



**City of Flowery Branch  
City Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 15, 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, Joseph Mezzanotte, and Chris Mundy.

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

Absent: Council Member William McDaniel

**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: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Joe Anglin

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

Director Atkinson presented an annexation and rezoning request submitted by Cook Communities for 14.27 +/- acres of land from Hall County Agricultural Residential (ARIII) to Flowery Branch Planned Unit Development (PUD) with the intent to develop and construct a 49-unit Age Restricted Townhome Community. The proposed development does not meet the strict

requirements of the Comprehensive Plan. However, the size and scope of the proposed project would blend in with the surrounding area as it is residential in nature.

Council held a discussion regarding this request from Cook Communities.

There were none in favor or against the public hearing.

Mayor Asbridge closed the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Public Hearing and First Vote for an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny an occupational tax license submitted by Mr. Razvan Catanitou.

Director Atkinson presented an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny an occupational tax license submitted by Mr. Razvan Catanitou. Mr. Catanitou would like to have an automobile repair shop at 4784 Cantrell Road. The address is zoned M-1 Light Industrial, and the use is allowed. The request was denied due to lack of adequate parking. Table 21.3 requires 1 space per 250 square feet. The site is 26,970 square feet and would require 107.88 required parking spots.

Council held a discussion regarding the request.

In Favor:

Ron Clements, 4784 Cantrell Road, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Razvan Catanitou, 4784 Cantrell Road, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Grayson Upchurch, 5504 Main Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Against:

None

Mayor Asbridge closed the Public Hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Public Hearing for FY2024 Budget and Tax Year 2023 Millage Rate.

Director Hamby presented FY2024 Budget and Tax Year 2023 Millage Rate.

## General Fund (Revenues)



Property Tax (based on current millage of 3.264):

- New or Improved Properties
  - Estimated to increase revenue by \$290,202
- Reassessment of Existing Real Property
  - Estimated to increase revenue by \$624,190
- Other Major Revenues:
  - Local Options Sales Tax 12%
  - TAVT 3%
  - Franchise Taxes 12%

## General Fund (Expenditures)



- Planned increases for personnel (4% COLA & 2% Merit)
- Addition of 7 new positions in the following departments: Human Resources (1), Police (4), Planning (1), Public Works (1)
- Additional \$858,000 transfer to capital projects for the community (Road Paving, Land Acquisition, and Sidewalk Improvements, Downtown Development Phase 2)
- Overall General Fund Budget = 20%



## Millage Comparison



### YOUR TAX DOLLAR AT WORK

A Quick-Look Summary of the Adopted \$8.754 Million  
FY 2024 General Fund Budget



Public Safety  
\$ 0.31

Operations  
\$0.21

Public Works  
\$0.17

H&D  
\$0.12

GF Capital  
\$ 0.10

Municipal Court  
\$ 0.03  
\*\*Tourism  
\$0.06



## Why not consider a millage decrease For FY2024?



- Response times for police and public works services has declined as community demands have increased with growth, in turn creating the need for additional staff
- Rapid growth in population = more demand for quality City services
- Needed infrastructure improvements (Additional Road Paving, Sidewalk Paving, Land Acquisition, & Downtown Development Phase II)

## Millage Comparison



### Tax Bill Comparison

Average Homestead Exempt Home Value \$ 400,000



### Flowery Branch Tax Bill with Roll Back

$\$400,000 \times 40\% = \$160,000$  Assessed Value

$$\$160,000 - \$18,000 \text{ (Governor's Property Tax Grant)} = \$142,000$$
$$\$142,000/1,000 = 142$$
$$142 \times 2.677 = \$380.13$$

Average Homestead Exempt Home Value \$ 400,000



**Total Annual  
Difference  
\$83.35 or \$6.94  
per month**

Flowery Branch Tax Bill without Roll Back

$$\$400,000 \times 40\% = \$160,000 \text{ Assessed Value}$$
$$\$160,000 - \$18,000 \text{ (Governor's Property Tax Grant)} = \$142,000$$
$$\$142,000/1,000 = 142$$
$$142 \times 3.264 = \$463.48$$

## Millage Comparison



## Millage Comparison



### YOUR TAX DOLLAR BREAKDOWN

A Quick-Look Summary of your Tax Dollar Breakdown by  
Governmental Entity for Tax Year 2022.



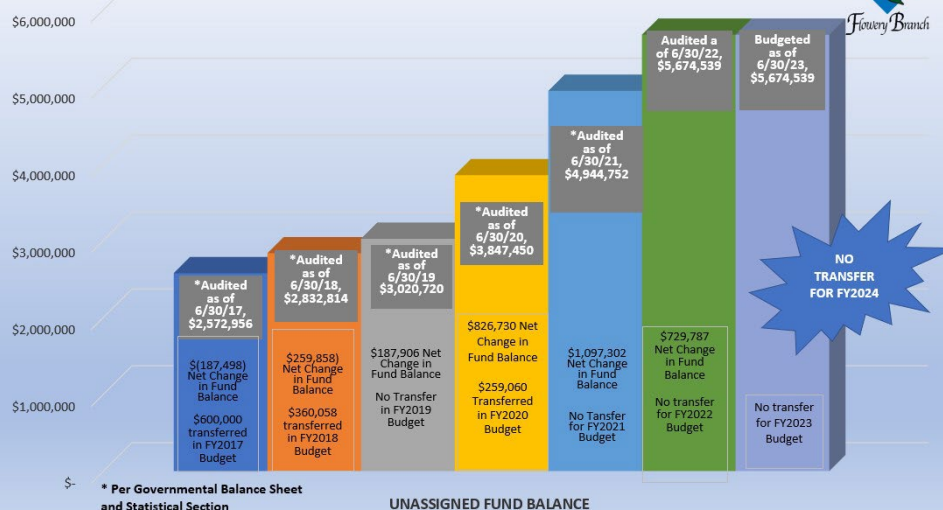
Hall County Schools  
\$0.59

Hall County  
\$0.29

Flower Branch  
\$ 0.12



### General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance History





### Water & Wastewater Fund (Revenues)

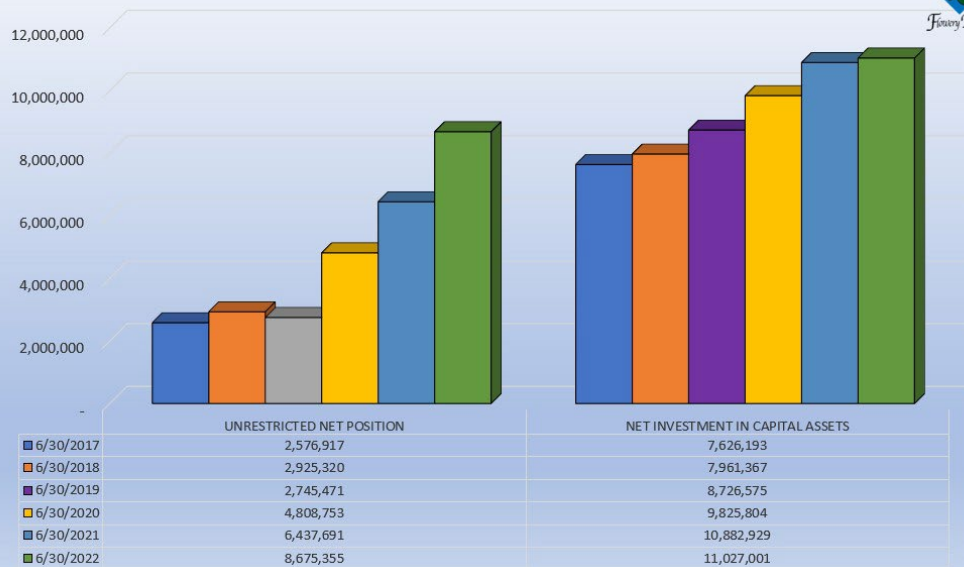
- Water and Sewer Revenue:
  - Increase in collections as our community continues to grow

### Water & Wastewater Fund (Expenditures)

- All Departments:
  - Planned increases for personnel
  - Increased cost in chemicals and supplies



## Water Sewer Fund Balance History



CONFISCATED ASSETS FUND  
BUDGET REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FORM



|                                     | <b>FY2022<br/>ACTUAL</b> | <b>FY2023<br/>ADJ BUDGET</b> | <b>FY2024<br/>BUDGET</b> | <b>%<br/>CHANGE</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Operating Revenues:</b>          |                          |                              |                          |                     |
| Confiscations - State               | \$ -                     | 32,800                       | -                        | -100%               |
| Confiscations - Local               | -                        | -                            | -                        | N/A                 |
| Confiscations - Federal             | -                        | -                            | -                        | N/A                 |
| Budget Fund Balance                 | -                        | -                            | 32,800                   | N/A                 |
| <b>Total Operating Revenue</b>      | -                        | 32,800                       | 32,800                   | 0.0%                |
| <b>Operating Expenditures:</b>      |                          |                              |                          |                     |
| Personal Services                   | \$ -                     | \$ -                         | \$ -                     | N/A                 |
| Professional & Other Services       | -                        | -                            | -                        | N/A                 |
| Supplies & Operating Charges        | -                        | 32,800                       | 32,800                   | 0.0%                |
| Capital Outlay                      | -                        | -                            | -                        | N/A                 |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b> | -                        | 32,800                       | 32,800                   | 0.0%                |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>               | -                        | -                            | -                        | N/A                 |
| <b>Total Overall Expenditures</b>   | \$ -                     | \$ 32,800                    | \$ 32,800                | 0.0%                |

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND  
BUDGET REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FORM



|                                     | <b>FY2022<br/>Actual</b> | <b>FY2023<br/>Budget</b> | <b>FY2024<br/>Budget</b> | <b>%<br/>CHANGE</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                      |                          |                          |                          |                     |
| Amerian Rescue Plan                 | \$ 165,020               | \$ 1,554,429             | \$ -                     | -100%               |
| Interest Revenue                    | \$ -                     | \$ -                     | \$ 30,000                | N/A                 |
| Budget Fund Balance                 | -                        | 1,389,409                | 1,999,758                | 43.9%               |
|                                     |                          |                          |                          | N/A                 |
| <b>Total Operating Revenue</b>      | 165,020                  | 2,943,838                | 2,029,758                | -31.1%              |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                |                          |                          |                          |                     |
| Capital Outlay                      | \$ 7,020                 | \$ 2,131,938             | \$ 1,029,758             | -51.7%              |
| Transfer out                        | 158,000                  | 811,900                  | 1,000,000                | 23.2%               |
|                                     |                          |                          |                          | N/A                 |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b> | 165,020                  | 2,943,838                | 2,029,758                | -31.1%              |
| <b>Total Overall Expenditures</b>   | \$ -                     | \$ -                     | \$ -                     | N/A                 |

TAX ALLOCATION FUND  
BUDGET REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FORM



|                                     | <b>FY2022<br/>Actual</b> | <b>FY2023<br/>Budget</b> | <b>FY2024<br/>Budget</b> | <b>%<br/>CHANGE</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                      |                          |                          |                          |                     |
| TAD revenue - Hall Co. Portion      | \$ 237,651               | \$ 250,000               | \$ 700,000               | 180.0%              |
| TAD revenue - City Portion          | -                        | -                        | 550,000                  | N/A                 |
| Rental Income                       | -                        | -                        | 101,923                  | N/A                 |
| Interest revenue                    | 8,961                    | 2,000                    | 20,000                   | 900.0%              |
| Transfers in                        | 172,020                  | 329,254                  | -                        | -100.0%             |
| Budget Fund Balance                 | -                        | 3,010,594                | -                        | -100.0%             |
|                                     |                          |                          |                          | N/A                 |
| <b>Total Operating Revenue</b>      | <b>418,632</b>           | <b>3,591,848</b>         | <b>1,371,923</b>         | <b>-61.8%</b>       |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                |                          |                          |                          |                     |
| Professional and Other Services     | \$ 281,278               | \$ 205,000               | \$ 560,000               | 173.2%              |
| Capital Outlay                      | 2,087,729                | 3,115,298                | 466,429                  | -85.0%              |
| Debt Service                        | 161,526                  | 271,550                  | 345,494                  | 27.2%               |
| Transfers Out                       | -                        | -                        | -                        | N/A                 |
|                                     |                          |                          |                          | N/A                 |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b> | <b>2,530,533</b>         | <b>3,591,848</b>         | <b>1,371,923</b>         | <b>-61.8%</b>       |
| <b>Total Overall Expenditures</b>   | <b>\$ (2,111,901)</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>N/A</b>          |

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND  
BUDGET REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FORM



|                                      | <b>FY2022<br/>Actual</b> | <b>FY2023<br/>Budget</b> | <b>FY2024<br/>Budget</b> | <b>%<br/>CHANGE</b> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                       |                          |                          |                          |                     |
| Technology Fees                      | \$ 22,446                | \$ 30,240                | \$ 20,000                | -33.9%              |
| Interest Revenue                     | -                        | -                        | -                        | N/A                 |
| Transfer In                          | -                        | -                        | -                        | N/A                 |
| Budget Fund Balance                  | -                        | 10,669                   | 15,000                   | 40.6%               |
|                                      |                          |                          |                          | N/A                 |
| <b>Total Operating Revenue</b>       | <b>22,446</b>            | <b>40,909</b>            | <b>35,000</b>            | <b>-14.4%</b>       |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                 |                          |                          |                          |                     |
| Supplies and Operating Charges       | \$ 37,059                | \$ 40,909                | \$ 35,000                | -14.4%              |
| Capital Outlay                       | -                        | -                        | -                        | N/A                 |
| Transfer out                         | -                        | -                        | -                        | N/A                 |
|                                      |                          |                          |                          | N/A                 |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>  | <b>37,059</b>            | <b>40,909</b>            | <b>35,000</b>            | <b>-14.4%</b>       |
| <b>Excess Revenue Over/(Under) E</b> | <b>\$ (14,613)</b>       | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>N/A</b>          |



HOTEL/MOTEL FUND  
BUDGET REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FORM

|                                        | FY2022<br>Actual | FY2023<br>Budget | FY2024<br>Budget | %<br>CHANGE |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                         |                  |                  |                  |             |
| CVB Hotel Tax Revenue - City's portion | \$ 78,003        | \$ 85,000        | \$ 85,000        | 0.0%        |
| Tourism Product Development            | 39,001           | 40,000           | 40,000           | 0.0%        |
| CVB Hotel Tax Revenue - CVB's portion  | 91,004           | 85,000           | 85,000           | 0.0%        |
| Interest Revenue                       | -                | -                | -                | N/A         |
| Budget Fund Balance                    | -                | -                | -                | N/A         |
| <b>Total Operating Revenue</b>         | 208,008          | 210,000          | 210,000          | 0.0%        |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                   |                  |                  |                  |             |
| Convention Visitors Bureau             | \$ 91,005        | \$ 85,000        | \$ 85,000        | 0.0%        |
| Transfers Out                          | 117,004          | 125,000          | 125,000          | 0.0%        |
|                                        |                  |                  |                  | N/A         |
|                                        |                  |                  |                  | N/A         |
| <b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>    | 208,009          | 210,000          | 210,000          | 0.0%        |
| <b>Excess Revenue Over/(Under) E</b>   | \$ (1.25)        | \$ -             | \$ -             | N/A         |

WATER AND SEWER FUND  
BUDGET REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FORM

|                                       | FY2022<br>ACTUAL | FY2023<br>ADJ BUDGET | FY2024<br>BUDGET | %<br>CHANGE |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>                       |                  |                      |                  |             |
| Water Charges                         | 998,381          | 946,000              | 1,100,000        | 16.28%      |
| Meter Set Fees                        | 73,828           | 87,000               | 15,000           | -82.76%     |
| Admin Fees                            | 230,270          | 82,000               | 42,000           | -48.78%     |
| Sewer Charges - Billed By Gainesville | 1,038,517        | 947,512              | 1,100,000        | 16.09%      |
| Sewer Charges                         | 1,061,595        | 1,022,000            | 1,130,100        | 10.58%      |
| Bank Fees / Bad Check Fees            | 90               | -                    | -                | N/A         |
| Interest Revenue                      | 130              | -                    | 332,200          | N/A         |
| Penalties / Reconnect Fees            | 46,194           | 48,000               | 50,000           | 4.17%       |
| W&S Misc Revenue                      | -                | 3,500                | -                | -100.0%     |
| S/F.O.G & Pre-Treatment Permits       | 4,471            | 7,850                | 7,000            | -10.83%     |
| WI Rebates from Gainesville           | 53,899           | 42,000               | 30,000           | -28.57%     |
| Transfers in - Development Charges    | 1,264,672        | -                    | -                |             |
| Transfers in - Other                  | 203,051          | -                    | -                |             |
| Budgeted Net Position                 |                  |                      |                  |             |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                  | 4,975,098        | 3,185,862            | 3,806,300        | 19.47%      |
| <b>Operating:</b>                     |                  |                      |                  |             |
| Personal Services                     | \$ 854,396       | \$ 1,341,166         | \$ 719,008       | -46.39%     |
| Professional & Other Services         | 526,904          | 604,330              | 678,900          | 12.34%      |
| Supplies & Operating Charges          | 667,544          | 639,300              | 800,800          | 25.26%      |
| Indirect Cost Allocation              | -                | -                    | 789,679          |             |
| Depreciation                          | 480,856          | -                    | -                |             |
| Contingency                           | -                | 5,061                | 373,000          |             |
| <b>Total Operating</b>                | 2,529,700        | 2,589,857            | 3,361,387        | 29.79%      |
| Capital Outlay                        | 10,649           | -                    | -                | N/A         |
| Debt Service                          | 53,013           | 596,005              | 444,913          | -25.35%     |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>             | \$ 2,593,362     | \$ 3,185,862         | \$ 3,806,300     | 19.47%      |
| <b>Excess Revenue Over/(Under)</b>    | 2,381,736        | -                    | -                |             |



**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND**  
BUDGET REQUEST AND JUSTIFICATION FORM



| Revenues                              | FY2022<br>ACTUAL | FY2023<br>ADJ BUDGET | FY2024<br>BUDGET | %<br>CHANGE |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Premiums                              | \$ -             | \$ -                 | \$ 1,408,000     | N/A         |
| Interest                              | -                | -                    | -                | N/A         |
| Transfers in                          | -                | -                    | -                | N/A         |
| Budgeted Net Position                 | -                | -                    | -                | N/A         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                  | -                | -                    | 1,408,000        | N/A         |
| <b>Operating:</b>                     |                  |                      |                  |             |
| Personal Services                     | \$ -             | \$ -                 | \$ 122,551       | N/A         |
| Health Insurance Premiums/Claims Expe | -                | -                    | 892,278          | N/A         |
| Life Insurance Premiums               | -                | -                    | 5,233            | N/A         |
| Vision Insurance Premiums             | -                | -                    | 4,734            | N/A         |
| Dental Insurance Premiums             | -                | -                    | 28,824           | N/A         |
| Long-term Disability Insurance        | -                | -                    | 17,872           | N/A         |
| Administration/Wellness Program       | -                | -                    | 23,000           | N/A         |
| Pension cost                          | -                | -                    | 270,000          | N/A         |
| Other Costs                           | -                | -                    | 43,508           | N/A         |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>             | -                | -                    | 1,408,000        | N/A         |
| <b>Excess Revenue Over/(Under)</b>    | -                | -                    | -                |             |

FY2024 Capital Improvements Summary

| Project Name                         | Critical Need<br>Ranking | Priority<br>Ranking | FY 2024<br>Funding<br>Request | FY 2024<br>Funding<br>Allowed | FY 2025<br>Additional<br>Funding | FY 2026<br>Additional<br>Funding | FY 2027<br>Additional<br>Funding | FY 2028<br>Additional<br>Funding | 5-Year Total |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>City Manager's Office</b>         |                          |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |              |
| Downtown Development Phase II        | A: Essential             |                     | 400,000                       | 418,305                       |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | 418,305      |
| City Buildings Security              | A: Essential             |                     | 50,000                        | 50,000                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | 50,000       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                      |                          |                     | 450,000                       | 468,305                       | -                                | -                                | -                                | -                                | 468,305      |
| <b>City Clerk</b>                    |                          |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |              |
|                                      | A: Essential             |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | -            |
|                                      | A: Essential             |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | -            |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                      |                          |                     | -                             | -                             | -                                | -                                | -                                | -                                | -            |
| <b>Finance</b>                       |                          |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |              |
| City Hall Debt Services              | A: Essential             |                     | 342,917                       | 342,917                       |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | 342,917      |
| IT Equipment Upgrades Annual Program | A: Essential             |                     | 25,000                        | 25,000                        | 25,000                           | 25,000                           | 25,000                           | 25,000                           | 325,000      |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                      |                          |                     | 367,917                       | 367,917                       | 25,000                           | 25,000                           | 25,000                           | 25,000                           | 462,917      |
| <b>Public Works</b>                  |                          |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |              |
| Replacement Utility Vehicle          | A: Essential             |                     | 80,000                        | 80,000                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | 80,000       |
| Asphalt Crew City Truck              | A: Essential             |                     | 45,000                        | 45,000                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | 45,000       |
| Front End Loader                     | A: Essential             |                     | 40,000                        | 40,000                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | 40,000       |
| Annual Paving Program                | A: Essential             |                     | 1,775,797                     | 1,775,797                     | 1,105,759                        | 1,085,222                        | 1,585,000                        | 1,585,000                        | 7,134,778    |
| Parks Property & Improvements        | A: Essential             |                     | 244,428                       | 244,428                       | 170,572                          |                                  |                                  |                                  | 415,000      |
| Public Works Property                | A: Essential             |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  | 310,000                          | 310,000      |
| East Main Culvert                    | A: Essential             |                     | 550,000                       | 550,000                       |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | 550,000      |
| Land Acquisition                     | A: Essential             |                     | 243,805                       | 243,805                       |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | 243,805      |
| Sidewalk Program                     | A: Essential             |                     | 50,000                        | 50,000                        | 50,000                           | 50,000                           | 50,000                           | 50,000                           | 250,000      |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                      |                          |                     | 3,027,930                     | 3,027,930                     | 1,324,531                        | 1,135,222                        | 1,635,000                        | 1,545,000                        | 9,066,583    |
| <b>Municipal Court</b>               |                          |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |              |
|                                      | A: Essential             |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | -            |
|                                      | A: Essential             |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | -            |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                      |                          |                     | -                             | -                             | -                                | -                                | -                                | -                                | -            |
| <b>Police</b>                        |                          |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |              |
| Police Vehicles (2)                  | Priority Ranking         |                     | 325,000                       | 325,000                       | 40,000                           | 77,000                           |                                  |                                  | 442,000      |
|                                      | A: Essential             |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | -            |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                      |                          |                     | 325,000                       | 325,000                       | 40,000                           | 77,000                           | -                                | -                                | 442,000      |
| <b>Planning</b>                      |                          |                     |                               |                               |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |              |
| Planning Software                    | A: Essential             |                     | 50,000                        | 50,000                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | 50,000       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                      |                          |                     | 50,000                        | 50,000                        |                                  |                                  | -                                | -                                | 50,000       |





## FY2024 Capital Improvements Summary

| Project Name                                             | Critical Need Ranking | Priority Ranking | FY 2024 Funding Request | FY 2024 Funding Allowed | FY 2025 Additional Funding | FY 2026 Additional Funding | FY 2027 Additional Funding | FY 2028 Additional Funding | 5-Year Total      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Tourism</b>                                           |                       |                  |                         |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            |                   |
| Gateway Sign                                             | A - Essential         |                  | 50,000                  | 50,000                  |                            |                            |                            |                            | 50,000            |
| Landscaping Design and Implementation                    | Priority Ranking      |                  | 50,000                  | 100,000                 |                            |                            |                            |                            | 100,000           |
| Public Bathroom (Include in DD Phase II)                 | A - Essential         |                  | 300,000                 |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            | -                 |
| Hammock Park                                             | A - Essential         |                  | 30,000                  | 30,000                  |                            |                            |                            |                            | 30,000            |
| Caboose Renovations                                      | A - Essential         |                  | 30,000                  | 30,000                  |                            |                            |                            |                            | 30,000            |
|                                                          | A - Essential         |                  |                         |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            | -                 |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                          |                       |                  | <b>460,000</b>          | <b>210,000</b>          | -                          | -                          | -                          | -                          | <b>160,000</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</b>                          |                       |                  |                         |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            |                   |
|                                                          |                       |                  | <b>4,683,947</b>        | <b>4,452,252</b>        | <b>1,392,331</b>           | <b>1,237,222</b>           | <b>1,660,000</b>           | <b>1,970,000</b>           | <b>10,661,805</b> |
| <b>Water and Sewer</b>                                   |                       |                  |                         |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            |                   |
| Wastewater Expansion (CWSRF)                             | A - Essential         |                  | 11,485,000              | 11,485,000              |                            |                            |                            |                            | 11,485,000        |
| Waterline Improvements                                   | A - Essential         |                  | 140,000                 | 140,000                 | 140,000                    |                            |                            |                            | 280,000           |
| Wastewater Effluent Discharge Force Main Phase 2 (CWSRF) | A - Essential         |                  | 750,000                 |                         | 750,000                    | 750,000                    |                            |                            | 1,500,000         |
| Wastewater Pump Station Modification (CWSRF)             | A - Essential         |                  | 100,000                 | 100,000                 |                            |                            |                            |                            | 100,000           |
| Water Distribution System Upgrade (DWSRF)                | A - Essential         |                  | 200,000                 | 200,000                 | 200,000                    |                            |                            |                            | 400,000           |
| Water Distribution at Railroad Crossings (DWSRF)         | A - Essential         |                  | 250,000                 | 250,000                 |                            |                            |                            |                            | 250,000           |
| Lights Ferry Water Line (DWSRF)                          | A - Essential         |                  | 250,000                 | 250,000                 |                            |                            |                            |                            | 250,000           |
| Wells 4 & 5 (DWSRF)                                      | A - Essential         |                  | 1,120,000               | 1,120,000               |                            |                            |                            |                            | 1,120,000         |
| SCADA System (DWSRF)                                     | A - Essential         |                  | 50,000                  | 50,000                  |                            |                            |                            |                            | 50,000            |
| Atlanta Highway Water line (DWSRF)                       | A - Essential         |                  | 140,000                 | 140,000                 | 140,000                    |                            |                            |                            | 280,000           |
| Replacement Generator (WW)                               | A - Essential         |                  | 100,000                 | 100,000                 |                            |                            |                            |                            | 100,000           |
|                                                          | A - Essential         |                  |                         |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            | -                 |
|                                                          | A - Essential         |                  |                         |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            | -                 |
|                                                          | A - Essential         |                  |                         |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            | -                 |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                                          |                       |                  | <b>14,585,000</b>       | <b>13,835,000</b>       | <b>1,230,000</b>           | <b>750,000</b>             | -                          | -                          | <b>15,815,000</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PROPRIETARY FUNDS</b>                           |                       |                  |                         |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            |                   |
|                                                          |                       |                  | <b>14,585,000</b>       | <b>13,835,000</b>       | <b>1,230,000</b>           | <b>750,000</b>             | -                          | -                          | <b>15,815,000</b> |
| <b>TOTAL REQUESTED ALL FUNDS</b>                         |                       |                  |                         |                         |                            |                            |                            |                            |                   |
|                                                          |                       |                  | <b>19,268,947</b>       | <b>18,287,252</b>       | <b>2,622,331</b>           | <b>1,987,222</b>           | <b>1,660,000</b>           | <b>1,970,000</b>           | <b>26,476,805</b> |

| TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS:                 |                      |                      |                      |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| By Fund:                             | FY2022 Approved:     | FY2023 Approved:     | FY2024 Proposed:     | Percent Change from FY2023 to FY2024: |
| General Fund                         | \$ 6,056,787         | \$ 7,139,034         | \$ 8,753,901         | 22.62%                                |
| Confiscated Assets Fund*             | \$ -                 | \$ 32,800            | \$ 32,800            | 0.00%                                 |
| American Rescue Plan Act             | \$ 1,554,429         | \$ 1,554,429         | \$ 2,029,758         | 30.58%                                |
| Tax Allocation District Fund**       | \$ 5,275,519         | \$ 3,591,848         | \$ 1,371,923         | -61.80%                               |
| Information Tech Fund ***            | \$ 22,446            | \$ 40,909            | \$ 35,000            | -14.44%                               |
| Hotel Motel Fund                     | \$ 154,000           | \$ 210,000           | \$ 210,000           | 0.00%                                 |
| Capital Funds                        | \$ 20,518,637        | \$ 10,454,596        | \$ 18,287,252        | 74.92%                                |
| <b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:</b>     | <b>\$ 33,581,818</b> | <b>\$ 23,023,616</b> | <b>\$ 30,720,634</b> | <b>33.43%</b>                         |
| Water/Wastewater Operating           | \$ 3,135,350         | \$ 3,185,862         | \$ 3,806,300         | 19.47%                                |
| <b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS:</b>       | <b>\$ 3,135,350</b>  | <b>\$ 3,185,862</b>  | <b>\$ 3,806,300</b>  | <b>19.47%</b>                         |
| Employee Benefits Operating ****     | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ 1,408,000         | #DIV/0!                               |
| <b>TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS:</b> | <b>\$ -</b>          | <b>\$ -</b>          | <b>\$ 1,408,000</b>  | <b>#DIV/0!</b>                        |
| Less Transfers To/From *****         | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ 5,186,607         | #DIV/0!                               |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET BY FISCAL YEAR:</b>  | <b>\$ 36,717,168</b> | <b>\$ 26,209,478</b> | <b>\$ 30,748,327</b> | <b>17.32%</b>                         |

\* Confiscated Assets Fund new for FY2024  
 \*\* FY2022 Tax Allocation Fund reflects \$5,000,000 in bond funds.  
 \*\*\* Information Technology Fund new for FY2024  
 \*\*\*\* Employee Benefits Fund new for FY2024  
 \*\*\*\*\* Transfers include duplicated expenditures in other funds such as: Transfer to Capital, Indirect Cost Allocation & Employee Benefits Fund Cost Share.



## Resolution 23-007

### To Adopt the FY2024 Annual Budget

Council held a discussion regarding the budget and millage rate.

There were none in favor or against.

Mayor Asbridge closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - WORK SESSION:**

Consider the Second Reading of Ordinance 693, a variance request submitted by Stanton E. Porter allowing fuel pumps to be located in front of the primary structure at 4603 Atlanta Highway.

Attorney Doug Price representing Stanton E. Porter addressed Council. Attorney Price stated there is a two-week delay on the landscape plan. Council is not comfortable approving this ordinance without an approved landscape plan.

Council held a discussion with Attorney Price and Director Atkinson regarding if the applicant would need to withdraw the application or possibly have the ordinance denied.

**NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:**

Consider Resolution 23-007 To Adopt FY2024 Annual Budget and Master Fee Schedule

Director Hamby presented Resolution 23-007, to adopt the FY2024 annual budget and master fee schedule. O.C.G.A. § 36-81-3(b)(1) requires the City of Flowery Branch to adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget for the City's fiscal year, which runs from July 1st to June 30th of each year.

Consider Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

City Manager Parrish presented a consideration for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) by and among Hall County, Georgia for Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST). A Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) is a 1% sales tax collected on the sales of certain goods and services over a five-year period for a specific program of transportation projects. For a TSPLOST to be enacted, it must be approved by voters in a referendum. One hundred four (104) out of one hundred fifty-nine (159) counties in Georgia have a TSPLOST. The County and all its municipalities must approve the intergovernmental agreement to receive the full 1% of TSPLOST. If all governments do not approve the agreement, only 0.75% can be collected. Anyone visiting and purchasing goods or services in Hall County would pay this sales tax. The projected revenue forecast for TSPLOST is \$325 Million over the next five years. Specifically for Flowery Branch, this would result in funding of \$2,500,000 in the top portion (the 80%) of projects for the intersection (planned roundabout) at Gaines Ferry Road and McEver Road, and an option to issue up to \$5,000,000 in debt for the projects listed in the bottom portion (the 20%) of projects which include the following:

| <b>Project Name/Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Estimated Project Cost</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Construction of roads, bridges, sidewalks, multiuse paths, pedestrian upgrades (and related amenities), intersection improvements, turning lanes, traffic lights, traffic safety enhancements, and stormwater projects pertaining to roadway and other transportation projects.</b> | \$2,000,000                   |
| Projects may include: Intersections at Phil Niekro Blvd – Mulberry Street, Radford Road – McEver Road, Radford Road – Atlanta Highway. Sidewalks – Phil Niekro Blvd, Mitchell Street, East Main Street, downtown streets, Capitola Farm Road.                                          |                               |
| <b>Resurfacing, including full depth reclamation, base and paving, culvert repair, traffic markers, patching, shoulder preparation, sidewalks, multiuse paths, pedestrian upgrades (and related amenities) and similar projects.</b>                                                   | \$4,366,932                   |
| Projects may include: Portions of Phil Niekro, Lake Crossing Blvd, Mitchell Street (Phase 2), East Main, downtown roads, Capitola Road.                                                                                                                                                |                               |
| <b>Total Estimated Cost of Flowery Branch Projects</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>\$6,366,932</b>            |

*Consider Request for Pool and Pool House at 5710 Gainesville Street in the Central Business District*

Director Atkinson presented a request for a pool and pool house at 5710 Gainesville Street in the Central Business District. The house was approved to be built earlier this year, but the location of the pool and pool house need to be relocated from the original approved submittal.

Council held a discussion with Director Atkinson regarding this request.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

City Manager Report:

City Manager Parrish wanted to thank Bailey Ramsey and Renee Carden of the Community Relations Department for all their hard work.

Community Relations Report:

Director Carden reported the Block Party was a success. She reminded citizens of the Grand Opening Event on June 23, 2023.

Finance Report:

Director Hamby reported that our auditors will be at City Hall on June 19 and June 20, 2023.

Public Works & Utilities Report:

Director Whidden thanked Peter Woerner for all his hard work, and he is doing an excellent job. He reported the water tank has been hooked up with the underground piping, but it is not ready to go in the tank. The painting crew is about three weeks out and should start in about three weeks.

Council Report:

Council Member Mundy stated the Block Party was a huge success.

Council Member Anglin stated the Fly Betty Band had a huge turnout and was impressive. It was a really nice night. He wanted to thank Director Whidden for all his hard work in the City.

**ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 7:15 p.m.

**VOTING SESSION AGENDA**

**CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:**

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 7:15 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Phyllis Mackenzie, 6729 Blue Herron Way, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542

Ms. Mackenzie is concerned about speeding on Blue Heron Way in Sterling on the Lake.

Marty Madsen, 6722 Blue Heron Way, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542

Ms. Madsen is concerned about speeding on Blue Heron Way in Sterling on the Lake.

Attorney Douglas Price for Stanton E. Porter

Attorney Price has stated the applicant would like to withdraw the application for a variance request allowing fuel pumps to be located in front of the primary structure at 4603 Atlanta Highway.

Ron Clements, 4784 Cantrell Road, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Mr. Clements would like for Council consider the appeal of Mr. Razvan Catanitou.

Donna Nackers, 5887 Screech Owl Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542

Mrs. Nackers is frustrated about the train sitting on the train track. Would like advice on what she can do about the train.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Consider June 1, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider June 1, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- Consider June 8, 2023, 9AM Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider June 8, 2023 6PM Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider June 8, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

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

MOTION: Oliver McClellan

SECOND: Chris Mundy

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:**

Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 695 – To Establish the Millage Rate for Tax Year 2023; Fiscal Year 2024.

City Attorney Thomas read the caption to Ordinance 695.

There was a motion made to approve the second reading of Ordinance 695 – To Establish the Millage Rate for Tax Year 2023; Fiscal Year 2024.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Oliver McClellan

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Consider the Second Reading of Ordinance 693, a variance request submitted by Stanton E. Porter allowing fuel pumps to be located in front of the primary structure at 4603 Atlanta Highway.

Council accepted the withdrawal from the applicant, Stanton E. Porter. The applicant has withdrawn a variance request allowing fuels pumps to be located in front of the primary structure at 4603 Atlanta Highway.

**NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:**

Public Hearing and First Vote for an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny an occupational tax license submitted by Mr. Razvan Catanitou.

There was a motion made to table the first vote for an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision to deny an occupational tax license submitted by Mr. Razvan Catanitou until the July 20, 2023 City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Joe Anglin  
SECOND: Chris Mundy  
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried

Consider Resolution 23-007 To Adopt FY2024 Annual Budget and Master Fee Schedule

There was a motion made approve Resolution 23-007 to adopt FY2024 Annual Budget and Master Fee Schedule.

MOTION: Joe Anglin  
SECOND: Oliver McClellan  
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried

Consider Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

There was a motion made to approve the Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

MOTION: Oliver McClellan  
SECOND: Chris Mundy  
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried

*Consider Request for Pool and Pool House at 5710 Gainesville Street in the Central Business District*

There was a motion made to approve a request for a pool and pool house at 5710 Gainesville Street in the Central Business District.

MOTION: Chris Mundy  
SECOND: Joe Anglin  
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, 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 7:44 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin  
SECOND: Chris Mundy  
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried

There was a motion made to exit executive session at 8:32 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin  
SECOND: Oliver McClellan  
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy  
NAYS: None  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

MOTION: Chris Mundy  
SECOND: Oliver McClellan  
AYES: Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, 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