

MINUTES FOR THE THOMASVILLE CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 AT 6:00 PM AT 7003 BALLPARK ROAD, THOMASVILLE, NC AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM.

Elected officials in attendance in person: Mayor Raleigh York Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Ron Bratton, and Council Members Neal Grimes, Jane Murphy, Wendy Sellars, Pat Shelton and Hunter Thrift. Council Member Joe Leonard arrived after item 6A.

The following staff members attended the meeting: City Manager Michael Brandt; Planning Director Chuck George; Finance Director Thomas Avant; Police Major Dustin Carter; and City Clerk Wendy Martin.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Raleigh York, Jr. called the meeting of the Thomasville City Council to order.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (on October 18, 2021) – Mayor York asked Council Members to review the draft minutes of the following meetings before the upcoming Council meeting:
 - A. Briefing Meeting on September 13, 2021
 - B. Regular Council Meeting on September 20, 2021
3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Brandt asked Council to replace item 7. H. with 3 separate items:

7. H. Consideration of Ordinance Amending Chapter 42, Section 131, Floods
7. I. Consideration of Ordinance Amending Chapter 74, Section 104, Storm Drainage Improvements
7. J. Consideration of Ordinance Amending Chapter 87, Phase II, Stormwater Post-Construction

In addition, he asked that they add:

7. L. Consideration of Contract with Stewart, Inc., for Special Inspections & Construction Materials Testing for Aquatic Center Project; and

Council Member Murphy moved that Council adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shelton. No discussion. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

4. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (on October 18, 2021)
 - A. Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23-31)
 - B. Proclamation – National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October)
5. PUBLIC FORUM – Citizens will be given 2 minutes to speak on any topic at the Council Meeting on October 18, 2021.
6. REGULAR AGENDA – for Council Action on October 11, 2021
 - A. Consideration of Resolution Accepting an Equipment Installment Financing Agreement for Capital Purchases

Finance Director Thomas Avant said the total cost to the City from Truist would be \$1,505,622, after paying 1.11% interest on \$1,463,000 for 59 months.

City Manager Brandt explained that this dollar amount would be the same as discussed at committees, but the two MIS items would be replaced with a generator for the Public Works building.

Council Member Grimes moved that Council adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Shelton. No discussion. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

After further discussion, City Manager Brandt asked that Council also add the following to the October 18, 2021 Council Meeting agenda:

7. M. Consideration of Budget Amendment to replace MIS Equipment Purchase to Public Works Generator Purchase for Truist Bank Equipment Financing Agreement

Council Member Shelton moved that Council adopt the agenda as further amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thrift. No discussion. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

Council Member Joe Leonard arrived.

B. Discussion of Saturday Bus Service

Richard Jones was not able to attend Briefing meeting, but he gave City Manager Brandt information for Council consideration.

Mr. Brandt explained that the \$45,000 fee was not charged by the County for the current budget year, because they used CARES money for that.

Mr. Jones said the \$45,000 would stay the same, even if Saturday service were stopped, because it actually costs them more to run in Thomasville than they had anticipated.

Mr. Jones advised that City employees with CDL licenses could drive the routes, if the County Commissioners approved extra positions.

He said they will be getting rid of the third-party drivers on November 13th, and they have already started letting citizens know of that change.

Mr. Brandt said that although Thomasville would want the service to remain available on Saturdays at least through the end of December to allow riders time to make other arrangements, Mr. Jones said there would have to be a public hearing before the County Commissioners before any changes were made.

Council Member Shelton offered to let the County Commissioners have the public hearing in Thomasville, since it would be affecting Thomasville citizens only.

This matter was sent back to the Transportation Committee on November 3, 2021.

The following items were put on the Regular and Consent agendas by the Council members for consideration on October 18, 2021:

6. REGULAR AGENDA – for Council Action on October 18, 2021
 - A. Consideration of Resolution in Support of Project Tower
 - B. Consideration of Reclassification of Positions in the Fire Department to Create a Dedicated Rescue Team
 - C. Consideration of Grant Project Ordinance Appropriating Funding for the Fiscal Year 2020 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Award
 - D. Consideration of Budget Amendment to Appropriate the City's Contribution (Match) to the Grant Project
 - E. Consideration of Budget Amendment to replace MIS Equipment Purchase to Public Works Generator Purchase for Truist Bank Equipment Financing Agreement
 - F. Consideration of Open Burn Ordinance
 - G. Consideration of Ordinance Amending Chapter 42, Section 131, Floods
 - H. Consideration of Ordinance Amending Chapter 74, Section 104, Storm Drainage Improvements

- I. Consideration of Ordinance Amending Chapter 87, Phase II, Stormwater Post-Construction
7. CONSENT AGENDA – for Council Action on October 18, 2021
 - A. Consideration of Sponsorship Agreement Davidson County – Department of Transportation
 - B. Consideration of Update of Council Rules and Procedures
 - C. Consideration of Water/Wastewater Rate Study Contract with Willdan Financial Services
 - D. Consideration of Contract with Stewart, Inc., for Special Inspections & Construction Materials Testing for Aquatic Center Project
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS, MAYOR'S REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS, CITY MANAGER'S REPORT, CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Reports will be given at the Council meeting on October 18, 2021.

9. Closed Session on 10/11/21 – Personnel

Council Member Shelton moved that Council go into closed session for Personnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sellars. No discussion. *Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.*

No action was taken.

Council Member Shelton moved that Council go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Murphy. No discussion. *Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.*

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Sellars moved to adjourn. Council Member Murphy seconded the motion. No discussion. *Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.*



Raleigh York, Jr.
Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor

Wendy S. Martin
Wendy S. Martin, City Clerk