**THOMASVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**

**Monday, March 18, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

**20 Stadium Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360**

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

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

1. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda – There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Council Member Thrift moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.
2. Public Forum – Nobody came forward to speak.
3. Recognitions and Presentations
   1. Proclamation – National Developmental Disability Awareness Month (March)
   2. Proclamation – Women’s History Month (March)
   3. Proclamation – Brighter Vision Day (April 13, 2024)
4. Public Hearings
   1. Request for Rezoning (Z-24-01)

Applicant/Owner: Faisal Alazzawi Location: 606 Old Raleigh Road

Parcel Number: 1633600000035A Existing Zoning: C-2 Highway Commercial

Requested Zoning: M-2CU Heavy Industrial Highway Commercial

Conditional Use: The property will be used exclusively for operation as a

Garage for semi-trucks, trailers, parking, small office space.

Council Member Grimes moved to approve this Rezoning. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

* 1. Request for Rezoning (Z-24-03)

Applicant/Owner: 4 Amigos Investing, Inc. Location: 404 Davidson Street

Parcel Number: 1037000H0001A

Existing Zoning: C-1CU Neighborhood Commercial Conditional Use: Agriculture

Requested Zoning: R-8 Medium Density Residential

Council Member Thrift moved to approve this Rezoning. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

1. Consent Agenda – Assistant City Manager Eddie Bowling spoke briefly about each of these items:
   1. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Briefing Meeting on February 12, 2024
   2. Consideration of Approval of Minutes – Council Meeting on February 19, 2024
   3. Consideration of Resolution Awarding Badge and Service Weapon to Retiring Police Officer Tracy Pierce Consideration of Grant Project Ordinance – 2022 TPD: Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
   4. Consideration of Grant Project Ordinance – 2023 TPD: Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
   5. Consideration of Amended Davidson County Economic Development Commission By-Laws
   6. Consideration of Artificial Intelligence Use Policy for City Employees

Council Member Hunt moved to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

1. Regular Agenda – City Manager Michael Brandt described these items:
   1. Consideration of Budget Amendment 2024-P9-01

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

* 1. Consideration of Resolution to Adopt the Thomasville Downtown Streetscape Master Plan

Council Member Johnson moved to approve this Resolution. Council Member Thrift seconded. Motion approved 6 – 1. Council Member Lisa Shell voted against it.

* 1. Consideration of Amendment to Appendix A of the Thomasville Personnel Policy – Fire Trainee

Council Member Johnson moved to approve this Personnel Policy Amendment. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

* 1. Consideration of Resolution to Adopt and Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as Part of the 2024 National Fitness Campaign

Council Member Thrift moved to approve this Resolution. Council Member Johnson seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

* 1. Consideration of Settlement Agreement with Midnight Enterprises, LLC (f/k/a John & Jeff Schwarz, LLC)

Council Member Hunt moved to approve this Settlement Agreement. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion approved 5 – 2. Council Members Johnson and Williams voted against it.

* 1. Consideration of Re-approval of Personnel Agreements:

1. City Manager Michael Brandt
2. City Attorney Misti Whitman

Council Member Grimes moved to re-approve these Personnel Agreements so that Finance Director Thomas Avant could apply pre-audit stamped to the signature pages, in accordance with North Carolina State law. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

* 1. Consideration of Resolution to Conduct a Public Hearing on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM at 20 Stadium Drive regarding a Petition for Closure of Alley on Clay Street

Council Member Thrift moved to approve this Resolution. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

* 1. Consideration of Road Closure Ordinances:
     1. Spring Daze (May 4th)
     2. Parade of Excellence (May 24th)
     3. Memorial Day Parade (May 27th)

Council Member Thrift moved to approve these Road Closure Ordinances. Council Member Grimes seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

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

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Council Member Thrift moved to appoint:

Maddie Thrift to the Historic Preservation Commission; and

JJ Ring to the Tourism Commission

Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

Additional reports were given, but no other action was taken.

1. Closed Session - Personnel

Council Member Thrift moved to go into closed session for Personnel matters. Council Member Hunt seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.

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

Council Member Bratton left the meeting.

1. Additional Items – N/A.
2. Adjournment – Council Member Williams moved to adjourn. Council Member Shell seconded. Motion unanimously approved 7 – 0.