

MINUTES FOR THE THOMASVILLE CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022 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; Wendy Sellars; Lisa Shell; Jeannette Shepherd; and Hunter Thrift. Council Member Payton Williams had an excused absence.

The following staff members attended the meeting: City Manager Michael Brandt; Assistant City Manager Eddie Bowling; Planning Director Chuck George; Finance Director Thomas Avant; Police Chief Mark Kattner; 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 – There were no changes to the agenda. Council Member Thrift moved to approve the agenda. Council Member Hunt seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*
3. Recognitions and Presentations on November 21, 2022
 - A. Proclamation – Epilepsy Awareness Month (November 2022)
 - B. Proclamation – National Hospice Palliative Care Month (November 2022)
 - C. Proclamation – National Native American Heritage Month (November 2022)
 - D. Proclamation – Small Business Saturday (November 26, 2022)
 - E. Audit Presentation – Jill Vang, Martin Starnes
4. Public Forum – Anyone can speak at the Council meeting on November 21, 2022 for two minutes on any topic they choose.
5. Closed Session – on **November 14, 2022** for Economic Development
Mayor Pro Tem Hunt moved that Council go into closed session for economic development. Council Member Shell seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.* Mayor York advised that no action was taken in closed session.

Council put the following items on the Consent Agenda for consideration on November 21, 2022:

6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes – Briefing Meeting on 10/10/22
 - B. Approval of Minutes – Council Meeting on 10/17/22
 - C. Consideration of Personnel Policy Amendments – Article XI Travel and Transportation Expenses – Section 4 – Eligible Travel Expenses
 - D. Consideration of Aqua Tech Contract for Pool Management Company
 - E. Consideration of Resolution setting Public Hearing regarding Voluntary Annexation of portion of Lake Road on December 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM at 7003 Ball Park Road, Thomasville, NC
 - F. Consideration of Retirement/Surplus of K9 Officer Vilko to Handler Joe Sutton
 - G. Consideration of Approval of Real Estate Transaction Exchanging Services, Not to Exceed \$3,500, for Tract 2 of Davidson Co. Register of Deeds Book 2302 Page 373.
7. Regular Agenda for action on November 14, 2022
 - A. Consideration of Resolution for Economic Development Project Rabbit
Michael Walser advised that Project Rabbit is for a \$1.8M investment for an expansion of a local company. They currently have 121 full time employees. This expansion would add 31 additional full time jobs with an average salary of \$47,465 per year. They are seeking a \$155,000 grant from the Department of Commerce, which would require a 5% match (\$7,750) from the City of Thomasville.

Council Member Thrift moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Council Member Hunt seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*
 - B. Call for Public Hearing regarding the Economic Development Incentives for Project Rabbit

Council Member Sellars moved to set a public hearing on December 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM at 7003 Ball Park Road, Thomasville, NC, regarding the economic development incentives for Project Rabbit. Council Member Shell seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*

Council put the following items on the Regular Agenda for consideration *on November 21, 2022*:

8. Regular Agenda

- A. Consideration of ARPA Grant Project Ordinance
- B. Consideration of 2022-23 ARPA Grant Budget Amendment
- C. Consideration of 2022-23 Budget Amendment #2023 – P5-01

9. Closed Session – *on November 14, 2022* for Personnel

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

10. Committee Reports and Appointments, Mayor's Report and Appointments, City Manager's Report, City Attorney's Report *on November 21, 2022.*

11. Additional Items

12. Adjournment – Council Member Sellars moved to go back into open. Council Member Shepherd seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*



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

Wendy S. Martin
 Wendy S. Martin, City Clerk