



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 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 6:00 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, Public Works & Utilities Director Bill Whidden, Director of Fun Renee Carden, Police Chief Chris Hulsey, Finance Director Matthew Hamby and City Attorney Ted Baggett.

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

There was a motion made approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

WEST HALL HIGH SCHOOL IB SENIOR ART STUDENTS PRESENTATION TO THE CITY:

West Hall High School Art Instructor Jennifer Griner and several IB Senior Art Students presented artwork to the City. The City is honored to have been presented with this beautiful display of art from West Hall High School and it will be hung in the lobby of City Hall. This year's artwork was inspired from old photographs of the old town of Flowery Branch and the student's artwork is to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of Flowery Branch.



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Asbridge presented Finance Director Matthew Hamby with a certificate of completion of the Public Finance Leadership Academy, signifying his dedication to excellence in public finance leadership.

PUBLIC HEARING: There was no public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - WORK SESSION: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

FY2025 Budget Presentation

Director Hamby presented the proposed FY2025 Budget. It is presented as a balanced budget. There are five focus areas of the strategic plan: public safety, infrastructure improvements, internal operations, financial stability and economic development.

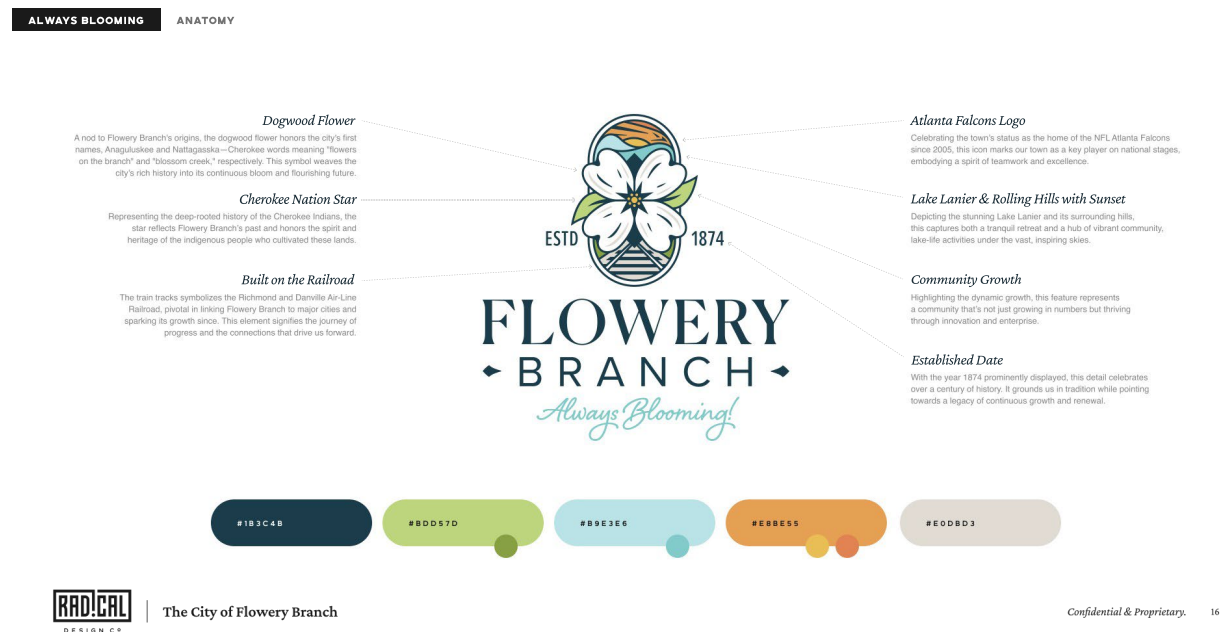
The FY2025 budget highlights:

- Insurance Cost to Employees remains the same, Cost lowered in FY2024.
- Proposed 4% COLA and up to 2% merit increase based on annual review.
- 3 new proposed positions; Economic Development Director, Department of Fun Assistant & W&S Maintenance Trainee.
- Human Resources Department established.
- Proposed Millage Rate of 3.264; remains the same.
- Proposed General Fund budget up 14.9%, primarily due to increases in Title Ad Valorem Tax, Local Options Sales Tax, Insurance premium Tax, Fines, Fees and Forfeitures, and Permits and Zoning Fees.

There were no questions.

Brand Refresh update with Radical Design Co. LLC

Kevin Panke from Radical Design Company presented a Flowery Branch brand refresh.



DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Department of Fun Report:

Director Carden noted upcoming events.

Council Report:

Council Member Mundy congratulated Director Hamby on his accomplishments with earning his financial certificate.

Mayor Asbridge stated it is amazing all the talent of the art students and he is so proud of their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 6:33 p.m.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Moats, 5780 Screech Owl Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Mr. Moats is president of the Summit Lakes HOA. There are issues with the streets in the subdivision. The developer and builder are not taking responsibility for issues with the streets. He asked the City to hold the developer accountable for the issues with the streets in the subdivision.

Bill Nackers, 5887 Screech Owl Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Mr. Nackers wanted to voice his concerns with the streets in the Summit Lake Subdivision. He also asked the City to hold the developer and builder accountable for the issues with the streets in the subdivision.

Josh Roberts, 6352 Gaines Ferry Road, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Mr. Roberts wanted to compliment the brand refresh. He has approached various different avenues for his business model. He hired an attorney to review what options he has, and he has been given a rejection but would like to know the reason why and meet with the City attorney.

Before moving on from the Public Comments portion, Council Member Anglin held a discussion with City Attorney Baggett regarding the streets in Summit Lake. City Attorney Baggett will research the facts and history for this development and report back with the findings.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Consider May 2, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

There was a motion made 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: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION: There was no new business.

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 matter related to pending or potential litigation at 6:43 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Chris Mundy

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 7:35 p.m.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan

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 the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION: Oliver McClellan

SECOND: Joe Anglin

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Edward R. Asbridge, Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper, City Clerk