

MINUTES FOR THE THOMASVILLE CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 AT 4:00 PM AT 7003 BALLPARK ROAD, THOMASVILLE, NC.

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

The following staff members attended the meeting: City Manager Michael Brandt, Assistant City Manager Eddie Bowling, City Attorney Misty Whitman, Recreation Director Cory Tobin, Finance Director Thomas Avant, Planning Director Chuck George, Human Resources Director Alisa Quick, Acting Police Chief Dustin Carter, and City Clerk Wendy Martin.

1. Call to Order - Mayor York called the Briefing meeting of the Thomasville City Council to order.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – City Manager Brandt asked that Council add the following to the agenda:
 - 3.C. Proclamation – National Historic Preservation Month
 - 5.B. Closed Session on May 8, 2023 – Attorney/Client Issues
 - 5.C. Budget Discussion
 - 7.H. National Night Out Road Closure Ordinance

Council Member Thrift moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Hunt seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

3. Recognitions and Presentations – to be presented on May 15, 2023
 - A. Proclamation – National Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15) & National Police Week (May 15 – 21)
 - B. Proclamation – National Public Works Week (May 21 – 27)
 - C. Proclamation – National Historic Preservation Month (May)
4. Public Forum – A public forum will be held at the Council Meeting on May 15, 2023. Sign up sheets will be provided at the meeting.
5. Regular Agenda on May 8, 2023
 - A. Consideration of Approval of Contract with Hi-Toms Baseball Club, LLC for Use of City Facilities

City Attorney Misti Whitman advised Council that this contract included all the changes they requested at Committees, including:

- recategorized square footage of the office to not include the Clubhouse;
- the maintenance shed fee when NOT in exclusive use period, since the City maintains the field then;
- exclusive use period changed back to original dates;
- provision regarding negotiations was removed for next time; and
- allowed alcohol advertising signs during exclusive use period, which must be covered at other times.

Council Member Thrift moved to approve Contract with Hi-Toms for Use of City Facilities, if the contract was signed by Friday, May 12th at 3:00 P.M. Council Member Williams seconded. Motion approved 5 – 1 with Mayor Pro Tem Hunt voting against it.

- B. Closed Session on May 8, 2023 – Attorney/Client Issues

Council Member Thrift moved to go into closed session for Attorney/Client issues. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.

Council returned to open session. No action was taken in closed session.

- A. Budget Discussion – Mayor York opened up the floor to any Council members for discussion regarding the proposed budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Hunt asked what would happen to the money budgeted to go to the EDC.

City Manager Brandt explained that it would stay in the budget, unless it got reallocated by Council. He said it would be transferred back into the Economic Development Fund Balance, since that's where those funds come from. He added, "A half-cent of our General Fund tax rate goes to Economic Development, and out of that we pay the fee. So, it more than likely would go back. You have the authority to allocate anywhere you want, but that's what we recommend."

There were no further questions.

The following items were put on the Consent Agenda by the Council members for consideration on May 15, 2023:

2. Consent Agenda

- 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. (This would eliminate any grandfathering of promotions without the current educational and experience requirements.)
- H. National Night Out Road Closure Ordinance

The following items were put on the Regular Agenda by the Council members for consideration on May 15, 2023:

3. Regular Agenda

- A. Consideration of Proposed Amendment to City Ordinance – Appendix A, Zoning, Article V, Section 3, Note 22 - Flea Markets/Open Air Sales (to ban the sale of dogs and cats at the flea market.)
 - 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
4. Committee Reports and Appointments, Mayor's Report and Appointments, City Manager's Report, City Attorney's Report
5. Additional Items – N/A
6. Adjournment – Council Member Williams moved to adjourn. Council Member Shell seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

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

Wendy S. Martin
Wendy S. Martin, City Clerk