



**City of Flowery Branch
Special Called City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 5:00 PM
Sterling on the Lake Clubhouse**



7005 Lake Sterling Boulevard, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

CALL TO ORDER:

City Manager Tonya Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Asbridge and Council Members Joe Anglin, Oliver McClellan, Joseph Mezzanotte, and Chris Mundy.

Also present were City Manager Tonya Parrish, City Clerk Shelia Cooper, Bowman Consulting Group Chris McCrary, and City Attorney Ted Baggett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Asbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSING PRESENTATION FROM TOMMY HOWARD, THE NORTON AGENCY:

Mr. Tommy Howard, President Norton Brokerage Service, presented a housing market update. He gave many statistical facts about the housing markets including price point breakdowns, Metro Atlanta inventory, and FMLS stats. He advised that rentals are slowing, and single-family home rentals are more desirable than apartments. He provided an overview of residential and commercial desirable markets with hot market trends.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Howard.

RATE STUDY:

Mr. Bobby Sills presented FY2025 water and wastewater financial plan. He recommended a 5-year rate plan similar to other communities. He provided detailed information on system development charges.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Sills.

DISCUSSIONS:

Historic Preservation Commission

Attorney Baggett presented a discussion on Historic Preservation Commissions. In the past, the city had a Historic Preservation Commission but during COVID, the commission disbanded. He gave a basic overview of how a historic preservation committee works and added the pros and cons of such a committee. Historic committees can preserve the character of a particular area.

Council held a discussion with Attorney Baggett.

Downtown Development Authority

Attorney Baggett presented a very detailed discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of having a downtown development authority. He explained that downtown development authorities exist to revitalize and redevelop the central downtown business districts of cities and to develop and promote trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities.

Council held a discussion with Attorney Baggett.

Overlay District

Mr. Chris McCrary, Bowman Consulting Group presented a discussion regarding the overlay district. The need has arisen to expand parts of the Central Business District (CBD), providing more of an area for downtown activities which can be resolved through an overlay district. The discussion was to have microbreweries and micro distilleries allowed in the overlay district as well as expanding architectural standards similar to those in the CBD throughout the overlay district.

Council held a discussion with Mr. McCrary.

Gainesville Street Eleven Acres

City Manager Parrish presented a discussion on the potential of a pickleball court as a potential use of the city owned property on Gainesville Street.

Council held a discussion with City Manager Parrish.

Acreage on Hog Mountain Road

City Manager Parrish presented a discussion regarding sewer availability and previous annexation requests at 0 Hog Mountain Road.

Council held a discussion with City Manager Parrish.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was a motion to enter an executive session for matters related to the acquisition/disposition of real estate, for matters related to certain personnel issues, and for matters related to pending or potential litigation at 8:27 p.m.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Oliver McClellan

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

There was a motion made to exit the executive session at 9:12 p.m.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 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