

# COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

City of Thomasville ~ **REMOTE** Council Meeting  
Monday, July 20, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.  
Mayor Raleigh York, Jr.  
Mayor *Pro Tempore* – Hunter Thrift

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

*In Attendance (Remote): Mayor Raleigh York Jr. and Council members Joe Leonard, Neal Grimes, Ron Bratton, Scott Styers, Jane Murphy, Wendy Sellars, and Hunter Thrift.*

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

### A. Special Called Council Meeting (Budget Review) – June 1, 2020

*ACTION: Motion by N. Grimes to approve the special called council meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Sellars; passed unanimously.*

### B. Regular Council Meeting - June 15, 2020

*ACTION: Motion by S. Styers to approve the regular council meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Thrift; passed unanimously.*

## 3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

*City Manager requested to add Item 3.A Presentation by NC League of Municipalities Law Enforcement Risk Review to the Thomasville Police Department.*

*ACTION: Motion by W. Sellars to adopt the revised agenda as presented by the City Manager, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Murphy; approved unanimously.*

### A. Presentation by NC League of Municipalities Law Enforcement Risk Review

*NO ACTION TAKEN*

## 4. PUBLIC FORUM – *Please sign up on the Public Forum Signup Sheet. A two-minute time limit will be enforced.*

## 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS –

### A. Generic First Public CDBG Hearing *NO ACTION TAKEN*

**B. Request for Rezoning – Conditional Use (Z-20-03) **APPEAL****  
Applicant/Owner: Tai Huu Pham  
Locations: 1309 & 1311 Unity Street  
Existing Zoning: R-10 Low Density Residential  
Proposed Zoning: R-8 U Medium Density Residential  
(Conditional Use – Multi-Family Apartments)  
Development Condition: Construct 2 buildings consisting of 22 apartment units

On June 30, 2020, the Planning Board held a public hearing, and on July 2, 2020 the Board voted 4-2 to **deny** the request, because “it would endanger the public safety and health of the neighborhood; the proposed apartments would not be in harmony with the remainder of the neighborhood; and it would injure the adjoining property values.” *The applicant has submitted a request to **appeal** this decision.*

*ACTION: Due to state law on public hearings held remotely during a state-wide Declaration of Emergency, City Council must wait at least 24 hours to render a final decision for case Z-20-03.*

**C. Request for Rezoning – (Z-20-06)**

**Applicant/Owner:** Dennis & Cynthia Roseberry  
**Locations:** 922 Hasty School Road  
**Existing Zoning:** C-2 Highway Commercial  
**Proposed Zoning:** R-10 Low Density Residential

On June 30, 2020, the Planning Board held a public hearing, and on July 2, 2020 the Board voted 6-0 to **approve** the request, because “the residential structure would be consistent with the remainder of the houses on the same side of the street, and it is compatible with the Land Development Plan.”

*ACTION: Due to state law on public hearings held remotely during a state-wide Declaration of Emergency, City Council must wait at least 24 hours to render a final decision for case Z-20-06.*

**6. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. Consideration of COVID–19 Relief Fund Grant**

*ACTION: Motion by J. Murphy to establish a COVID-19 Relief Project Fund to expend funds provided under the CARES act for Pandemic Relief, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. Grimes; approved unanimously.*

**B. Consideration of Amendment to Hi Toms Lease**

*ACTION: Motion by H. Thrift to approve amendment to Hi Toms Lease to adjust the 2020 annual rate to \$11,000, due to pandemic field usage limitations, 2<sup>nd</sup> W. Sellars; approved unanimously.*

**C. Consideration of Application for Franchise to Operate a Transportation Service for Express Cab**

*ACTION: Motion by W. Sellars to approve the application for a franchise to operate a transportation service for Express Cab, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Styers; approved unanimously.*

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS, MAYOR’S REPORT AND APPOINTMENTS, CITY MANAGER’S REPORT, CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

*ACTION: Motion by S. Styers to appoint Casey Gardner to the Thomasville Historic Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Sellars; approved unanimously.*

*Mayor York notified City Council of the appointment of Michael Deal to the Cemetery Committee.*

**8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

**9. RECESS**

*Due to the requirements of public hearings held remotely during a state-wide Declaration of Emergency, the City Council called a recess to discuss and render final verdict on rezoning cases Z-20-03 and Z-20-06.*

*ACTION: Motion by W. Sellars to Recess the Remote Meeting until Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Murphy; approved unanimously.*

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