

Town of Thunderbolt  
Council Meeting February 11, 2026

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

**Sue DeRosa** approached Mayor and Council to express her concerns with conserving water as well as capturing rainwater and condensation coming off from the air conditioning units. She also addressed the Tree Ordinance and Tree Commission which has not met in sometime. She continued, according to the Tree Ordinance, there is supposed to be six members, five residents and on supervisory level or elected official on the Commission for a term of three (3) years. Ms. DeRosa stated that she served on the Commission but there have not been any meetings in several years. She then commented on the requirement for a tree permit when it had to be taken down and feels there should not be a fee as the tree is usually decade or in need of coming down. Mr. Walker stated Staff will begin reviewing existing ordinances and the Tree Ordinance will be one of them. He continued, the Town generally will waive the fee as it comes down to safety reasons. Ms. DeRosa thanked Mr. Walker.

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

**Mayor Williams** called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, February 11, 2026. Those in attendance were Council Members Bethany Skipper-Greer, David Crenshaw, Dr. Edward Drohan, Dawn Williams and Brooks Barbaree. Also in attendance were Charlie Barrow, Town Attorney; Matthew Walker, Town Administrator; Jan LeViner, Town Clerk. Councilman Ward was excused.

Mayor Williams delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mayor Williams Approval of Meeting Agenda. Council Member Crenshaw** made a motion to approve the agenda. **Council Member Drohan** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

**Council Member Crenshaw** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2026. **Council Member Drohan** seconded. Vote was unanimous, 5-0 to approve.

**Mayor Williams** asked Council Member Williams and Planning and Zoning Commissioner Patrick to come forward and accept the Proclamation for Black History Month.

**Mayor Williams** recognized the following businesses and encouraged everyone to shop local:

- Costal Ice Machines
- Thunderbolt Regency
- Rachel Perkins Tours
- Release Marine

**Anna Marie Thomas** approached Mayor and Council to give an update on the Thunderbolt Museum. Ms. Thomas stated they are working with the businesses in the

community for stuffers for welcome bags for new residents as well as continuing with fund raising. The Cars and Coffee event is ongoing and brings in more visitors to the Museum.

**Shannon Brett** approached Mayor and Council to give an overview of the financial activity of the Town. Ms. Brett stated the audit is scheduled for the week of April 27, 2026, and everything is on pace. She continued, additional accounts are being set up: Water Sewer Money Market Fund and Sinking Fund which is a capital improvement type fund. Ms. Brett gave a status on the new software and explained the next module to be implemented will be payroll and utility billing.

#### **Consideration of Consent Agenda:**

- **New GA Fund 1 Accounts**
- **HVAC Replacement Quote for the Museum**
- **Library Gutter Repair Quote**

**Council Member Crenshaw** made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Council Member Barbaree** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0. Mayor Williams stated Mayor and Council will take into account the suggestions made by Ms. DeRosa and asked Mr. Walker to see if there are any opportunities to have a catch basin for rainwater to be utilized in an effective way.

#### **Department Head Reports**

**Sean Clayton, Chief, Police Department,** approached Mayor and Council to entertain any questions. Mayor Williams thanked Chief Clayton.

**Chief Boyles, Fire Department,** was not in attendance.

**Oscar Crosby, Department of Public Works** approached Mayor and Council. He gave a brief report on the work DPW is doing. Mayor Williams thanked Mr. Crosby for everything he does for the Town.

**Matthew Walker, Town Administrator,** stated there will be a Stakeholder Meeting for the Comp Plan on March 5, 2026, at Town Hall. He also stated there will be Boot Camp regarding AI which he and Ms. LeViner will attend in Athens on March 9-10, 2026. This will be beneficial in updating the Comp Plan. Also, he is working on the DuPont Safety Program. As far as upcoming events, Blessing of the Fleet will be April 25 from noon until 5:00PM. Council Member Crenshaw asked Mr. Walker to create a dbase on residents of the Town as it will increase the efficiency of the way the Town runs. Mr. Walker confirmed. Mayor Williams stated he and the Town Administrator traveled to Atlanta for Savannah/Chatham Day. He continued there were legislative sessions they attended as well as meeting with our local dignitaries. They made some great connections as well as discussed, the needs of the Town.

**Jan LeViner, Town Clerk,** stated she will be traveling to Wrightsville Beach for a conference and training.

#### **Legal Reports**

**No report.**

**Dr. Drohan** made reference to a variance request brought before the Town Council that led to a discussion about how certain areas of the Town and properties throughout the Town not only do not meet the current standards which actually go back about twenty years ago which was the last time that the Town had a evaluation of zoning in Thunderbolt. He would like to meet with the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as Council to discuss moving forward with updating the Code. He would also like to see the Town utilize AI in terms of assisting to develop the 2026 Town of Thunderbolt Comprehensive Plan. The next Stakeholder meeting is March 5, 2026

**Council Member Crenshaw** made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation, and real estate. **Council Member Barbaree** seconded. Motion to approve was unanimous, 5-0.

**Council Member Crenshaw** made a motion to return to regular session. **Council Member Drohan** seconded. The motion to approve was unanimous, 5-0.

**Council Member Crenshaw** made a motion to adjourn. **Council Member Ward** seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve, 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15PM.

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Jan LeViner, Clerk

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Dana Williams, Mayor  
Town of Thunderbolt