science Discovery on Main Street grant application in an amount up to \$12,500; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the expenditure of up to \$12,500 and the Mayor of the City of Thomasville, or his/her successor, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the FY 2025 Science Discovery on Main Street Grant application.

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

Resolutions in reference to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) PI #0015394 – Old Albany Road Sidewalk Construction Project.

Project Manager, Eve Geyer, reported the project area is Old Albany Road between North Boulevard and Plantation Oak Drive, and the project has a total length of 1.04 miles. The City of Thomasville has received federal-aid money from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the preliminary engineering, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, and construction of GDOT PI #0015394 – The Old Albany Sidewalk Project (between North Boulevard and Plantation Oaks Drive). The city entered into agreements with GDOT for the previous TAP grants and is now ready for the construction portion of the project and for this final agreement with GDOT for the construction funding. This agreement was reviewed by the City's attorney and conforms to meet the city's requirements. Total funding for the construction portion is \$4,915,975.34, which includes the award contract to HTS Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,462,309.51, consulting services for construction, engineering, and inspection in the amount not to exceed \$443,665.83, and a GDOT Oversight fee for \$10,000. The funding responsibilities are 80/20. Therefore, the federal portion is funding \$3,932,780.27, which is 80% of the total construction cost anticipated for this project, and the City of Thomasville's required matching funds are \$983,195.07, which is 20% of the total construction cost anticipated for this project. It is recommended that the City Council enter into an agreement with GDOT for the construction funding for GDOT PI #0015394 – Old Albany Road Sidewalk for a total amount of \$4,915,975.34 (80% federally funded/20% local match) and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore to sign all the required paperwork to execute the agreement.

- 1. Resolution to enter into an agreement with GDOT for construction funding for PI #0015394.**
Mayor Pro Tem Scott moved to adopt the resolution to enter into an agreement with GDOT for construction funding for PI #0015394 and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents as presented. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it is 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 Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia entered into a Project Framework Agreement on the 22nd day of May 2020 with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for preliminary engineering to do transportation facility improvements – adding a sidewalk – on Old Albany Road between North Boulevard and Plantation Oak Drive (GDOT Project Number 0015394) using federal-aid funds from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of \$775,000 with a federal share of \$620,000 and a local match of \$155,000;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia entered into an Agreement on the 25th day of July 2022 with the Georgia Department of Transportation for right-of-way acquisition for GDOT Project Number 0015394 using federal-aid funds from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 with a federal share of \$320,00 and a local match of \$80,000;

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation has allocated \$4,915,975.34 for the construction phase in federal-aid funds from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Alternatives Program with a federal share of 80% and a local match of 20% for GDOT Project Number 0015394;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to enter into a Construction Agreement with GDOT for funding of the construction work for GDOT PI #0015394.

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 Agreement. 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 contingent on formal allocation of federal funding.

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 Change Order 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 Change Order, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Change Order 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 Change Order and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Change Order 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 Change Order 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 January, 2025.

2. Resolution to award bid, and enter into a contract, for GDOT PI #0015394.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the resolution to award the bid to HTS Construction, and enter into a contract for GDOT PI #0015394, and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents, as presented. Councilmember Chastain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Mobley, Scott, Chastain, Baker and Brown.

The adopted resolution follows.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Thomasville has it is 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 Georgia Department of Transportation has allocated \$4,915,975.34 for the construction phase in federal-aid funds from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Alternatives Program with a federal share of 80% and a local match of 20% for GDOT Project Number 0015394;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to HTS in the amount of \$4,462,309.51 who was determined to be qualified to perform the to perform the work necessary to complete GDOT PI #0015394 – Old Albany Sidewalk Project – at the lowest price proposal received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

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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 Change Order 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 Change Order, as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the execution and delivery of the Change Order 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 Change Order and the execution, delivery, and performance of the Change Order 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 Change Order 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 January, 2025.

Resolution to approve citizen appointment to Main Street Advisory Board.

Main Street Director, Brandy Avery, reported that Adrian Burns served on the Main Street Advisory Board as the Chamber Representative. Her term has ended on the Chamber Board, so she will not be able to continue to serve on the Main Street Advisory Board as the Chamber Representative. The Main Street Advisory Board bylaws state that

the board must have a representative from the Chamber. The Chamber has recommended Heather Abbott to fill the Chamber Representative position on the Main Street Advisory Board.

Councilmember Chastain moved to adopt the resolution to appoint Heather Abbott to the Main Street Advisory Board 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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Thomasville, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that Heather Abbott is appointed to serve on the Main Street Advisory Board as the Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce representative for a one-year term expiring on December 31, 2025.

So Done, this the 13th day of January 2025.

REPORTS

Mayor and Councilmembers collectively expressed their excitement about the progress of the Remington Avenue Project and GA 3/Old Albany Road Sidewalk Project. They also thanked citizens for their attendance and interest in city government. Citizens were encouraged to contact their respective Councilmembers with thoughts and concerns involving the community. Mayor Mobley acknowledged Thomas County's newly elected Sherriff Tim Watkins, who was in attendance at this meeting and thanked him for his service to Thomas County.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business for consideration, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA



Mayor, Todd Mobley



ATTEST: City Clerk

