

Town of Thunderbolt
Council Meeting August 12, 2026
Minutes

Mayor Williams called the Public Comment portion of the meeting to order.

Thomas Johnson, 3212 Cragg, approached Mayor and Council to express his concerns over drainage issues.

Nick Patrick approached Mayor and Council to give a report on the Blight Block Program. Mr. Patrick reported they continue to address blight issues and are at 81% completion. Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Patrick for all his hard work.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, August 12, 2026. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Bethany Skipper-Greer, David Crenshaw, Larry Ward, Dr. Edward Drohan, Dawn Williams, and Brooks Barbaree. Also in attendance were Charlie Barrow, Attorney; Matthew Walker, Town Administrator; and Jan LeViner, Town Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Agenda. Councilmember Crenshaw made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Skipper-Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve 6-0.

Councilmember Ward made a motion to approve the minutes of July 8th and 15th. Councilmember Crenshaw seconded. Vote was unanimous, 6-0 to approve.

Mayor Williams recognized the following businesses, Go Local Program, for the month of September:

- Low voltage Services
- Seventh Heaven Antiques
- Piero's Auto Shop
- Victory Plumbing

Mayor Williams presented the World Humanitarian Day Proclamation to Chief Gene Harley and Chief Odis Boyle.

Mayor Williams presented a Proclamation for their 50th Anniversary of the Graduates from Sol C. Johnson High School.

Mayor Williams asked **Ben Wall of Atlantic Waste** to come forward to discuss waste collection and recycling. Mr. Wall discussed the benefits of recycling and how it reduces waste. He gave a presentation on the Material Recovery Facility in Charleston. The facility accepts single-stream recycling materials at a centralized location. By using this facility in Charleston, the Town is able to recycle more materials that might otherwise have been contaminated in local Savannah markets. Dr. Drohan reminded everyone of the sustainability area behind Town Hall, where there is a container for cardboard and other materials. Mr. Wall stated that he will provide an updated educational flyer regarding bulk waste and will assess and replace cracked or broken local waste carts.

Public Hearing

Dr. Drohan made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the second reading of the Comprehensive Plan. **Councilman Ward** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Second Reading: Town of Thunderbolt Comprehensive Plan. **Chelsea Fernald**, Planning Manager, CRC, approached the Mayor and Council. Ms. Fernald stated that they have been working with Town Staff and the Stakeholders Committee to update the Comprehensive Plan for the Town. She continued that the Comprehensive Plan is a way for local governments to foster strong and healthy communities. It is a requirement set forth by the Department of Community Affairs to maintain the Town's Qualified Local Government status and remain eligible for State and Federal funding. The Comprehensive Plan is required to be updated every five years, and the Town's due date is 2026.

Councilmember Ward made a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Councilman Crenshaw** seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0, to approve.

Councilmember Crenshaw made a motion to return to the public meeting. **Councilmember Ward** seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 6-0, to approve.

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Anna Marie Thomas approached Mayor and Council to give an update on the Thunderbolt Museum. Ms. Thomas reported their Facebook page has been restored and there are two upcoming sales, September 19th and October 24th. She reminded everyone that the Oyster Roast is November 8, 2026. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Thomas for her dedication to the Thunderbolt Museum.

Shannon Brett approached Mayor and Council to give an update on the financials. Ms. Brett reported that the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts confirmed that no changes were needed following their review of the 2025 Audit. Payroll is now 100% migrated to Springbrook software, with licensing modules up next. A brief discussion was held regarding the Sinking Fund and Georgia Fund One..

Consent Agenda:

- a.** Second Reading: 2026-02 Section 5-304.G Standards for Subdivisions and Section 5-306 Definitions
- b.** Second Reading: 2026-04 Rezone Property located on Whatley Ave and Shell Road within the Town of Thunderbolt, GA from Residential (R-1) to Two Family (R-2) Residential
- c.** Combination of Lots, PIN 3000301018/3000301017. Petitioner: William Ferrell
- d.** Application for Home Occupation Permit: Bennett Capobianco. Painting and Plastering
- e.** Application for Home Occupation Permit, Southeastern Legal Services. Petitioner Donald Rhoden
- f.** Approval: Alcoholic Beverage License, Retail Sales Beer, Liquor and Sunday Sales Wine and Liquor Only. Petitioner: Rickey Greer, Thunderbolt Dink Dome, LLC (pickleball)
- g.** W.E. Honey Park Bathroom RFP For Approval

h. Disaster Debris Collection RFP Recommendation for Approval

Councilman Ward made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Councilman Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Discussion Agenda: None

Department Head Reports

Chief Harley approached Mayor and Council to answer questions or concerns regarding his monthly report. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining proactive policing, positive responses, and several community initiatives that were initiated throughout the month. Chief Harley stated that an audit was conducted on the Flock Cameras and that there were no findings. As there were no questions, Mayor Williams thanked Chief Harley for everything he is doing for the Thunderbolt Police Department.

Oscar Crosby, Department of Public Works, approached Mayor and Council. Mr. Crosby asked if anyone had questions regarding his report. He reported the fluorides were good and asked if there were any questions. Being none, Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Crosby and his staff for all their hard work.

Jan LeViner, Town Clerk approached Mayor and Council to give an update. Ms. LeViner stated she is getting ready to launch the new STR software which is more user friendly. She then reminded everyone she would be on vacation for the upcoming week.

Matthew Walker, Town Administrator, approached Mayor and Council to give an update on projects going on in the Town. Mr. Walker reported that the Town Hall roof replacement construction will begin soon, storm damage repairs are being coordinated with insurance, and Thunderbolt Night Out is scheduled for September 15th at Cesarone Park (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM).

Legal Reports

No report.

Councilman Crenshaw asked all members of Council to submit what they think are the goals that we need to do for the Town Administrator and Clerk.

Being there was no further business, **Council Member Ward** made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, 6-0.

Councilman Crenshaw made a motion to go back into regular session. **Councilman Ward** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order. **Councilman Crenshaw** made a motion to hire an attorney on behalf of Trey Williams in federal claim. **Councilman Ward** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Council Member Ward made a motion to adjourn. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Jan LeViner, Clerk

Dana Williams, Mayor
Town of Thunderbolt