



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM
City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 Pine Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Anglin called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Joe Anglin and Councilmembers Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Leslie Jarchow and Amy Farah.

ABSENT: Mayor Mike Miller (until the end of Executive Session).

Also present were Bill Andrew, City Manager, Vickie Short, City Clerk, Ron Bennett, City Attorney, Alisha Gamble, Finance Director, Rich Atkinson, Planner, Bill Whidden, Public Works Director and Sgt. Dalton Hall, PD Patrol Commander.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro Tem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-WORK SESSION

A work session to consider a rezoning application submitted by NNP-Looper Lake, LLC. to rezone tax parcel 15047 000885 from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) with modified conditions.

Mr. Atkinson presented the details of the applicant's request to rezone the development of a Planned Unit Development along Capitola Farm Road and Spout Springs Road. Currently, the entire parcel (12 +/- acres) is zoned PUD and is designated as for sale commercial/retail property. Applicant is requesting 8 +/- acres be removed from the commercial/retail development classification allowing for the construction of approximately 65 townhomes. The original overall unit count is limited to 2,000. If approved, the townhome development would push that number to 2,018.

Staff recommends approval. The design meets the standards that the City has requested – connectivity, rear access, open space, landscaping, etc. The proposed development leaves acreage for potential commercial while adding a well-designed townhome component to SOTL.

Chris Whitaker, with NNP-Looper Lake, LLC fielded several questions.

Mr. Asbridge asked about the pool information and parking concerns. Mayor and Council had previously been sent the amenities' information requested at the April 15, 2021 meeting. Mr. Whitaker explained that parking will not be an issue because each unit will have a two-car garage.

Mr. Anglin asked for the width of the streets. Mr. Whitaker will be providing that measurement to Council. Mr. Anglin also expressed that the current residents are concerned with density and would prefer commercial instead. In response, Mr. Whitaker relayed that NNP-Looper Lake, LLC feels this is the only option.

Mr. Anglin pointed out The Preserve and Retreat will be under construction at the same time. He questioned whether these units will be competitive. Mr. Whitaker responded that the \$260,000 projected price will more than likely change because of the cost of materials effecting the cost of the homes.

Mr. Mundy is concerned about the look of the projected townhomes versus the original townhomes located along the Village Green. Mr. Whitaker gave a history of the townhomes.

NEW BUSINESS-WORK SESSION:

Hall County Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct Municipal Elections

Ms. Short presented the details of the IGA to conduct municipal elections. The details include:

The City shall perform the following duties:

- Qualifying of candidates
- Act as filing officer for all financial statements with the State Ethics Commission
- Review and approve all calls of election prepared by the Elections Board for accuracy prior to publication

The County shall be responsible for:

All elections materials, equipment, software, supplies, personnel and assistance to insure that required municipal elections shall be conducted in a safe, efficient, secure and orderly fashion.

Mr. Anglin asked if an additional polling place might be added to make voting more convenient for the citizens. Ms. Short responded that she would contact the Hall County Board of Elections on that possibility.

Resolution 21-003 Certified City of Ethics

Ms. Short presented Resolution 21-003. In January of 2005, April of 2009, January of 2013 and January of 2017, the City of Flowery Branch adopted an Ethics Ordinance and Resolution to become a Certified City of Ethics. To recertify as a City of Ethics, a current resolution signed by the majority of the governing body re-adopting the five ethics principles must be provided:

Serve others, not ourselves

Use resources with efficiency and economy

Treat all people fairly

Use the power of our position for the wellbeing of our constituents

Create an environment of honesty, openness and integrity

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report

Mr. Andrew mentioned that the Farmers Market Opening Day was today with 24 vendors and the Pre-Construction Mtg for Downtown Development will be on May 10.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Consider April 1, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Hall County Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct Municipal Elections

Resolution 21-003 Certified City of Ethics

Consider Mayor Miller Per Diem

There was a motion made to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: Leslie Jarchow

SECOND: Chris Mundy

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was a motion made to enter executive session at 6:43 pm.

MOTION: Amy Farah

SECOND: Leslie Jarchow

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

There was a motion made to reconvene open session at 7:30 pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

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

Mayor – Mike Miller

Date

City Clerk – Vickie Short