



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, December 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, Public Works & Utilities Director Bill Whidden, Planning and Community Development Director Rich Atkinson, Finance Director Matt Hamby, Human Resources Director Krystle Hightower, Director of Fun Renee Carden, and City Attorney Ted Baggett.

Absent: Council Member Oliver McCellan

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: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Asbridge presented Court & Police Administrator Kelsey Cash and Assistant Clerk of Court Julie Kokoschke with a Clearance Rate Excellence award from the Judicial Council of Georgia for their outstanding performance in meeting or exceeding 100% or better clearance rate. A clearance rate of 100% or higher demonstrates a court ability to resolve at least as many cases as were filed each year. This achievement reflects the court's dedication, efficiency, and commitment to ensuring the timely resolution of cases.

PUBLIC HEARING: There were no public hearings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - WORK SESSION:

First Work Session Discussion to Consider a Rezoning Request submitted by Edge City Properties

Kenneth Wood, a representative for Edge City Properties presented a consideration of a rezoning request. The applicant has made a few changes to the original request, and they will be resubmitting to the planning department.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Wood regarding some of the considerations.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Consider New Package License for YASH Enterprise 6168 Inc.

Court and Police Administrator Kelsey Cash presented a new package license for YASH Enterprise 6168 Inc for consideration. This is only a change of ownership.

Council held a discussion with Administrator Cash regarding the consideration.

GEFA Loan CW2020010 Update

Director Hamby presented a consideration of the loan agreement with Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for \$23,300,000. Under the current agreement the City is expected to begin repaying the loan this fiscal year, however; the loan has not been drawn down. To keep the loan agreement in a drawdown status it is necessary for the loan agreement to be restructured and move the repayment date to April 1, 2027.

Council held a discussion with Director Hamby regarding the GEFA loan.

Consider Awarding RFP 24-001 for Branding to Radical Design, Co., LLC

Director Hightower presented a consideration of awarding RFP 24-001 for Branding to Radical Design Co, LLC. The current brand for the City of Flowery Branch is the Dogwood flower. Branding is much deeper than just a logo. It tells a story that encompasses the past, present, and future. Currently, the City of Flowery Branch does not have a brand.

Kevin Panke, co-founder of Radical Design Co. presented a consideration for his branding concept.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Panke regarding the branding concept.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Department of Fun Report:

Director Carden announced the new events calendar has been updated to include the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Finance Department Report:

Director Hamby presented an update on capital projects through December 31, 2023. The projects are listed on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 6:51 p.m.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 6:51 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Emilio Zacchia, 5605 Ashmoore Court, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542

Mr. Zacchia expressed his displeasure with the railroad tracks, and he would like Norfolk Southern to come repair the tracks. He is concerned that the tracks will damage his vehicle.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Consider December 7, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider December 2023 Per Diem for Mayor Asbridge

There was a motion made to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 700 Amending the Charter of the City of Flowery Branch for more effective, efficient leasing of spaces.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption to Ordinance 700 amending the Charter of the City of Flowery Branch for more effective, efficient leasing of spaces.

There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 700.

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

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider New Package License for YASH Enterprise 6168 Inc.

There was a motion made to approve a package license for YASH Enterprise 6168 Inc.

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

Consider the first read of Ordinance 701, Adoption of Proposed Local Amendment to the Plumbing Code for Water Efficiency.

There was a motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 701.

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

GEFA Loan CW2020010 Update

There was a motion made to approve the updated loan agreement and authorize the Mayor and Staff to sign any necessary documents.

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

Consider Awarding RFP 24-001 for Branding to Radical Design Co., LLC

There was a motion made to table the award of contract for Branding to Radical Design Co, LLC until January 4, 2024, City Council Meeting.

Council held a discussion regarding the branding prior to the vote to table.

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 7:01 p.m.

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

There was a motion made to exit executive session at 7:29 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Edward R. Asbridge, Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper, City Clerk