

CITY OF THOMASVILLE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Monday, May 15, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

7003 Ball Park Road, Thomasville, NC 27360

Mayor Raleigh York, Jr. ~ Mayor Pro Tem Doug Hunt

Elected officials in attendance: Mayor Raleigh York, Jr.; Mayor Pro Tempore Doug Hunt; and Council Members Ron Bratton, Wendy Sellars, Lisa Shell, Jeannette Shepherd, Hunter Thrift, and Payton Williams.

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 3. D. – Announcement of the new Police Chief
 - Remove item 5 G. – Consideration of Amendment to Personnel Policy Article III, Employment Standards: Section 3, Promotion to send it back to the Personnel/Finance Committee for further discussion; and
 - Add 8. Closed Session – Attorney/Client.

Council Member Thrift moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

3. Recognitions and Presentations
 - A. Proclamation – National Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15) & National Police Week (May 15 – 21). Council Member Bratton presented this to Acting Police Chief Dustin Carter.
 - B. Proclamation – National Public Works Week (May 21 – 27). Council Member Hunt presented this and said he is really impressed with Thomasville’s Public Works Department.
 - C. Proclamation – National Historic Preservation Month (May). Council Member Shell presented this to members of the Historic Preservation Commission.
 - D. Announcement of the new Police Chief. City Manager Brandt announced that Acting Chief (Major) Dustin Carter was selected as the new Thomasville Police Chief, after a rigorous search process.
4. Public Forum – No one 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 04/10/2023
 - B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Council Meeting on 04/17/2023
 - C. Award of Contract – Demolition of 200 Kern Street
 - D. Consideration of Grant Project Ordinance – CDBG Project NR (Neighborhood Revitalization – 11 Pine Street)
 - E. Consideration of Budget Amendment 2023-P11-01

- F. Consideration of Revised Recreational Organizational Chart and Grades
- G. Consideration of Amendment to Personnel Policy Article III, Employment Standards: Section 3, Promotion.
- H. National Night Out Road Closure Ordinance

Mayor Pro Tem Hunt moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

6. Regular Agenda

- A. Consideration of Proposed Amendment to City Ordinance – Appendix A, Zoning, Article V, Section 3, Note 22 - Flea Markets/Open Air Sales

Council Member Bratton moved to adopt this Ordinance amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

- B. Presentation of Manager’s Budget Message and Call for Public Hearing on June 5, 2023 at 20 Stadium Drive at 6:00 PM regarding the Proposed FY 2023/2024 Budget

City Manager Brandt presented his Budget Message. This is available on the city website on the Finance Department’s page at [Thomasville, NC \(thomasville-nc.gov\)](https://www.thomasville-nc.gov).

Council Member Thrift moved to approve the Manager’s Budget Message and to Call for Public Hearing as referenced above. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

- 7. Committee Reports and Appointments, Mayor’s Report and Appointments, City Manager’s Report, City Attorney’s Report – No action was taken.

8. Closed Session – Attorney/Client Matter

Mayor Pro Tem Hunt moved that Council go into closed session for an attorney/client matter. Council Member Sellars seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0. No action was taken in closed session.

- 9. Additional Items – Council Member Thrift requested that Council subcommittees meet on June 6, 2023 at 20 Stadium Drive at 3:00 P.M., instead of in the morning, due to a conflict. Council agreed unanimously.

- 10. Adjournment – Council Member Sellars moved to adjourn. Council member Williams seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.