

CITY OF THOMASVILLE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Monday, March 20, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

7003 Ball Park Road, Thomasville, NC 27360

Mayor Raleigh York, Jr. ~ Mayor *Pro Tem* D. Hunter Thrift

Elected officials in attendance: Mayor Raleigh York, Jr.; Mayor *Pro Tempore* D. Hunter Thrift; and Council Members Ron Bratton, Doug Hunt, Wendy Sellars, Lisa Shell and Payton Williams. Council Member Jeannette Shepherd has a leave of absence until July 1st.

1. Call to Order – Mayor York called the meeting of the Thomasville City Council to order and welcomed everyone in person and online.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – City Manager Michael Brandt requested that Council add item 8. Closed Session for Personnel. Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Shell seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*
3. Recognitions and Presentations
 - A. Consideration of Resolution Awarding Badge and Service Sidearm to Retired Police Chief Mark G. Kattner – Council Member Bratton moved to approve the Resolution as amended. Council Member Hunt seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*
 - B. Presentation to Retired Police Chief Mark Kattner – Mayor York presented a Resolution of Appreciation to retired Mark Kattner, together with his badge and gun.
 - C. Proclamation: American Red Cross Month (March 2023) – Council Member Hunt presented this proclamation to Heather Frazee from the American Red Cross.
 - D. Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month (April 2023) – Council Member Williams presented this proclamation to Brandi Reagan, Executive Director of The Dragonfly House Children’s Advocacy Center
 - E. Proclamation: Second Chance Month (April 2023) – Council Member Sellars read this proclamation and asked everyone to give people who have been released from jail a second chance, so they can get housing and jobs and be productive members of our society.
4. Public Forum – Nobody came forward to speak.
5. Consent Agenda – City Manager Brandt spoke briefly about each of these items:
 - A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Briefing Meeting on 02/13/23
 - B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Council Meeting on 02/20/23
 - C. Consideration of Revised Grant Project Ordinance: Nucor – Golden Leaf Foundation Grant
 - D. Consideration of Revised Grant Project Ordinance: Nucor
 - E. Consideration of Resolution Providing for the Payment of Exempt Comp Time
 - F. Consideration to Change Title from Assistant Fire Chief to Deputy Fire Chief (No Change in Duties, Classification, or Salary Grade)
 - G. Consideration of Amendment to Council Advisory Board Member Policy: Re-Attendance Requirements
 - H. Consideration of Temporary Road Closure Ordinance – Memorial Day Parade (05/29/23)

Council Member Hunt moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Shell seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

6. Regular Agenda

A. Appeal of Code Enforcement Action – 917 Liberty Drive

Code Enforcement Officer Josh Parks and property resident Daniel Abshari addressed Council regarding Mr. Abshari's appeal for violations at 917 Liberty Drive.

After much discussion, Council Member Williams moved to uphold the findings of the Code Enforcement Officer but to give Mr. Abshari an additional 30 days from March 20th to get in compliance. At that time, the property shall be revisited by code enforcement personnel. Council Member Hunt seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

B. Consideration of Fiscal Policy Revision – Council Member Hunt moved to approve this revision. Council Member Williams seconded. It was approved by a vote of 4 to 2, with Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift and Council Member Shell voting against it.

C. Consideration of Purchasing Policies and Procedures Revisions – Council Member Sellars moved to approve these revisions. Council Member Williams seconded. They were approved by a vote of 4 to 2, with Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift and Council Member Shell and voting against them.

D. Consideration of Budget Amendment (2023 P9 -01) – Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift moved to approve this amendment. Council Member Shell seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

E. Consideration of Personnel Policy Amendments:

- Article VII Section 2 & 18 - Compensatory Time Revisions; and
- Article XII Section 1 - Consideration of Employee Health Benefit Changes, Reducing Waiting from 60 Days to 30 Days

Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift moved to approve these amendments. Council Member Sellars seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

7. Committee Reports and Appointments, Mayor's Report and Appointments, City Manager's Report, City Attorney's Report

Mayor, Council and City Staff expressed their condolences to the families of former Council Members Sue Hunter and Joe Leonard, who both did so much for the community.

Mayor York announced that he appointed Dr. Andrea Johnson to the Housing Authority. Additional reports were given, but no action was taken.

8. Closed Session – Personnel

Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift moved to go into closed session for personnel. Council Member Hunt seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.* No action was taken in closed session.

9. Additional Items – n/a

10. Adjournment – Council Member Sellars moved to adjourn. Council member Shell seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*