



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 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 6:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Asbridge and Council Members Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, and Chris Mundy.

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

Absent: Council Member Oliver McClellan and City Clerk Shelia Cooper

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: Joe Anglin

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

A Public Hearing to Consider an Annexation and Rezoning Request submitted by Cook Communities.

Director Atkinson advised that Hall County has officially objected to the requested annexation. The applicant has asked that we table this request until the City Council Meeting on June 15, 2023.

There was a motion made to table the Public Hearing to consider an annexation and rezoning request submitted by Cook Communities until the City Council Meeting on June 15, 2023.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: Chris Mundy
AYES: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

Mayor Asbridge moved the following presentation to the second presentation.

A Public Hearing to Consider a Variance Request submitted by Stanton E. Porter allowing Fuel Pumps to be Located in Front of the Primary Structure at 4603 Atlanta Highway.

Director Atkinson presented a Public Hearing to consider a variance request submitted by Stanton E. Porter allowing fuel pumps to be in front of the primary structure at 4603 Atlanta Highway. This request asks for relief from the zoning ordinance requiring gas pumps to be located behind the principal structure.

Council held a discussion with the applicant regarding the variance request.

Against: None

For: None

Mayor Asbridge closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

A Public Hearing to Consider a Rezoning Request for 7004 Lake Sterling Boulevard submitted by Matt Raines.

Director Atkinson presented a public hearing to consider a rezoning request for 7004 Lake Sterling Boulevard submitted by Matt Raines. This building was purchased by Matt Raines, and he runs his real estate business from this site. Mr. Raines is requesting to add a smoothie/shake shop as allowed use. This would be a pickup service only.

For:

Matt Raines, 5915 Peacock Lane, Hoschton, GA 30548

John Heath, 6709 Bonfire Drive, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Against:

Mike Patterson, 6917 Creekstone Place, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Eileen Sasso, 7240 Red Maple Court, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Rosa Probst, 7038 Boathouse Way, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Kim Tanis, 7277 Red Maple Court, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Paul Sasso, 7240 Red Maple Court, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Brian Kovach, 7015 Treehouse Way, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Michele Dunphy, 7010 Treehouse Way, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Christopher Jennings, 7039 Treehouse Way, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Cynthia Schaefer, 7403 Switchback Lane, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Rodney Andrew, 7898 Brass Lantern Drive, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Neil & Kay MacMillan, 7472 Shady Glen Drive, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Rebecca Chow, 6691 Trailside Drive, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Aubrey Duke, 7016 Treehouse Way, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Tyler Burke, 6786 Scarlet Oak Way, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Maura Glassberg, 7046 Boathouse Way, Flowery Branch, GA 30542
Candi McClave, 7555 Brookstone Circle, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Mayor Asbridge closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Discuss Proposed Text Amendment Implementing Zoning Ordinance Changes.

Director Atkinson led a discussion on a proposed text amendment implementing zoning ordinance changes. The goals are to update and clarify residential zoning districts by reworking the PUD to have more clearly defined objectives. Reworking street design and open space requirements and to ensure the City is in compliance with State requirements regarding advertising.

Council held a discussion regarding the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report:

City Manager Parrish introduced the newly hired Public Utilities Manager, Peter Woerner.

Community Relations Report:

Director Carden invited all residents to the Grand Opening Celebration of Downtown on June 22, 2023.

Finance Department Report:

Director Hamby reported we purchased our first certificate of deposit which will earn 5.35%.

Police Department Report:

Police Chief Hulsey invited all residents to a Community Shred It Event at the Stonebridge Village Shopping Center from 10am – 2 pm.

Public Works & Utilities Report:

Director Whidden reported updates on the water tower and that the outside of the tower is scheduled to be painted mid-July.

Council Report:

Council Member Anglin reported he likes to see the great turnout of the citizens at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 7:45 p.m.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 7:45 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Weber, 6114 Stella Light Drive, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

He is glad that Council is reviewing the zoning ordinances in the City.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Consider April 6, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider April 6, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

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

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: William McDaniel

AYES: Joe Anglin, 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 matters related to certain personnel issues, and for matters related to pending or potential litigation at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

There was a motion made to exit executive session at 9:05 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: William McDaniel
AYES: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: Chris Mundy
AYES: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
NAYS: None
Motion carried

Edward R. Asbridge, Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper, City Clerk