



**City of Flowery Branch
Special Called City Council Meeting
Saturday, January 4, 2025, 8:00 AM
Georgia Mountains Regional Commission
1310 West Ridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30501**



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.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, Finance Director Matthew Hamby, and City Attorney Ted Baggett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

There was a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - WORK SESSION:

Budget Workshop FY2026

Growth

Director Hamby presented an update on the growth in the City of Flowery Branch by providing the current population based on historical data. He provided an estimate of the growth in the future with the addition of homes approved by council.

Council held a discussion.

Strategic Planning

Director Hamby went over the mission and vision statement for the city and provided suggestions for improvements. He presented goals Council provided in 2024 of five focus areas. The focus areas are public safety, infrastructure improvements, internal operations, financial stability, and economic development. He also provided an interactive exercise with Council to see if the goals may have changed or if the goals remain the same. There were additional goals that Council would like to have added to the five focus areas for this year.

Council held a discussion with Director Hamby and with City Manager Parrish.

City Attorney Baggett presented a brief discussion on the importance of a police foundation.

Financials

Director Hamby presented a discussion on the millage rate and the potential of the millage with the addition of approved homes to the city. He gave an overview of tax revenue to the city's financials.

City Attorney Baggett presented House Bill 581, and he explained the pros and cons of the bill.

Council held a discussion with City Attorney Baggett.

Director Hamby held a discussion on the general fund revenue versus expenditures from 2012 through 2024. He discussed the water and sewer revenue versus expenditures.

Staffing

Director Hamby presented a population versus employee ratio comparison with surrounding cities. He provided a ten-year employee growth plan. He advised the importance of a wage and classification study.

Council held a discussion.

Historic Preservation Commission

City Attorney Baggett presented the pros and cons a having a historic preservation commission.

Council held a discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no executive session held.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

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