THOMASVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

20 STADIUM DRIVE, THOMASVILLE, NC.

Elected officials in attendance: Mayor Raleigh York, Jr.; Mayor *Pro Tempore* Hunter Thrift and Council Members Neal Grimes, Doug Hunt, Lisa Shell, Pat Shelton, and Payton Williams.

## Call to Order – Mayor York called the meeting of the Thomasville City Council to order and welcomed everyone in person and online.

1. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – City Manager Michael Brandt asked that Council add a real estate discussion to the closed session in item 8. Council Member Grimes moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Shelton seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.
2. Public Forum – No one spoke during the public forum.
3. Public Hearings - Council Member Williams moved to recuse Council Member Shelton from voting during these three hearings, because she was on the Planning Board when these matters were heard at that level. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0. (Council Member Shelton did not vote.)
   1. Request for Rezoning (Z-23-09)

Applicant/Owner: R.E.W. Homes, LLC

Location: Kendall Mill Road

Parcel Number: 1633800000035

Existing Zoning: R-8 CZ Medium Density Residential Conditional Zoning

Requested Zoning: R-6 High Density Residential

Mayor York opened the public hearing. No one spoke for or against this rezoning. Mayor York closed the hearing.

Council Member Hunt moved to approve this rezoning because:

* The conditions previously imposed are no longer required under the formal conditional use;
* The rezoning does not conflict with the 2035 Land Use Plan;
* The rezoning will not adversely affect adjacent property values; and
* They found that the rezoning is reasonable and in the public interest due to its consistency with the comprehensive plan and, as a result, its furtherance of the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0. (Council Member Shelton did not vote.)

* 1. Request for Rezoning (Z-23-10)

Applicant/Owner: Joseph Dean

Location: 420 Lexington Avenue

Parcel Number: 16098000B0016

Existing Zoning: C-2 Highway Commercial

Requested Zoning: R-8 Medium Density Residential

Mayor York opened the public hearing. Joseph Dean and Angela Dean spoke in favor of this rezoning. No one spoke against this rezoning. Mayor York closed the hearing.

Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift moved to approve this rezoning because:

* Rezoning the property is the appropriate course of action given the fact it is currently a residence;
* Rezoning the property protects the current essential characteristics of the area;
* Rezoning the property does not conflict with the adjoining properties; and
* They found that the rezoning is reasonable and in the public interest due to its consistency with the comprehensive plan and, as a result, its furtherance of the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan.

Council Member Johnson seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0. (Council Member Shelton did not vote.)

* 1. Request for Rezoning (Z-23-11)

Applicant/Owner: Rafaelle DiPuorto

Location: Taylor/Montlieu Avenue

Parcel Number: 16119000B0009

Existing Zoning: M-1 CZ Light Industrial Conditional Zoning

Requested Zoning: R-6 High Density Residential

Mayor York opened the public hearing. Samantha Payne spoke in favor of this rezoning on behalf of Rafaelle DiPuorto. No one spoke against this rezoning. Mayor York closed the hearing.

Council Member Hunt moved to approve this rezoning because:

* The property is surrounded by R-6 properties already;
* It is consistent with the 2035 Comprehensive Plan;
* It does no harm to the surrounding properties or the Public; and
* They found that the rezoning is reasonable and in the public interest due to its consistency with the comprehensive plan and, as a result, its furtherance of the goals and objectives of the comprehensive plan.

Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 6 – 0. (Council Member Shelton did not vote.)

1. Consent Agenda – Assistant City Manager Eddie Bowling spoke briefly about each of these items:
   1. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Briefing Meeting on 11/13/23
   2. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Council Meeting on 11/20/23
   3. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Special Called Meeting on 11/27/23
   4. Consideration of AT&T Water Tower Rental Contract

Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

1. Regular Agenda – City Manager Brandt explained each of these items.
   1. Consideration of Budget Amendment 2024-P6-01

Council Member Grimes moved to approve this Budget Amendment. Council Member Shelton seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

* 1. Consideration and Approval of Thomasville Pay & Classification Study Update

Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift moved to approve this Thomasville Pay & Classification Study Update. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

C. Consideration of Approval of Award of Bid to Thompson Arthur for Re-Paving Certain Streets

Council Member Hunt moved to approve this award of bid to Thompson Arthur. Council Member Johnsonseconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

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

Mayor York, the City Council and City staff wished everyone a very happy holiday and a safe and happy new year.

City Attorney Whitman explained the rules for the Father’s Storehouse’s Temporary Overflow Emergency Shelter. She said the Fire Code states that overflow shelters differ from permanent shelters in that the overflow shelter can only operate when the other permanent shelters nearby (High Point and Lexington) are full. The people needing shelter are *not* required to go to these other shelters to determine if they are full. The operator of the emergency overflow temporary shelter can be responsible for calling and making sure the permanent shelters are full before opening the overflow shelter’s doors. The operator must maintain a log book indicating when she has made contact with those shelters, that they are full, and log attendance at her shelter.

Additional reports were given, but no action was taken.

1. Closed Session – Personnel & Real Estate

Mayor Pro Tem Thrift moved that Council go into closed session for personnel and real estate matters. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0. No action was taken in closed session. Open session was resumed.

1. Additional Items
   1. Council Member Shelton made a motion that, effective immediately, Council authorize the City to make a $20,000 offer for the purchase of 6 Trade Street, with closing as soon as possible. Council Member Johnson seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.
   2. On behalf of the Personnel/Finance Committee, Mayor *Pro Tem* Thrift moved to appoint Eric Kuppel to fill Judy Smith’s unexpired term on the Planning Board. Council Member Hunt seconded the motion.

Council Member Shelton said, “Eric has done an excellent job as being the alternate for the Planning Board. He’s always well prepared and ready to take a seat, if someone doesn’t show up. So I think this is an excellent choice on the Board’s part.

Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

* 1. City Manager Brandt provided an update on Nucor Sanitary Sewer.
  2. City Manager Brandt discussed the items to be placed on the agenda at the Council Retreat on January 5th and 6th.

1. Adjournment – Council Member Shelton moved to adjourn. Council Member Johnson seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.