

## CITY OF THOMASVILLE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Monday, September 18, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.  
20 Stadium Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360

Mayor Raleigh York, Jr. ~ Mayor *Pro Tem* Wendy Sellars

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

1. Call to Order – Mayor York called the meeting of the Thomasville City Council to order and welcomed everyone in person and online. He made a special warm welcome to Council Member Ron Bratton who has returned following an illness.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – No changes were requested.

Council Member Thrift moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

3. Recognitions and Presentations – Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 – Oct. 15, 2023)

Council Member Thrift presented the Proclamation in English. LuzAngela Shoffner, representative of the Latino Association of Davidson County, presented the proclamation in Spanish.

4. Public Forum – No one came forward to speak.

5. Public Hearing - Request for Rezoning (Z-23-05)  
Applicant/Owner: Ever Mejia  
Location: 105 Winston Street  
Parcel Number: 16087000C0009  
Existing Zoning: R-6 High Density Residential  
Requested Zoning: C-4 Central Commercial

Mayor York opened the hearing. Property Owner Ever Mejia spoke in favor of the rezoning. Nobody spoke against it. Mayor York closed the public hearing.

Council Member Hunt moved to approve the rezoning ordinance.

Council Member Thrift moved to amend the motion to require that all City liens owed by Ever Mejia be paid before the zoning is changed. Council Member Williams seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

Council Member Thrift seconded the amended rezoning motion. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

6. Consent Agenda

City Manager Brandt and spoke briefly about each of these items:

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Briefing Meeting on 08/14/23
- B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Council Meeting on 08/21/23
- C. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Special Called Meeting on 08/28/23
- D. Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment 2024-P3-01
- E. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Dissolving the Winding Creek Golf Course Enterprise Fund
- F. Consideration of Approval of Ordinance Establishing a Loading Zone on the First Block of Salem Street
- G. Consideration of Approval of Thomasville Christmas Parade Road Closure Ordinance
- H. Consideration of Approval of Star of Bethlehem Drive-Thru Nativity Road Closure Ordinance

Council Member Hunt moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Williams seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

7. Regular Agenda

- A. Consideration of Approval of Resolution Granting Law Enforcement Retiree Raymond Widener His Service Revolver and Badge

Mayor York presented the Resolution. Council Member Bratton moved to approve the Resolution. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.

Mayor York and Council Member Bratton spoke regarding Officer Widener's dedicated service over the past 40+ years and wished him well in his retirement. A transcript of their comments will be included in the full and final minutes of this meeting.

- B. Consideration of Approval of Contract for 1 MGD Sanitary Sewer Allocation Agreement with Davidson County for Economic Development

Council Member Hunt moved to approve this contract. Council Member Thrift seconded. Council Member Williams voiced her concern about giving so much of the City's sewer capacity to the County. Motion approved 4 – 1 with Council Member Williams voting against it.

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

9. Closed Session – Attorney/Client and Economic Development

Council Member Thrift moved that Council go into closed session for attorney/client and economic development matters. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0. Open session resumed, and Mayor York announced that no action was taken in closed session.

10. Additional Items – N/A

11. Adjournment – Council Member Shell moved to adjourn. Council Member Williams seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.