

## City of Thomasville Council Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2026

The Council of the City of Thomasville met in regular session on the above date. Mayor Scott Chastain presided, and the following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Pro Tem Lucinda Brown and Councilmembers Todd Mobley, Terry Scott and Royal Baker. 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](http://www.thomasville.org).

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Scott Chastain called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Todd Mobley gave the Invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Lucinda Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Terry Scott moved to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026, as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Municipal Court Clerk Week, June 8-12, 2026: Councilmember Mobley proclaimed the week of June 8-12, 2026, as Municipal Court Clerks Week and presented a proclamation to the Thomasville Municipal Court Clerks and staff honoring their significant roles in providing access to justice, preserving public safety, and promoting the quality of life for Georgia's citizens.
2. Women Veterans Day, June 12, 2026: Councilmember Scott proclaimed June 12<sup>th</sup> as Women Veterans Day and presented a proclamation to Women Veterans and reminded the community about the historical importance of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act signed into law on June 12, 1948, that allowed women to serve as permanent, regular members of the Armed Forces.
3. Solid Waste Workers Week, June 15-21, 2026: Mayor Chastain proclaimed the week of June 15-21, 2026, as Solid Waste Workers Week and presented a proclamation to members of the Solid Waste and Landfill Departments. Mayor Chastain commended staff on their vital roles they play in the community in preventing disease, litter, and dump heaps. He further encouraged the community to take opportunities to thank these departments for their service to the community.
4. Juneteenth, June 19, 2026: Mayor Pro Tem Brown presented the Thomasville-Thomas County Foundation, Inc. with a proclamation declaring June 19<sup>th</sup> as Juneteenth Day in Thomasville, Georgia. Committee members encouraged all citizens to pause, reflect, and embrace their shared journey of freedom and invited the community to attend the Annual Freedom Festival on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mayor Chastain 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 Chastain then acknowledged the following citizens listed on the Citizens to be Heard Sign-In Form:

1. Keith Thomas, resident of Woods Gate Lane, Thomasville, Georgia, commended the staff of the City of Thomasville's Planning, Inspections, and Police Departments. He noted the Officers Hill and Baldwin truly understood the importance of being involved in the community. He noted that he had witnessed the positive interactions of both Officers during recent community events and incidents and stated that when officers get involved in a positive manner, it truly makes a difference.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

Councilmember Mobley moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business for consideration by the Councilmembers at this meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **First reading of an ordinance to amend text of Chapter 2, Article V "retirement" of the Thomasville Code of Ordinances.**

Utilities Superintendent, Eric Gossett, reported that the City of Thomasville manages a pension plan through a board of trustees. The board of trustees is comprised of permanent members and active pension members. The purpose of this board is to ensure that the pension funds are used properly and paid out to the members. There are approximately 10 active members in the pension plan. Additionally, pension retirees and their dependents received continuing medical, dental and vision benefits. The proposed changes to Chapter 2, Article V consist of the following:

- Adding a definition of "retired member:" means a member whose employment has terminated for any reason, including but not limited to the retirement of a member. Additionally, clarity is proposed to the definition of "termination of employment" by adding "or retirement" after "termination of employment."
- Currently, the board of trustees is comprised of the mayor, one councilmember appointed by the mayor, the city manager, the utilities superintendent, the city treasurer and four active pension plan members elected by the membership. The proposed change to the board is to remove two active pension members and replace them with permanent trustee positions associated with the assistant city manager and chief human resources officer and reduce the number of active pension plan members to two at-large positions voted on by the active membership. Additionally, change the terminology of city treasurer to chief financial officer. The proposed effective date for the new board of trustees is July 13, 2026.
- If approved, the assistant city manager trustee position would need a backup in the event that the city manager position is vacant. This is due to the assistant city manager position serves as back up to the city manager's trustee position. Therefore, it is proposed that the assistant utilities superintendent position serves as a temporary trustee if the assistant city manager must serve in the city manager trustee position.
- It is also proposed to delete section 2-228 (a)(2). This section does not benefit the pension plan members as a whole. If a city manager in the pension plan returned to the employment of the City, they would be allowed to continue their tenure in the pension plan.
- The final proposed change is to add section 2-234 for medical benefits and continuation of medical benefits for class A, B and C plan members. The purpose of this change is to add it into the ordinance. These benefits are paid from the "Other Pension Benefits Trust."

Councilmember Scott moved to order the ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article V captioned "Retirement", as read for the first time, passed and carried over, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

The ordinance title follows.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, CAPTIONED "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE V., CAPTIONED "RETIREMENT", DIVISION 3., CAPTIONED "PENSIONS; DEFINED BENEFIT", BY (1) AMENDING SECTION 2-221., CAPTIONED "DEFINITIONS.", SO AS TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION FOR "RETIRED MEMBER" AND SO AS TO EXPAND DEFINITION OF "TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT"; AND, (2) AMENDING SECTION 2-222., CAPTIONED "PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES-DEFINED BENEFIT; ESTABLISHED, COMPOSITION, TERMS OFFICERS.", BY AMENDING TEXT OF PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B); AND, (3) AMENDING SECTION 2-228., CAPTIONED "REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND VESTED BENEFITS." BY STRIKING IN ITS ENTIRETY SUBPARAGRAPH (A)(2); AND, (4) STRIKING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 2-234 – 2-259, CAPTIONED "RESERVED"; AND, (5) ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-234., CAPTIONED "MEDICAL BENEFITS AND CONTINUATION OF MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR CLASS A, B, AND C PLAN MEMBERS."; AND, (6) ADDING A NEW SECTION 2-235 – 2-259, CAPTIONED "RESERVED"; AND, (7) REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND (8) PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Resolution authorizing the adoption of the Thomas County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

Fire Chief, Tim Connell, reported that Thomas County and its municipal governments are required to complete a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan as mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. This plan provides eligibility for federal financial assistance to communities that have experienced a disaster of such severity as to receive a presidential declaration. This original plan was developed and submitted to the state in 2026 with the assistance of the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Due to new recommendations from FEMA and GEMA, Thomas County, with the assistance of SWRC, has submitted a revised plan. This revised plan includes only minor changes and are identified in the draft copy as such. Each municipality in Thomas County and Thomas County must adopt this plan to maintain our eligibility for federal funding. Revisions included the following:

- The Enhanced Fujita scale chart was updated
- All-hazard event tables have been updated to account for storms in the years since the creation of the plan.
- Values for critical facilities have been updated.
- GMIS report data has been updated/included in the appendix
- Added two natural hazards (Hail and winter storms)
- Added two non-natural hazards (Cybersecurity and Active Shooter)
- Pandemic, Cyber Attack, Active Shooter, and Hazardous Release added
- The EMA director will be responsible for implementing and recommending updates to the plan on an annual basis.

Councilmember Mobley inquired if all Thomas County Municipalities were required to adopt this resolution. Fire Chief Connell indicated that it was a requirement to maintain eligibility for funding.

Councilmember Mobley moved to adopt the resolution to authorize the adoption of the Thomas County Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

A RESOLUTION OF THE  
CITY OF THOMASVILLE COUNCIL  
PURSUANT TO THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000 AUTHORIZING THE  
ADOPTION OF THE  
THOMAS COUNTY PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, THOMAS County and its municipal governments are required to complete a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments that complete Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plans will remain eligible for Federal mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, THOMAS County and its municipal government have completed a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, formally adopts this Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RESOLVED THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

**Resolution to award bid for the purchase of Bridge and Box Culvert Erosion Control Project.**

City Engineer, Todd Powell, reported that this project is based on an inspection report that's provided by GDOT every two years. The project will provide erosion control stabilizations and streambank protections on the City's Box Culverts and Bridges. This includes work on the box culverts on Cairo Road, South Pinetree Boulevard, Clay Street, MLK at Felix Street, Edgewood Drive, and Cassidy Road. Additionally, erosion control will be provided on the MLK and Chatham Road Bridges. This work addresses typical maintenance items such as repairing erosion issues and maintaining clear inlet and outlets. This work will involve the installation of erosion control devices, rip rap in some ditches and streams, rock check dams, and object markers. The following is a summary of the bids received.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
GM Land Solutions	\$89,327.61
Thrift Land Clearing	\$114,275.25
Kimmel Dev. Services	\$132,840.50
E and D Contracting Services, Inc.	\$188,739.00

City Engineer Powell noted that it was requested of Council to award the contract for the purchase of Bridge and Box Culvert Erosion Control to GM Land Solutions and to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign all required paperwork to execute the contract. There was brief discussion regarding possible reasons for the differences in bid prices; which included mobilization and supply costs.

Councilmember Scott moved to adopt the resolution to award the bid to GM Land Solutions as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thomasville has it as their responsibility to maintain, repair, and install storm water systems to assist social and economic activity within our community;

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Engineering Department for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires provide erosion control stabilizations and streambank protections on the City's Box Culverts and Bridges per the GDOT biannual inspection report.

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Engineering Department for the City of Thomasville, Georgia developed plans and specifications for the box culverts on Cairo Road, South Pinetree Boulevard, Clay Street, MLK at Felix Street, Edgewood Drive, and Cassidy Road. Additionally, erosion control will be provided on the MLK and Chatham Road Bridges. This work is addressing typical maintenance items such as repairing erosion issues and maintaining clear inlet and outlets. This

work will involve the installation of erosion control devices, rip rap in some ditches and streams, rock check dams, and object markers.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to make improvements to the City's Bridges and Box culverts erosion control stabilizations and streambank protections from the SPLOST funds for said improvements and this will be designated as a Storm water Capital improvement project;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to GM Land Solutions on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2026 at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting in the amount of \$89,327.61 to perform the work necessary to complete the Bridge and Box Culvert Erosion Control 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

**Resolution to award bid for the purchase of Construction of Cell 6 at the Thomas County-Thomasville Landfill.**

Landfill Superintendent, Lee Thomas, reported that The Thomas County & Thomasville Landfill provides essential solid waste disposal services for the City of Thomasville, Thomas County & surrounding partner jurisdictions. The landfill operates in accordance with state & federal environmental regulations & relies on a phased cell construction approach to ensure continued disposal capacity. The most recent expansion Cell 5B, was constructed in 2023 as a half cell to meet immediate capacity needs while balancing financial considerations at that time. Since then, waste volumes have continued at a steady pace and the remaining permitted airspace is being consumed as projected. To maintain uninterrupted operations and regulatory compliance, the next phase of expansion Cell 6 is required. This project represents a full cell construction and is necessary to ensure long term disposal capacity. This project was advertised for at least 30 days on both the City’s website and the Georgia Procurement registry. Proposals were opened on April 23, 2026, and were facilitated by HHNT. There were ten (10) plan holders & four (4) bids were received. The FY budget included \$4.5 million for the construction of Cell 6. Following the formal bidding process, staff received & evaluated the following proposals. The following is a summary of bids received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Total Earth Services	\$3,722,626.25
Thrift Land Clearing	\$4,586,990.39
Peed Brothers	\$4,842,733.50
Shamrock Construction & Remediation	\$4,869,542.20

Discussion ensued regarding the interview processes of the City of Thomasville and the Landfill Consultant HHN&T. It was noted that interviews were conducted by telephone and that there were bidders that had no experience in solid waste Landfill Cell Construction and liner that the City of Thomasville uses at the Landfill. It was further noted that Cell 6 would need to be in place by the first quarter of 2027. Superintendent Thomas asked that the Council consider adoption of a resolution that would approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$342,733.50 for the Landfill Cell 6 construction project and authorize award of the contract to Peed Brothers in the amount of \$4,842,733.50, as staff and the City’s consultants determined the company submitted the best overall proposal to meet project expectations and applicable regulatory requirements.

Councilmember Scott moved to adopt the resolution to award the bid for Cell 6 construction to Peed Brothers as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thomasville operates the Thomas County–Thomasville Landfill and is responsible for maintaining sufficient permitted disposal capacity in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Landfill Department for the City of Thomasville has identified the need for the construction of Landfill Cell 6 in order to continue safe, efficient, and compliant landfill operations and to provide long-term disposal capacity for the community and regional partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Landfill Department, in coordination with the City’s consulting engineer, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry, and Tribble, Inc. (HHNT), developed construction plans, technical specifications, bid documents, and related contract materials for the construction of Landfill Cell 6; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thomasville publicly advertised the project in accordance with applicable procurement requirements and received sealed bids for the construction of Landfill Cell 6; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids received were reviewed by Landfill staff and the City’s consulting engineer to determine responsiveness, qualifications, experience in landfill cell construction, and overall value to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2026 budget allocated approximately \$4.5 million for the construction of Landfill Cell 6, and following the competitive bid process, the lowest qualified responsible bid received totaled \$4,842,733.50, resulting in a budget shortfall of approximately \$342,733.50; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining permitted landfill disposal capacity is critical to continued landfill operations, regulatory compliance, and the protection of public health and welfare, and delaying the project could result in increased future construction costs, operational impacts, and scheduling delays; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to utilize approved Fiscal Year 2026 Solid Waste and Landfill Capital Improvement Funds for the construction of Landfill Cell 6 to ensure continued operational efficiency, environmental compliance, and protection of public health and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville desires to approve a budget amendment in the amount necessary to fund the project shortfall and to award a contract to Peed Brothers on the 8th day of June, 2026, at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting in the amount of \$4,842,733.50 to perform the work necessary to complete the construction of Landfill Cell 6.

**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 fully set forth in this Section 1.

**Section 2. Approval and Authorization of Award.** The City Council for the City of Thomasville 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 and all associated contract documents necessary to proceed with the construction of Landfill Cell 6.

**Section 3. General Authority.** From and after the approval of this resolution, the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, City Manager, officers, employees, and authorized representatives of the City of Thomasville 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 and related contract documents, all in consultation with the City Attorney.

**Section 4. Actions Approved and Confirmed.** All acts and doings of the City Council, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, City Manager, officers, employees, Landfill staff, and consulting representatives of the City of Thomasville that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Resolution and in furtherance of the Award and the execution, delivery, and performance of the 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 public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such provisions 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 become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted and approved this 8th day of June, 2026.

**Resolution to award bid, proposal and enter into an agreement regarding Construction Manager for the Municipal and Auditorium Renovation Capital Project.**

Managing Director of Marketing & Communications, April Norton, reported that the City of Thomasville has committed to revitalizing the historic Thomasville Municipal Building and Auditorium. Built in 1938, the building has served as a cultural and civic hub for generations. Years of deferred maintenance and aging infrastructure have created serious safety and accessibility issues that limit its use and threaten its future. It is currently operating at a limited capacity and will be closing until renovations can be completed for a safe re-opening. The City of Thomasville invited all qualified vendors to submit a proposal to initiate the selection of a Construction Manager for the Thomasville Municipal Building Capital Improvements Project. Director Norton reviewed the following timeline and a summary of bids received. It was noted that all bids were scored with bid amount sealed. Interviews were conducted. Following interviews, bid amounts were then provided and scores were finalized to include fee proposal and interview, narrowing down to recommended firm.

*Submittal Timeline:*

Release of RFP Documents	April 7, 2026
Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting (in person)	April 14, 2026
Deadline to Submit RFP	May 7, 2026
Interviews (in person)	June 2, 2026
Notification of Award	June 8, 2026 (Week of)

The following is a summary of bids received:

<b><u>BIDDER</u></b>	<b><u>BID AMOUNT</u></b>
CCH Construction	\$ 565,733.50
JCI Contractors	\$ 726,404.00

Director Norton requested that City Council adopt a resolution, award the bid, accept the proposal, and enter into an agreement between City of Thomasville and CCH Construction, Authorizing Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to execute the agreement regarding Construction Manager for the Municipal Building and Auditorium Renovation Capital Project.

Councilmember Mobley moved to adopt a resolution to award bid, proposal and enter into an agreement regarding Construction Manager for the Municipal and Auditorium Renovation Capital Project, as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was brief discussion regarding the scoring /interview processes, construction timeline and anticipated completion timeframe. There was no further discussion. The motion remained unchanged. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thomasville prides itself in historic preservation and economic vitality;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thomasville has conducted a comprehensive facility assessment and renovation study for the Municipal Building and Auditorium; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to these goals, the City of Thomasville launched an initiative to involve community stakeholders through roundtable discussions, workshops, and discovery tours aimed to address critical life safety concerns, evaluate long-term facility needs, and develop a

phased renovation strategy that integrates life safety improvements and historical preservation with modernization goals and community impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thomasville has awarded Turner & Townsend Heery, LLC as the project management group to execute Phase I renovation; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting plan provides a clear and actionable roadmap for revitalizing the Auditorium as a safe, accessible, and vibrant civic and cultural venue; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thomasville, Georgia solicited requests for proposals for Construction Manager and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia desires to award a contract to CCH Construction in the amount of five hundred sixty five thousand seven hundred thirty three dollars and fifty cents (\$565,733.50) to perform construction manager services for work necessary to complete the Municipal Building and Auditorium Renovation Phase I project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals.** The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth fully in this Section 1.

**Section 2. Approval and Authorization of Award.** Subject to review and approval by the City Attorney. The City Council for the City of Thomasville, Georgia approves the award amount attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A (“Award”) and authorizes the Mayor, or Mayor Pro Tempore in the Mayor’s absence, to execute and deliver the Award to proceed.

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

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

**Section 5. Severability of Invalid Provisions.** If any one or more of the provisions herein contained shall be held contrary to any express provision of law or contrary to the policy of express law, though not expressly prohibited, or against public policy, or shall for any reason whatsoever be held invalid, then such provisions shall be null and void and shall be deemed separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of any of the other provisions hereof or of the Award ratified hereunder.

**Section 6. Repealing Clause.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

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

Adopted and approved this 8th day of June, 2026.

**Resolutions regarding Regional Water Plan Seed Grant.**

Grants Administrators, Pam Schalk reported that Flooding issues have plagued the City for a number of years. Attempts to address issues on a site-by-site basis have been ongoing. Stormwater infrastructure maintenance and repairs can be expensive. In an effort to address flooding issues within our community in a fiscally responsible manner, a Stormwater Master Plan was developed and was presented for review and approval. A public education program was established in partnership with Golden Triangle RC&D and Keep Thomas County Beautiful and will continue through this project. This project will expand on the progress made over the past four years. This education program will continue to provide information on how individual actions impact our local water quality and flooding and the stormwater education in all 3rd grade classes. The implemented Adopt-A-Storm drain program will be continued. Annual Water Education Events will be hosted by staff focusing on nonpoint source pollution and rain barrel education. Grant funds in the amount of \$28,547.00 will be matched with \$21,774.00 in local cash and \$11,888.00 in staff time (in-kind services). Seed grant funding will support advancing stormwater design plans for the Bruces Branch subbasin of Oquina Creek from 30% design toward 60% design. Recommended solutions will be implemented using Stormwater Utility fees and future BRIC and/or 319(h) grant funds. Design will focus on nature-based solutions where applicable and will incorporate Lower-Flint Ochlockonee Regional Water Plan and Ochlockonee Water Plan BMPs where feasible. Administrator Schalk requested that City Council ratify a resolution to apply and approve a resolution to accept the grant award from EPD for the above outlined education programs and to certify the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore to sign all necessary and related documents.

**1. Resolution to ratify application to Regional Water Plan Seed Grant.**

Mayor Pro Tem Brown moved to adopt the resolution to ratify the application as presented. Councilmember Mobley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires stormwater education and improvements be provided for the benefit of our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to submit an application to the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (EPD) for funding under the Regional Water Plan Seed (RWSP) Grant in the amount of twenty-eight thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars (\$28,547); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize an expenditure, in an amount not to exceed twenty-one thousand seven hundred seventy-four dollars (\$21,774.00), so as to provide the matching funds as a requirement of the RWSP Grant application; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the RWPS Grant; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City of Thomasville's Grants Policies and Procedures, the application deadline for submission of the FY 2026 RWSP 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 authorizes the ratification of a resolution to apply for the FY

2026 Regional Water Plan Seed Grant in the amount of twenty-eight thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars (\$28,547) from the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (EPD) to provide assistance for data collection to implement a commercial stormwater education program and advancing stormwater design plans for the Bruce's Branch subbasin of Oquina Creek; 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 in relation to the FY 2026 RWPS Grant award.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

**2. Resolution to accept Regional Water Plan Seed Grant award from the EPD.**

Councilmember Scott moved to adopt the resolution to accept the grant award as presented. Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

The adopted resolution follows.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires that stormwater education and improvements be provided for the benefit of our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to accept the grant award from the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (EPD) for funding under the FY 2026 Regional Water Plan Seed (RWSP) Grant in the amount of up to twenty-eight thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars (\$28,547); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize an expenditure, in an amount not to exceed twenty-one thousand seven hundred seventy-four dollars (\$21,774.00), so as to provide the matching funds as a requirement of the RWPS Grant application; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, desires to authorize the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to sign all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the RWPS Grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, hereby authorizes the acceptance of the FY 2026 Regional Water Plan Seed Grant in the amount of twenty-eight thousand five hundred forty-seven dollars (\$28,547) from the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (EPD) to provide assistance for data collection to implement a commercial stormwater education program and advancing stormwater design plans for the Bruce's Branch subbasin of Oquina Creek; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes an expenditure, in an amount not to exceed twenty-one thousand seven hundred seventy-four dollars (\$21,774.00), so as to provide the funds as a requirement of the RWPS Grant award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, further authorizes the Mayor of the City of Thomasville or Mayor Pro Tempore, as the signatory on all necessary and related documents as shall be necessary in relation to the FY 2026 RWPS Grant award.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Council of the City of Thomasville, Georgia, on this, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

**Motion to approve the Proposed 2027 Budget Calendar.**

Chief Financial Officer, Ashley Cason reported that as required by the City’s Financial Policies, the City has developed a budget calendar detailing the 2027 Budget Cycle. The proposed budget calendar outlines dates for when the budget is presented to the Mayor and Council, public meetings to discuss the proposed budget and a public hearing to provide citizen input. The budget calendar expands over the next six months and includes key events such as the Annual Council retreat. The retreat provides opportunity for the Mayor and Council to give staff direction and goals for the upcoming fiscal year. The calendar also includes the Proposed Budget Meeting, Public Hearing, and the official date for the Council to adopt the budget. The proposed 2027 Annual Budget Calendar follows.

<b>City of Thomasville Proposed 2027 Annual Budget Calendar</b>	
<b><u>DUE DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
Monday, June 8, 2026	Present Budget Calendar to City Council for Adoption
Thursday, July 9, 2026	Budget Kickoff Meeting. Start Accepting Promotions and New Position Requests
July – September 2026	Finance Budget Preparations: Internal Service Allocations, Revenue Projections, Salary Projections, Rates Review, etc.
August 2026	Annual Council Retreat
Monday, August 3, 2026	Capital and Operating Budget Entry Open to Departments
Friday, August 21, 2026	Budget Requests Due
Monday, August 24, 2026 – Friday, October 23, 2026	Analyze & Assemble Budget Requests, Meet with Departments, Balance & Compile the Budget Document
Monday, September 23, 2026	Budget Calendar and Process Review
Monday, November 9, 2026	Proposed Budget Meeting for Mayor and Council
Monday, November 30, 2026	Conduct Public Hearing
Monday, December 14, 2026	City Council Adopts Budget
Monday, January 1, 2027	Budget is Effective

CFO Cason noted that should the date of the annual Christmas Parade be scheduled on the same listed date as the proposed Public Hearing, the City will reschedule the Public Hearing to an alternate date.

Councilmember Baker moved to adopt the 2027 Annual Budget Calendar for the City of Thomasville, as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0, with the following votes recorded: AYES: Chastain, Brown, Mobley, Scott, Baker.

**REPORTS**

City Manager White commended the Financial Team for their unending work to prepare and present the city’s budget to the Council and leadership. He reported that the City offices will be closed on June 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Juneteenth and encouraged the community to attend the scheduled Juneteenth event.

Councilmembers collectively thanked citizens for attending the meeting in person and joining online by watching the livestream, noting their participation was important.

Mayor Chastain and Mayor Pro Tem Brown both encouraged citizens to attend Council Workshops or watch the livestream of the Workshops, as that is where Council reviews in detail the items that are presented to them for formal action to be at the Council Meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business for consideration, the Thomasville City Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

**CITY OF THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA**

By:   
Mayor, Scott Chastain

ATTEST:   
City Clerk, Felicia Brannen

Affix Seal Here:

