



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 W. Pine Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Edward Asbridge called the council meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Present: Mayor Asbridge and Council Members Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel, and Chris Mundy.

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Finance Director Alisha Gamble, Planning Director Rich Atkinson, Interim Police Chief Chris Hulsey, and City Attorney Ron Bennett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - WORK SESSION:

Consideration of a Variance Request submitted by McEver Site, LLC. for relief from the requirements set forth in the City of Flowery Branch Zoning Ordinance; Article 10, Development Requirements and Guidelines section 10.9 (f): Convenience stores shall locate gas pumps behind the principal structure in order to effectively screen the pumps from view of the street.

Planning Director Atkinson presented a variance request submitted by McEver Site, LLC for relief from the requirements set forth in the City of Flowery Branch zoning ordinance. He reminded Mayor and Council that this is not a rezoning but only consideration of relief from having to locate the pumps behind the principal structure. He stressed that this is not about the use of the property but about the placement of the fuel pumps.

Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance: GMEBS-R; City of Flowery Branch Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Amendment

Finance Director Gamble presented this consideration of Ordinance 661; GMEBS-R, City of Flowery Branch Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Amendment. Per the executed employment agreement with the new City Manager, the City must provide eligibility for immediate vesting in the Defined Benefit Plan. Because of this requirement, an amendment to our plan document is required. GMEBS attorneys have prepared an amendment as shown on the agenda for review and approval. Once executed by our Mayor and Council, GMEBS will finalize the execution of the plan amendment for the effective date of March 3, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Consider Accepting \$36,372 Grant Award from GEMA to Install Generator for the City Hall/Plaza Building.

Finance Director Gamble presented a Grant Award for \$36,372 from GEMA to install a generator for the City Hall/Plaza Building. On September 15, 2017, the President declared that a major disaster existed in Georgia resulting from Hurricane Irma. From this declaration, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) designated a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. In 2018, our Police Department applied for a generator grant for our City Hall and Plaza building through this program. The City received notification of the award January 10, 2022.

The award details are as follows:

75% Federal Cost Share	\$27,279.00
10% State Cost Share	\$3,637.00
15% Local Match Cost Share	\$5,456.00
TOTAL:	\$36,372.00

Staff anticipates costs to be higher than the award mentioned above. Procedures are in place to request additional grant funding if needed. Finance will transfer city local match funds from the Generator project budget in the Local Resources Fund up to \$50,000 as needed. This project will be presented in our grants fund, fund 220.

Council Member Mundy asked if we have gotten quotes for the generator and Mrs. Gamble stated that we could not request quotes until we get the Grant documents executed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Planning Director Report:

Mr. Atkinson stated that he had been interviewing candidates for the Code Enforcement Officer position and he plans to make an offer to one candidate early next week.

Council Report:

Council Member Anglin wanted to thank staff for the cleanup on Chestnut and Church Streets.

Mayor Report:

Mayor Asbridge wanted to thank staff for all the hard work on the Council Meeting Agenda. Mayor Asbridge mentioned there are two candidates that will be on the Special Election ballot, Jennifer Sudderth and Joe Mezzanotte. Early voting will begin February 21st until March 11th, 2022, including two Saturdays, February 26th and March 5th. Hours are 8am to 5 pm. Election Day voting will be 7am to 7pm on March 15th.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 6:16 pm.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 6:22 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mary Willis, 6219 Spring Lake Drive, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Ms. Willis is concerned about the proposed variance request submitted by McEver Site, LLC.

Linda Kaminsky, 6230 Spring Lake Drive, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Ms. Kaminsky is concerned about the proposed variance request submitted by McEver Site, LLC.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Consider February 3, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

There was a motion made to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Oliver McClellan

AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consideration of Ordinance 659, a Variance Request submitted by McEver Site, LLC. for relief from the requirements set forth in the City of Flowery Branch Zoning Ordinance; Article 10, Development Requirements and Guidelines section 10.9 (f): Convenience stores shall locate gas pumps behind the principal structure in order to effectively screen the pumps from view of the street.

Mr. Bennett read the caption for Ordinance 659.

There was a motion made to deny Ordinance 659, a Variance Request submitted by McEver Site, LLC. for relief from the requirements set forth in the City of Flowery Branch Zoning Ordinance; Article 10.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: Chris Mundy
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider Accepting \$36,372 Grant Award from GEMA to Install Generator for the City Hall/Plaza Building.

There was a motion made to approve the \$36,372 Grant Award from GEMA to install a generator for the City Hall/Plaza Building.

MOTION: Chris Mundy
SECOND: William McDaniel
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance 661: GMEBS-R; City of Flowery Branch Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Amendment

Mr. Bennett read the caption for Ordinance 661.

There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 661: GMEBS-R; City of Flowery Branch Defined Benefit Retirement Plan Amendment.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: William McDaniel
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session held.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn at 6:28 pm.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Joe Anglin

AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel, Chris Mundy

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Mayor Ed Asbridge

Date

City Clerk Shelia Cooper