



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 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 6:00 p.m.

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

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Assistant City Clerk Nancy Rodriguez, Finance Director Matt Hamby, Human Resources Director Krystle Hightower, Community Relations Director Renee Carden, Police Chief Chris Hulsey, Public Works & Utilities Director Bill Whidden, and City Attorney Karen Thomas.

Absent: Council Member Oliver McClellan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

There was a motion to approve the September 21, 2023, meeting agenda as presented.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Joseph Mezzanotte

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Mayor Asbridge presented Finance Director Matt Hamby and Director Krystle Hightower with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no public hearings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - WORK SESSION:

Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 699 Establishing Human Resources Director in the City of Flowery Branch

City Manager Parrish presented the second reading of Ordinance 699 establishing a Human Resources Director in the City of Flowery Branch. For more efficient, effective operations, the need has arisen to establish a Director of Human Resources to internally assist all employees of the City. This position is a full-time department director position and is budgeted in the FY2024 budget.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Consider Quote from Knott Construction, Inc. for Upsizing Water Lines from 8" to 10" on Lights Ferry Road

City Manager Parrish presented a quote consideration from Knott Construction, Inc. for upsizing water lines from 8" to 10" on Lights Ferry Road for the project at the corner of Lights Ferry and Gainesville Street. Previously, the council approved a development at the corner of Lights Ferry Road and Gainesville Street. In the development, a need arose to move the city's 8" water mains that are present. The developer submitted the request to the city and after staff reviewed the documents, it was determined that the city would benefit from larger lines which are in our imminent plans to be upgraded along Gainesville Street. The upsized main would be constructed by the developer who would install the line prior to any proposed driveways and walks in the subdivision is completed. City staff asked the contractor on site, Knott Construction, Inc. to quote the difference in cost between the proposed 8" line relocation and the cost to upsize to a 10" pipe. This proposed upsizing is a portion of the imminent 10" upsizing of the same waterline along Gainesville Street which would allow the city to easily tie in saving the city roughly \$40,000 and potentially avoiding easements and other difficulties.

Consider Resolution 23-010, Findings on Proposed Local Amendment to the Plumbing Code for Water Efficiency.

Director Atkinson presented Resolution 23-010, findings on proposed local amendment to the plumbing code for water efficiency. This is a model findings resolution that will be sent to the Department of Community Affairs to approve for a formal adoption to the plumbing code for water efficiency.

Council held a discussion with Director Atkinson.

Consider an Agreement with Axon, Inc. to Provide a Service Bundle Package.

Captain Matthew Mahathey presented an agreement with Axon, Inc. to provide a service bundle package for body worn cameras, vehicle dash cameras, tasers and digital video storage. In recent years, there have been great technical advancements relating to law enforcement body worn cameras, vehicle dash cameras, license plate readers, less than lethal tasers, and digital video

storage capabilities. The courts, the public, and the media have all come to expect that law enforcement agencies will provide and utilize this modern technology. Axon Enterprise, Inc. develops state-of-the-art technology and weapons products for military and law enforcement use. Axon provides an equipment bundle package that integrates the latest and most advanced body worn camera recording devices, vehicle dash camera recording devices with integrated license plate readers, offsite video storage, and taser usage data into one platform. The products offered by Axon work in concert with one another flawlessly and dramatically reduce the opportunity for human error. This service bundle package includes the cost of the equipment, integrated license plate readers for each patrol vehicle, equipment replacement, taser cartridge replacement, warranty, and product support for five years. The total cost of the service bundle package would total \$402,172.58. The Flowery Branch Police Department anticipates receiving a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 to apply towards the Axon equipment bundle package cost. With the grant applied, the total cost of the Axon equipment bundle package would total \$352,172.58. Funding for the equipment will come from the fund balance of the Local Resources Fund.

Council held a discussion with Captain Mahathey.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report:

City Manager Parrish advised that she has been working with the police department for several weeks on the service bundle package and advised that Elias Gobble secured a grant for \$25,000 but he went back and requested more and the grant is now for \$50,000.

Community Relations Report:

Director Carden noted upcoming events.

Finance Department Report:

Director Hamby reported he has acquired three new certificates of deposit earning 5.8% and the city is averaging \$2,000 per day in interest.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 6:43 p.m.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 6:43 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Consider September 7, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider September 7, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

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

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Joseph Mezzanotte

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 699 Establishing Human Resources Director in the City of Flowery Branch

City Attorney Thomas read the caption for Ordinance 699, establishing a Human Resources Director in the City of Flowery Branch.

There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 699, establishing a Human Resources Director in the City of Flowery Branch.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Joseph Mezzanotte

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider Quote from Knott Construction, Inc. for Upsizing Water Lines from 8" to 10" on Lights Ferry Road

There was a motion made to approve the quote with Knott Construction, Inc. for \$36,302 to upsize the water lines at the corner of Lights Ferry Road and Gainesville Street from 8" to 10".

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Consider Resolution 23-010, Findings on Proposed Local Amendment to the Plumbing Code for Water Efficiency.

There was a motion made to approve Resolution 23-010, findings on proposed local amendment to the plumbing code for water efficiency.

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

Consider an Agreement with Axon, Inc. to Provide a Service Bundle Package.

There was a motion made to approve the signing of an equipment bundle agreement with Axon, Inc. with funding to be provided by the fund balance of the Local Resources Fund.

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

Consideration of Executing a Lease Agreement for 5527 Main Street with Baby Bell Candy Apples, LLC.

There was a motion made to recommend the city execute the lease agreement with Baby Bell Candy Apples, LLC of 5527 Main Street in the Shopping Center on Main Street.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
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 pending or potential litigation, matters related to the acquisition/disposition of real estate and for matters related to certain personnel issues at 6:49 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 7:52 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Chris Mundy

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 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