



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 2, 2020 6:00 p.m.
City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 Pine Street, Flowery Branch GA, 30542**



CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Mike Miller called the work session to order at 6:06 pm.

Present: Mayor Mike Miller and Council Members Chris Mundy, Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, and Amy Farah.

Absent: Council Member Leslie Jarchow and Vickie Short, City Clerk.

Also present were Bill Andrew, City Manager, Rich Atkinson, City Planner, Alisha Gamble, Finance Director, Ron Bennett, City Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Mike Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Resolution 20 - 019 Authorizing the renaming of Jim Crow Road to G.C. Crow Road Within the City Limits of Flowery Branch

Mr. Andrew presented Resolution 20-19 authorization of Jim Crow Road renaming. The City is considering changing the name of Jim Crow Road only where it is wholly within the city limits of Flowery Branch, which is the 400 feet from its intersection with McEver Road to where it crosses Radford Road. At that point, the rest of the road is in unincorporated Hall County. Approximately 3.26% (400 feet) is in the City of Flowery Branch and 96.74% (11,869 feet) is in the County.

Staff is recommending replacing the illuminated overhead signs at the McEver Road Intersection only.

First reading Ordinance 595 to Establish a Speed Limit of 25 MPH for the Entirety of East Main Street

East Main Street has approximately 149 homes currently under construction. The Residential Group has 325 apartments under construction at the corner of Phil Niekro Blvd and Thurmon Tanner Pkwy.

Lowering the speed limit will allow the City to amend our Personal Transportation Vehicles Plan to eventually allow for PTVs to use East Main to Mulberry Street and to Spring Street to cross Atlanta Highway. In addition to allowing for the expansion of our PTV route, a lower speed limit will foster a safer driving environment for this corridor.

Staff recommends the change of speed limit to foster connectivity within these population centers.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Downtown Redevelopment Public Input Survey Presentation by Rebecca Keefer of Clark Patterson Lee

Ms. Keefer of Clark, Patterson and Lee presented the results of the Downtown Redevelopment Survey. The survey objective was to target the 7,151 residents that reside within City limits. An online survey was developed and delivered via Facebook. The overall survey response was 3,440.

Key Results:

- 60% of respondents visiting downtown do so no more than once a month or solely for special events.
- Only 5.8% of the respondents go downtown daily.
- Based on this data, downtown does not appear to be attracting a large volume of visitors on a daily basis.

Recommendations:

- Develop Downtown District – incentivize housing mix, design standards, pedestrian enhancements
- Alternative parking solutions; non-motorized transportation
- Open space standards – town green bank
- Economic Development strategies
- Sidewalk gap analysis and implementation

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Miller adjourned the work session at 6:47pm

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Miller called the voting session to order at 6:47 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Diana Murphy – 5701 Conner Road, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Ms. Murphy shared that she is in support of changing the name of Jim Crow Road.

Robert Sabbath, 5707 Mitchell Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Mr. Sabbath stated that he is in support of the Jim Crow Road name change.

Michael Hammond, 7309 Coral Lake Drive, Flowery Branch, GA

Mr. Hammond shared his support of the Jim Crow Road name change.

Diane O'Connell, 7217 Tascoca Drive, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Ms. O'Connell believes Jim Crow Road should be renamed.

Jeneen Hammond, no address provided

Ms. Hammond would like Jim Crow Road renamed.

Leigh Miller, no address provided

Ms. Miller expressed the need for the Jim Crow Road name change.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no consent agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Resolution 20 - 019 Authorizing the renaming of Jim Crow Road to G.C. Crow Road Within the City Limits of Flowery Branch

There was a motion made to approve Resolution 20-019 renaming of Jim Crow Road to G. C. Road.

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

First reading Ordinance 595 to Establish a Speed Limit of 25 MPH for the Entirety of East Main Street

Mr. Bennett read the caption to Ordinance 595.

There was a motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 595 to Establish a Speed Limit of 25 MPH for the entirety of East Main Street.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn at 7:01pm.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Chris Mundy

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Mayor – Mike Miller

Date

City Clerk – Vickie Short