



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting**

April 2, 2020



**City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 Pine Street, Flowery Branch GA, 30542**

CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER:

PRESENT: Mayor James Miller and Councilmembers Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Leslie Jarchow, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah

Also present were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk Melissa McCain, Deputy City Clerk Vickie Short, Finance Director Alisha Gamble, Planner Rich Atkinson, Attorney Ron Bennett

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS - WORK SESSION:

Consider 1st Reading of Ordinance 591 -Rezoning of 6490 McEver Road - All Awesome properties

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Councilman Anglin advised that buffering had been discussed.

Planner Atkinson advised that he has been working on conditions with the developer and those will be finalized and ready for the next meeting.

Councilman Anglin inquired on the status of upgrading the pump station and the city paying for a portion of that upgrade for future growth.

Planner Atkinson advised that Attorney Bennett was working on a development agreement for that purpose.

Councilman Asbridge asked on the price range for the proposed homes.

Mr. Fricks advised they would be in the 300 thousand range.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Consider Resolution 20-010 – A Resolution Relating to Efforts to Limit the Spread of the COVID-19

Attorney Bennett advised that Governor Kemp was going to release an order that may trump the council's resolution.

Attorney Bennett reviewed the proposed order and suggested to table this item until after Governor Kemp's Shelter in Place order was presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Council Report

Councilman Anglin thanked staff for their hard work to get through this pandemic.

Councilman Asbridge thanked staff also and advised that the new McDonalds is moving right along with construction.

Councilwoman Farah was very appreciative of staffs support and work.

Councilwoman Jarchow echoed the feeling of gratitude.

Councilman Mundy also thanked staff for their work efforts and suggested that everyone supports the local businesses the best they can to help them get through this.

Mayor Miller thanked staff and the public works department and encourage all citizens to abide by the Governors order and take it seriously.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Miller closed the work session at 6:27 pm.

VOTING SESSION MINUTES

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Miller called the voting session to order at 6:28 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Teresa Cantrell – McEver Road, Flowery Branch, Ga. 30542

Ms. Cantrell thanked the council for hosting the virtual meetings.

Ms. Cantrell advised that she had reached out to the council as an adjacent property owner with concerns and suggested that the council table this item in order to allow the public to meet with staff and council to share concerns and suggested conditions.

Ms. Cantrell advised that one of the conditions was to require the 75-foot buffer and to maybe use that as a common area and not just a buffer and suggest a sidewalk along McEver and throughout the subdivision.

Ms. Cantrell wanted to know what conditions were going to be required to ensure that the homes would be sold at the 300-thousand-dollar range and are the plans site specific as neighbors to this development would like to add a black vinyl coated chain link fence.

Further Ms. Cantrell suggested that the council table this for more discussion time and inquired if there was a way for the public to be involved in the site plan conditions.

Planner Atkinson advised that it was site specific and the applicant would be required to follow the site plan if approved and the conditions have been written by staff and he will have those ready for the next meeting. The lot size will be dictated by the site plan and Code sets a minimum standard.

Attorney Bennett advised that some cities have a meeting with the public to engage the council, but Flowery Branch's current system does not have that mechanism. The council can take public comments and incorporate those if they wish.

Janet Upchurch, Nags Way, Gainesville, Ga.

Ms. Upchurch advised that her business has been closed for the last three weeks because of the pandemic and she is still paying a minimum water/sewer bill.

Ms. Upchurch requested that the council base the commercial based utility rates on a usage base rate as opposed to a minimum rate.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There was no consent agenda to consider.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

1st Reading of Ordinance 591 -Rezoning of 6490 McEver Road - All Awesome properties

Attorney Bennett read the caption to ordinance 591.

There was a motion made to approve the first reading of ordinance 591, the rezoning of 6490 McEver Road.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Joe Anglin

Discussion:

Councilman Anglin inquired on the turn lanes into the development.

Planner Atkinson pulled up the site plan

Mr. Fricks advised that there would be a turn lane to turn left into the subdivision and a deceleration lane to turn right into the subdivision.

Councilman Anglin advised that he wanted to see at the next meeting how the pump station was going to be screened.

AYES: Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah

NAYS: Leslie Jarchow

Motion carried

1st Reading of Ordinance 592 - Rezoning of 6509 McEver Road - Whitehorse, LLC.

Attorney Bennett read the caption to ordinance 592.

There was a motion made to approve the first reading of ordinance 592, rezoning of 6509 McEver Road.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Amy Farah

AYES: Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah

NAYS: Leslie Jarchow

Motion carried

1st Reading of Ordinance 593 - Rezoning of 6533 McEver Road - Whitehorse, LLC.

Attorney Bennett read the caption to ordinance 593.

There was a motion made to approve the first reading of ordinance 593, rezoning of 6533 McEver Road.

MOTION: Amy Farah
SECOND: Joe Anglin
AYES: Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah
NAYS: Leslie Jarchow
Motion carried

Consider Resolution 20-010 – A Resolution Relating to Efforts to Limit the Spread of the COVID-19

There was a motion made to table Resolution 20-010

MOTION: Chris Mundy
SECOND: Joe Anglin
AYES: Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Leslie Jarchow.
NAYS:
Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

There was no new business to consider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was a motion made to enter executive session at 6:51 pm for litigation, personnel and property disposition/acquisition.

MOTION: Leslie Jarchow
SECOND: Amy Farah
AYES: Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Leslie Jarchow, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah
NAYS: None
Motion carried

There was a motion made to reconvene open session at 7:55 pm.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: Ed Asbridge
AYES: Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Leslie Jarchow, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah
NAYS: None
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Chris Mundy

AYES: Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Leslie Jarchow, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah

NAYS: None

Motion carried