



**City of Flowery Branch
Special Called City Council Meeting
Saturday, May 18, 2024, 12:00 PM
The Retreat at River Forks Park
3500 Keith Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30504**



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Asbridge called the special called council meeting to order at 12:02 p.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, Planning & Community Development Director Rich Atkinson, Human Resources Director Krystle Hightower, Finance Director Matt Hamby, Public Work & Utilities Director Bill Whidden, Director of Fun Renee Carden, Utilities Manager Peter Woerner, City Attorney Ted Baggett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PARKING AND MOBILITY STUDY:

Joel Mann, Stantec, presented the initial thoughts on parking strategies for the City. Mr. Mann reported that data was collected on traffic patterns relative to special events and during non-event conditions. Street improvements are needed as well as walking connections from new parking to downtown destinations are essential.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Mann.

PHASE II PRESENTATION BY PARKSIDE PARTNERS:

Kyle Jenks and Eli Green from Parkside Partners presented a Downtown Development Phase II Study. Phase II Development Objectives included the following:

- Create a vibrant, desirable, and walkable downtown.
- Position the City for long-term growth via infrastructure improvements.
- Add new, high-quality residential to the downtown area.
- Activate & improve existing greenspace.
- Enhance and increase food, beverage, and retail opportunities.

There were many designs and inspirational examples given for potential residential, commercial, and retail concepts.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Jenks and Mr. Green.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Taylor Smith, Economic Development Director with the City of Thomaston explained the importance of having an economic development director. He explained how his role has helped develop downtown Thomaston and revitalize the area that once was empty.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Smith.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Trey Gavin, ESG Engineering, Inc. presented a discussion on water, stormwater, and wastewater. Mr. Gavin explained stormwater regulations and requirements. He discussed the City's existing water system, storage, and distribution and gave an overview of responsibilities and the components of a water system. He provided an update on the wastewater treatment facility.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Gavin.

ALCOHOL LICENSING REGULATIONS:

City Attorney Baggett presented alcohol licensing regulations. He gave an overview of the allowed alcohol uses that are currently in use in the City.

Council held a discussion with City Attorney Baggett.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Chris Mundy

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Edward R. Asbridge, Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper, City Clerk