

## CITY OF THOMASVILLE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

**Monday, February 20, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

7003 Ball Park Road, Thomasville, NC 27360

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

Elected officials in attendance: Mayor Raleigh York, Jr.; Mayor *Pro Tempore* Wendy Sellars; and Council Members Doug Hunt; Hunter Thrift; Jeannette Shepherd and Payton Williams. Council Members Ron Bratton and Lisa Shell 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.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – City Manager Michael Brandt requested that Council add item 3.C. Special Recognition by Mayor York. Council Member Thrift moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Hunt seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.*
3. Recognitions and Presentations
  - A. Proclamation: Black History Month (February, 2023) – Presented by Mayor *Pro Tempore* Sellars
  - B. Proclamation: National Developmental Disability Awareness Month (March, 2023) – Presented by Council Member Thrift to ARC of Davidson County representatives
  - C. Special Presentation by Mayor York – Mayor York congratulated City Clerk Wendy Martin on achieving her Master Municipal Clerk certification.
4. Public Forum – Steve Cline came forward to request that Council proclaim May 4<sup>th</sup> as Lions Brighter Vision Day. Mayor York and Council agreed to do that at the April Council meeting.
5. Public Hearings
  - A. Request for Rezoning (Z-23-01)

Applicant:	Stephanie Barber
Owner:	Rhonda Murphy
Location:	107 Leonard St.
Parcel Number:	16078000D0011
Existing Zoning:	R-6 High Density Residential
Requested Zoning:	OI-CZ Office and Institutional
Conditional Use:	Daycare

Mayor York opened the hearing. Nobody came forward to speak for or against this rezoning. Mayor York closed the hearing. Council Member Hunt moved to approve the rezoning. Mayor *Pro Tempore* Sellars seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.*
  - B. Request for Rezoning (Z-23-02)

Applicant: TSH Acquisition, LLC  
Owner: Scott Y. Curry, Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Clifton Myers (DC, NC File: 21-E-1809)  
Location: 726 Lake Road  
Parcel Number: 1633900000050  
Existing Zoning: RA3 Rural Agricultural & R-10 Low Density Residential  
Parcel Number: 1633900000087  
Existing Zoning: M-1 Light Industrial District  
Requested Zoning: R6-CZ High Density Residential  
Conditions: Uses shall be limited to multi-family residential and permitted accessory uses.  
Development Conditions: The maximum density shall be 442 units.  
Other Conditions: 1) The apartment buildings shall be limited to 3 stories and the town home buildings shall be limited to 2 stories;  
2) Dumpsters shall be screened;  
3) The recommended improvements found in the TIA submitted with the application shall be constructed by applicant; and  
4) Fencing is required around all storm ponds.

Mayor York opened the hearing.

Attorney Jennifer Fountain spoke in favor of the rezoning. She said the builder has a lot of experience building quality multi-family housing and has planned to build 130 townhomes and 312 apartments on this 54-acre site.

John Leguardia, a resident from Lake Road, spoke against the rezoning. He said one of the driveways would face his living room, the traffic through there is already too fast, and it would cause the schools to become overcrowded.

Mayor York closed the hearing.

Council Member Williams asked if the driveway could be moved and if the speed could be reduced.

Vince Townsend, Civil Engineer for the Developer, said the driveway could be moved 50 – 100 feet. Mr. Leguardia asked if it could be moved toward Boggs Road. Mr. Townsend said he would check with NCDOT to find a safe spot to move it to.

Mayor York said all unmarked roads in the County are 55 mph roads. City Manager Brandt said the City could petition NCDOT to have the speeds through there reduced to 35, since they are part of the City now.

Council Member Shepherd asked about the impact on schools. City Manager Brandt said the County is responsible for providing schooling for all the children, and they would have to address that concern.

Council Member Thrift moved to approve the rezoning because it's consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Hunt seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.*

C. “Generic” First Public Hearing – North Carolina Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program – This is held annually so that Council can consider CDBG grant requests throughout the year.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Briefing Meeting on 01/09/23
- B. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Council Meeting on 01/17/23
- C. Consideration of General Fund Budget Amendment – 2023-P8-01
- D. Consideration of CDBG Grant Project Ordinance – Project Rabbit
- E. Consideration of CDBG Grant Project Ordinance – Project JT
- F. Consideration of ARPA Grant Budget Amendment

City Manager Brandt spoke briefly about each of these items. Mayor *Pro Tempore* Sellars moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Williams seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.*

7. Committee Reports and Appointments, Mayor’s Report and Appointments, City Manager’s Report, City Attorney’s Report

Reports were given.

Council Member Thrift moved to appoint the following advisory board members:

ABC Board	Neal Grimes
Beautification Committee	Crystal Hodges & Larry Darr
Historic Preservation Commission	Amanda Cox & Jennifer Mayhall
Lake Thom-A-Lex Committee	Scott Styers
Planning & Adjustment Board	Jane Hill & Carl Shatley
Recreation Committee	Jarrold Dunbar, Justin Finch, Scott Styers & Tony Vizzini,

Council Member Hunt seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 5 – 0.*

Mayor York reappointed Wayne Herrick to the Davidson County Economic Development Commission. No Council action was taken.

8. Additional Items – n/a

9. Adjournment – Mayor *Pro Tempore* Sellars moved to adjourn. Council member Shepherd seconded. *Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0.*