



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2026, 6:00 PM
5410 Pine Street
Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



Call Work Session to Order:

Mayor McClellan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor McClellan and Council Members Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, and Pete Lena.

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Finance Director Matthew Hamby, Budget & Purchasing Manager Nancy Rodriguez, Public Utilities Director Peter Woerner, Police Chief Chris Hulse, Public Works Director Bill Whidden, Fun Director Renee Carden, Human Resources Director Krystle Hightower and City Attorney Ted Baggett.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor McClellan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda:

There was a motion made to amend the agenda to remove Consideration of Ordinances 774-777 from both the Public Hearing and Voting sections, as the applicant has withdrawn his requests for annexation, rezoning, and variances.

Motion: Chris Mundy
Second: William McDaniel
Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt,
Pete Lena
Nays: None
Result: passed

There was a motion made to adopt the agenda as amended.

Motion: Chris Mundy
Second: Joseph Mezzanotte
Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt,
Pete Lena
Nays: None
Result: passed

Awards & Recognitions: There were no awards or recognitions.

Unfinished Business - Work Session:

- a. *Consider Resolution 25-014 to Accept Public Right-of-Way at Pod Z - Sterling on the Lake*

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Resolution 25-014 to accept public right-of-way at Pod Z in Sterling on the Lake Subdivision.

Civil Engineer John Nagy presented Resolution 25-014 to accept public right-of-way at Pod Z in Sterling on the Lake. Streets to be dedicated are Winding Canyon Road, Conifer Court, Running Deer Court and Cherokee Rose Way with a total of 7.240 acres of right-of-way. Due to the discrepancies on the recorded plat, staff recommends denial of Resolution 25-014. The final plat for Pod Z must be re-recorded to reflect the correct and current conditions prior to any further action regarding dedication of streets and stormwater facilities.

New Business - Work Session:

- a. *Consider Awarding Contract to Yellowstone Landscape, LLC for Landscaping Services*

Budget Manager Rodriguez presented consideration of awarding a contract to Yellowstone Landscape LLC for landscaping services. Currently, landscaping is maintained through three separate contracts. By moving to a single, comprehensive contract, the City will gain consistency, accountability, and ease of management while ensuring all locations receive the same standard of care. The proposed contract includes the following services: basic maintenance for fifty-two visits per year, an annual turf program, spring and fall flowers, spring and fall mulch.

Council held a discussion with Budget Manager Rodriguez.

Department Reports:

City Manager Report

City Manager Parrish expressed appreciation to all city employees, particularly the Police Department, Public Utilities, and Public Works, for working around the clock in ice, cold, and rain during the recent winter storms.

Department of Fun Report

Fun Director Carden noted upcoming events.

Planning Department Report

Director McCrary provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan survey, noting that more than eight hundred residents have participated. The planning department is a dedicated team committed to professional excellence, implementing innovative strategies, community engagement, and sustainable growth for the City of Flowery Branch. He also shared statistics on permit and inspection activity, including building and site inspections.

The department's projects for this year include:

- Office relocation to 5318 Railroad Avenue is now complete.

- An update to the Comprehensive Plan is underway and the next Public Meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2026, and a draft is due to the Department of Community Affairs in April or May.
- The Unified Development Code (UDC) is underway with an RFQ scheduled to be published February 9, 2026.
- Digitization of Records is underway and all plans that are currently housed in hard copy only format to be in-house scanned and archived in digital format.
- Implementing EPL is underway and the launch is scheduled for April or May. A fully digital review software and tracking system. Everything is digital from submittal, comments, payments, and approvals.
- Planning Instagram is underway and will improve public communication and education on upcoming meetings, current and proposed projects, the role of planning in the community and ways for the public to engage and participate.

Meet the Team!

We Are a Dedicated Team Committed to Professional Excellence, Implementing Innovative Strategies, Community Engagement, and Sustainable Growth for The City of Flowery Branch.



Chris McCrary
Director of Community Development



Patty Hurt
Occupational Tax Specialist & Building Permit Clerk



John Nagy
City Engineer

“A good-to-great leader begins the transformation by first getting the right people on the bus (and the wrong people off the bus) and then figuring out where to drive it.” ~Jim Collins



Dani Nash
City Planner



Liscet Jimenez
Administrative Coordinator



Hunter Heard
Building Inspector



Paul Jennison
Building Official

Police Department Report

Chief Hulsey expressed his appreciation to Director Whidden and the Public Works Department for their outstanding efforts during the recent ice and snowstorm. He also congratulated Investigator McEachern for successfully completing sniper training and earning the highest score in class.

Public Works Report

Director Whidden thanked his team for their hard work during the storm and expressed his appreciation for their dedication.

Council Report

Council Member Mundy thanked all departments for all their hard work, responsiveness, and attention to detail.

Council Member Mezzanotte thanked Public Works, Public Utilities, and the Police Department, expressing appreciation for their hard work.

Council Member Vanderbilt thanked Public Works and City Manager Parrish for their hard work in responding to a water main break in his subdivision during the ice storm.

Council Member Lena observed the city team working hard throughout the winter storms and expressed his appreciation to all departments involved.

Mayor McClellan reported that he and City Manager Parrish met with the staff of Congressional Representative Rich McCorminck, and it was an opportunity to speak about the trail to the lake.

Adjournment Work Session:

Mayor McClellan adjourned the work session at 6:22 p.m.

Voting Session Agenda

Call Voting Session to Order:

Mayor McClellan called the voting session to order at 6:22 p.m.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda:

Consider January 15, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

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

Motion:	Chris Mundy
Second:	Joseph Mezzanotte
Ayes:	Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete Lena
Nays:	None
Result:	passed

Unfinished Business - Voting Session:

- a. *Consider Resolution 25-014 to Accept Public Right-of-Way at Pod Z - Sterling on the Lake*

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Resolution 25-

014. There was a motion made to Deny Resolution 25-

014.

Motion: Joseph Mezzanotte

Second: William McDaniel

Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete Lena

Nays: None

Result: Deny

New Business - Voting Session:

- a. *Consider Awarding Contract to Yellowstone Landscape, LLC for Landscaping Services*

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Motion: Chris Mundy

Second: William McDaniel

Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete Lena

Nays: None

Result: passed

Executive Session:

There was a motion made to enter executive session for matters related to the acquisition/disposition of real estate, for matters related to certain personnel issues, and for matters related to the pending or potential litigation at 6:24 p.m.

Motion: Chris Mundy

Second: William McDaniel

Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles Vanderbilt, Pete Lena

Nays: None

Result: passed

There was a motion made to exit executive session at

6:57 p.m. Motion: William McDaniel

Second: Pete Lena

Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles
Vanderbilt, Pete Lena

Nays: None

Result: passed

Adjournment:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Motion: Chris Mundy

Second: William McDaniel

Ayes: Chris Mundy, Joseph Mezzanotte, William McDaniel, Charles
Vanderbilt, Pete Lena

Nays: None

Result: adjourn