

Town of Thunderbolt
Council Meeting June 10, 2026
Minutes

Mayor Williams opened the Public Comment at 6:00PM.

Catherine Clements approached Mayor and Council and thanked the Thunderbolt Police Department for their additional presence in the neighborhoods.

Stella Lavin approached Mayor and Council. Ms. Lavin stated they will have an event on August 1, 2026, at Nellie Johnson Park for the children of Thunderbolt and currently collecting school supplies which will be taken directly to the surrounding schools for distribution.

Sue DeRosa approached Mayor and Council to remind everyone of the upcoming primaries and to exercise their right to vote.

Geneva Golden approached Mayor and Council. Ms. Golden shared her concerns with the local cemetery and how it needs attention.

Penelope Guild approached Mayor and Council to express her concerns over prorating the STR registration fees. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Guild.

Mayor Williams closed the Public Comment at 6:30PM.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, June 10, 2026. Those in attendance were Councilmembers Bethany Skipper-Greer, David Crenshaw, Lary Ward, Dr. Edward Drohan, Dawn Williams, and Brooks Barbaree. Also in attendance were Charlie Barrow, Attorney; and Jan LeViner, Town Clerk.

Reverend Small delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Agenda. Mayor Williams added 5(f) to the agenda: Bright Blocks Program. **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 May 13, 2026. **Councilmember Crenshaw** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

Mayor Williams invited Judge Jen Davenport and Judge Gregory Sapp to come forward. Judge Gregory Sapp administered the Oath of Office for the Municipal Judge for the Town of Thunderbolt. Judge Davenport thanked the Town for the opportunity to serve.

Mayor Williams invited Chief Gene Harley and Judge Claire Williams to come forward. Judge Williams administered the Oath of Office as Thunderbolt's Chief of Police to Chief Harley. Chief Harley thanked the Town for the opportunity to serve as their Chief of Police.

Mayor Williams invited Reverend Small to the podium to accept the Juneteenth Proclamation. Rev. Small thanked the Mayor and stated it is a wonderful thing to be a pastor in the area for 43 years of one church. He continued, we can decide to be friendly

about things, even if we are going to be separate. We are trying to remember what we did wrong, so we won't do it again. It is not who is to blame, just not who did wrong. We need to move forward to do what is right so we can give hope to our next generation.

Mayor Williams asked Ms. Colon-Molifulleda to come forward and accept the Proclamation for Alzheimer's Awareness Month Proclamation. Ms. Colon-Molifulleda explained that Alzheimer's is not part of the normal aging process and there is hope with the research that is being done.

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

- Hinckley Yacht Services
- AG Tuilleadh, LLC
- Sunrise Healing Arts
- Terracon Consultants

Mayor Williams asked Nick Patrick to come forward and give an update on the Bright Blocks Program. Mayor Williams stated he was speaking to the blight and he asked Nick Patrick to put together a program to go around and see these houses and find the people who truly could not take care of their homes, be it disabled or elderly or financially challenged and see if we could put together a community program where we as a community could reach out and maybe cut their grass and trim the bushes back. Mr. Patrick explained they have identified two groups: people who cannot pay for improvements and those who will not pay. So, for identifying people who cannot pay, identify them as low hanging fruit by cutting grass and trimming shrubbery, to make the yard a little bit more presentable. He continued that he and the Town Administrator have developed a plan of action to where we are looking at civic organizations for assistance, such as the Boy Scouts. He is also looking at hardship categories. Mr. Patrick stated he will have further information at the July City Council meeting. Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Patrick and stated it is a great testament to our community in Thunderbolt that we all care about each other and this program will set the standard for other municipalities.

Public Hearings: Board of Zoning Appeals. Council Member Crenshaw made a motion to open the Public Hearing. **Council Member Ward** seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to approve, 6-0.

- **Coleman & Company: Create a minor subdivision, four (4) lots. 2501 Mechanics Avenue: PIN 300006038.** **Mr. Cunningham** approached Mayor and Council to explain their request. He further explained the issue with the plat, and it was determined that the plat showing a smaller lot size would be made part of the record until another plat is presented for approval. **Council Member Drohan** made a motion to support the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve. **Council Member Barbaree** seconded. Motion to approve, following the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved unanimously, 6-0.

- **Public Hearing: Request to Rezone from R-1 to R-2, 2811 Whatley Avenue: PIN 30003 0311, Petitioner Dwayne and Gweyn Simpson. Paul Bergstein** approached Mayor and Council. He stated he is representing Dwayne Simpson and his aunt. Being no questions, **Council Member Drohan** made a motion to support the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Motion to approve, following the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved unanimously, 6-0.
- **New Mixed-Use Building, 2618 Mechanics. Pétitionner : Laurie deVegter. Laurie deVegter** approached Mayor and Council and stated it is her request to build a small mixed-use building which complies with the design guidelines from the Victory Drive Design District. Being no questions, **Council Member Drohan** made a motion to support the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve. **Council Member Ward** seconded. Motion to approve, following the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was approved unanimously, 6-0.

Council Member Ward made a motion to close the Public Hearing. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Motion to close the Public Hearing was unanimous, 6-0.

Council Member Ward made a motion to open the regular meeting. **Council Member Crenshaw** seconded. Motion to open the regular meeting was unanimous, 6-0.

Anna Marie Thomas approached Mayor and Council to give an update on the Thunderbolt Museum. Ms. Thomas reported the yard sale was a huge success, and they had several families within Thunderbolt to participate as well as several vendors on site. For the future, she is planning to offer craft classes which the registration fee will support the Museum. Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Thomas for everything she does not only to support the Museum but also the Town.

Shannon Brett approached Mayor and Council to give a report on the May Financial Statement. Ms. Brett stated everything is moving forward with the 2025 Audit and should be completed shortly. As to the new software, Springbrook is progressing and will run payroll this week. She made reference to the Executive Summary in the packet and asked if there were questions. Being none, Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Brett and her team for all their hard work.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Second Reading: 2026-01, Sec 15-707.03, Chapter 15, Sewer
- b. Purchase of In-Car Mobile Radios, Thunderbolt Pol. \$72,469.90 Blue Line Account
- c. Award Pierce Blvd Milling and Paving: AD Williams Construction. \$60,097.50
- d. Vestis Service Proposal: AED: Yearly cost \$2,457.00
- e. JC Lewis: Purchase two (2) F-150's to replace older models. \$95,176.00

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

Department Head Reports

Chief Harley approached Mayor and Council to answer questions or concerns regarding his monthly report. He also thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to work for the Town of Thunderbolt.

Oscar Crosby, Department of Public Works, approached Mayor and Council. Mr. Crosby stated the chlorides are back to normal from where they were when we were on with the City of Savannah. He asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Jan LeViner, Town Clerk reported on the recent visit from Georgia Archives and stated the Town will apply for a grant which will provide supplies needed for the archives area. Ms. LeViner stated she recently attended the Legislative Update class facilitated by GMA and provided an update to Mayor, Council and the Town Attorney.

Legal Reports

No report.

Council Member Drohan stated in regard to item 9c, Award Pierce Blvd Milling and Paving: AD Williams, \$60,097.05, requested the Town Administrator review to set a priority on paving. The project needs to be based on need.

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 to approve, 6-0.

Council Member Crenshaw made a motion to go back into regular session. **Council Member 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