



**City of Flowery Branch  
City Council Meeting  
Thursday, March 16, 2023, 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 Members Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte and Chris Mundy.

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Assistant City Clerk Nancy Rodriguez, Planning Director Rich Atkinson, Public Works and Utilities Director Bill Whidden, Finance Director Matthew Hamby, Community Relations Director Renee Carden, Police Chief Chris Hulsey, and City Attorney Karen Thomas.

Absent: None

**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: Oliver McClellan

SECOND: Joe Anglin

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:**

**Consider Resolution 23-003 for Establishment of the Flowery Branch 457 Plan**

Finance Director Hamby presented Resolution 23-003 for establishing the Flowery Branch 457 Plan.

To attract and retain highly qualified employees, city staff constantly evaluates the benefits provided to its employees. As we reviewed the current benefits package for insurance, we discussed the possibility of providing a 457 plan to our employees to attract and retain highly

qualified employees. City staff reviewed options provided by our current benefits provider NFP and GMA. It was determined that GMA would be the best option. The 457 plan through GMA will be offered as a voluntary election to city staff and council and will not come at any cost to the City. All costs will be incurred based on the employees' choices and deducted from returns generated on those investments. City staff feels that offering a 457 plan to its employees will help attract and retain highly qualified employees.

Council held a discussion with Director Hamby regarding the Flowery Branch 457 Plan.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **Community Relations Report:**

Director Carden gave an update on the paving downtown. The sidewalks by the Depot are being paved currently.

#### **Public Works and Utilities Report:**

Director Whidden gave an update on the work being done at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. All the work has progressed very well in the past two weeks. The water tank is progressing well, and the base of the tank is done. The stem is being erected now on the ground and then will be craned in place soon. The water tank holds 250,000 gallons and is one hundred ninety feet tall.

### **ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 6:10 p.m.

### **VOTING SESSION AGENDA**

#### **CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:**

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 6:10 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*Kelly McLincha, 5628 Church Street, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542*

Mr. McLincha thanked Director Whidden for the update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

*Mark Weber, 6114 Stella Light Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542*

Mr. Weber thanked Director Whidden for the update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He would like to see more updates regarding the Capital Projects app. He is concerned about code enforcement issues in the City.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Consider March 2, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

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

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:**

Consider the Second Read of Ordinance 689; a request submitted by Mr. Morgan Hudgens to rezone a .75 +/- acre tract of land known as 5248 Gainesville Street from Residential, Detached Single-Family, Low-Density District (R-1) to Residential Multi-Family (R-3).

Attorney Thomas read the caption to Ordinance 689.

There was a motion made to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 689.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan

SECOND: Chris Mundy

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Council Member Anglin wanted to note the conditions for Ordinance 689 is restricted to one additional single-family detached home.

**NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:**

Consider Resolution 23-003 for Establishment of the Flowery Branch 457 Plan

There was a motion made to approve Resolution 23-003 for the establishment of the Flowery Branch 457 Plan.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Joe Anglin

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was a motion made to enter executive session for matters related to the acquisition/disposition of real estate, for matter related to certain personnel issues, and for matters related to pending or potential litigation at 6:17 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Oliver McClellan

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

There was a motion made to exit executive session at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion made to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan

SECOND: Joe Anglin

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

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Edward R. Asbridge, Mayor

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Date

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Shelia Cooper, City Clerk