



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6:00 PM
City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 Pine Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Mayor Asbridge and Council Member Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel, and Joseph Mezzanotte.

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Planning & Community Development Director Rich Atkinson, Finance Director Matt Hamby, Human Resources Director Krystle Hightower, Public Works & Utilities Director Bill Whidden, Police Chief Hulsey, and City Attorney Ted Baggett.

Absent: Council Members Joe Anglin and Chris Mundy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

There was a motion made to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Joseph Mezzanotte
SECOND: Oliver McClellan
AYES: Joseph Mezzanotte, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel
NAYS: None
Motion carried

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Asbridge presented Life Saving Awards to Investigator Henry Jones and Investigator Mark Newberry.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the City of Flowery Branch Zoning Map.

Director Atkinson presented a consideration of the City of Flowery Branch zoning map.

There being none who wished to speak in favor of the request, Mayor Asbridge called for those wishing to speak against the request.

There being none who wished to speak against the request, Mayor Asbridge closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

A Public Hearing to Consider an Annexation and Rezoning Request submitted by H. Carson Smith, IV.

Director Atkinson presented a consideration for an annexation and rezoning request submitted by H. Carson Smith IV. The request is to annex and rezone a 0.854 +/- acre tract of land known as 6300 Jones Road and described as tax parcel identification number 08118 001015, from Hall County Vacation Cottage to Flowery Branch Traditional Neighborhood District. If annexed, it is requested to rezone the 21.446+/- acres of the incorporated portion of land known as 6300 Jones Road, 6294 Jones Road, 6290 Jones Road, 6258 Jones Road, 6246 Jones Road, 6249 Jones Road and described as tax parcel identification number 08118 001015, 08118 001009, 08118 001002D, 08118 001002E, 08118 001012, 08118 001020, 08118 001002F from Agricultural District (A) and Residential Multi-Family District (R-3) to Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND). The request is for 144 townhomes which are 1,600 square ft, 6.5 units per acre and for the variance to allow all homes to be front entry. Staff recommends denial based on the following:

- The character area is suburban residential which does not contemplate townhomes.
- If approved, it will cause the desired housing mix of townhomes to rise above the 15% recommended by the comprehensive plan.
- The proposed development would only have one point of ingress/egress - overburdening Mitchell Street.

In Favor:

Mr. Carson Smith, IV, 5611 Pine Street, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Mr. Michael Phelps of Southern Heritage Home Builders

Against:

Mark Weber, 6114 Stella Light Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Jerry Smith, 6268 Shoreview Circle, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Charles Mull, 5918 Mitchell Street, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Mayor Asbridge closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Consider Beer & Wine License for Vasudev 5, LLC

Court Administrator Kelsey Cash presented a consideration of a beer and wine license for Vasudev 5, LLC. The ownership of Grocery Express has changed from Saikrishna 1227 INC to Vasudev 5, LLC. The new owner, Karan Desai, has applied for a new package store license.

Council held a discussion with Administrator Cash regarding the license.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Department of Fun Report:

City Clerk Cooper noted upcoming events for Director Carden.

Council Report:

Council Member McClellan commended the police department for doing a great job. Council Member McClellan reported he has had several citizens come to him to report on the compassion of our police department. He furthered thanked them for their superior service to the community.

Mayor Asbridge advised when the Main Street stores will be open.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 6:31 p.m.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 6:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Weber, 6114 Stella Light Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Mr. Weber is concerned with the density of the City of Flowery Branch.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Consider February 1, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider February 1, 2024 Executive Session Minutes
- Consider February 15, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider February 15, 2024 Executive Session Minutes
- Consider February 2024 Per Diem for Mayor Asbridge
- Consider Beer & Wine License for Vasudev 5, LLC

There was a motion made to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan

SECOND: William McDaniel

AYES: Joseph Mezzanotte, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel

NAYS: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 706 for a Annexation Request submitted by PR Land Investment.

Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 707 for a Rezoning Request submitted by PR Land Investment.

There was a motion made to table Ordinance 706 and Ordinance 707 until the March 21, 2024 City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan

SECOND: William McDaniel

AYES: Joseph Mezzanotte, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel

NAYS: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider First Reading of Ordinance 708 for a Conditional Use Permit for a Crematory Addition request submitted by Mr. Kevin Wetzel.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 708 for a Conditional Use Permit for a crematory addition request submitted by Mr. Kevin Wetzel.

There was a motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 708.

MOTION: Joseph Mezzanotte
SECOND: Oliver McClellan
AYES: Joseph Mezzanotte, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel
NAYS: None
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was not executive session held.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan
SECOND: William McDaniel
AYES: Joseph Mezzanotte, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel
NAYS: None
Motion carried

Edward R. Asbridge, Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper, City Clerk