



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2025, 6:00 PM
5410 Pine Street
Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



Call Work Session to Order:

Mayor Asbridge called the 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, Finance Director Matthew Hamby, Planning and Community Development Director Chris McCrary, Public Works Director Bill Whidden, Public Utilities Director Peter Woerner, Human Resources Director Krystle Hightower, Police Chief Chris Hulse, 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 adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion: Chris Mundy
Second: William McDaniel
Ayes: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
Nays: None
Result: passed

Awards & Recognitions: There were no awards or recognitions.

Unfinished Business - Work Session:

- a. Discussion Only of Ordinance 747 for an Annexation Request at 6300 Jones Road.
- b. Discussion Only of Ordinance 748 for a Rezoning Request and Variance Request at 6300 Jones Road

Director McCrary presented a discussion regarding an annexation and rezoning request from Heritage Group Homes, LLC for a +/- .854 acre portion of 6300 Jones Rd. and rezoning of seven contiguous parcels (6300, 6294, 6290, 6270, 6258, 6246, 6249 Jones Rd.) from Hall County V-C, Flowery Branch R-1, and Flowery Branch A to Flowery Branch R-2 for a proposed +/- 22.14 acres subdivision. The proposed subdivision would

contain a total of 74 single-family, detached residential homes with a mixture of front-entry and rear-entry garages. Several concurrent variances are being requested, including reductions in setbacks, lot sizes, and porch dimensions.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed annexation of the 0.854-acre tract of parcel 08118 001015. Staff recommends the approval of the proposed rezoning from Flowery Branch R-1 (Detached Single Family Low-Density Residential) and Hall County V-C (Vacation Cottage) to Flowery Branch R-2 (Detached Single-Family Moderate-Density Residential) for the following parcels: 6300 Jones Road (including the portion of the parcel in unincorporated Hall County to be annexed into Flowery Branch); tax parcel identification number 08118 001015, 6294 Jones Road, tax parcel identification number 08118 001009, 6290 Jones Road, tax parcel identification number 08118 001002D, 6270 Jones Road, tax parcel identification number 08118 001002E, 6258 Jones Road, tax parcel identification number 08118 001012, 6246 Jones Road, tax parcel identification number 08118 001020, 6249 Jones Road, tax parcel identification number 08118 001002F.

Council held a discussion with Director McCrary.

Chris Hill of Heritage Group Homes, LLC led a brief discussion regarding the proposed development.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Hill.

a. Consider the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Purchasing a Parcel of Land on Thurmon Tanner Parkway

City Manager Parrish presented a consideration of a Purchase and Sale Agreement for purchasing a parcel of land on Thurmon Tanner Parkway. The City of Flowery Branch has grown in population and in staff over the past several years. Employees moved into the current City Hall building in March 2018 with Administration and Community Development upstairs and the Police Department downstairs. The Police Department has outgrown the space downstairs in City Hall. As the City of Flowery Branch grows, council has explored options for additional space for various departments. The parcel on Thurmon Tanner was identified as a potential site for a future public safety building, and the parties have come to an agreement for the terms of the purchase.

Council held a discussion with City Manager Parrish.

Department Reports:

b. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Cooper read the Public Notice from Hall County Elections: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-291 and 21-2-325, notice is hereby given that Flowery Branch General Municipal Election scheduled for November 4, 2025, is canceled. The following candidates have qualified for office and are unopposed:

Oliver McClellan - Mayor

William McDaniel (I) - City Council, Post 3

Charles Vanderbilt - City Council, Post 4

Peter Lena - City Council, Post 5

The above unopposed candidates shall be deemed to have voted for themselves.

c. Department of Fun Report

Director Carden noted upcoming events.

d. Finance Department Report

Director Hamby reported the final tax digest has been released. There will be a full roll back from 3.264 to 3.247.

f. Planning Department Report

Director McCrary presented a proposal for future public hearings, work sessions, and voting sessions and asked Council for feedback on possible new procedures for future meetings.

j. Council Report

Council Member William McDaniel stated he is blessed and grateful to be on City Council for another four years.

Mayor Asbridge welcomed two new members to City Council starting in January 2026.

At the conclusion of the Department Reports, Council Member Anglin wanted to give direction to the applicant about enhancements to Mitchell Street regarding the proposed development of the Jones Road Tracts.

Adjournment Work Session:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 7:07 p.m.

Voting Session Migration

Call Voting Session to Order:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 7:07 p.m.

Public Comments:

Michelle Golden, 6105 Mitchell Street, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542.

Ms. Golden is concerned about the sidewalks on Mitchell Street.

Richard Flegal, 5708 Westin Circle, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542.

Mr. Flegal is concerned about the intersection of Mulberry Street and Phil Niekro.

Patricia Clark Davis, 6164 Lake Lanier Heights Road, Buford, Georgia 30518.

Ms. Davis is in favor of the variances for 5572 & 5578 Mulberry Street.

Randy Jennings, 5912 Mitchell Street, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542.

Mr. Jennings is concerned about Mitchell Street.

Michael Phelps, 390 Brogdon Road, Suwanee, Georgia 30024.

Mr. Phelps advised that Mitchell Street will need improvements in the next few years.

Consent Agenda:

- Consider Mayor Asbridge July 2025 Per Diem
- Consider July 26, 2025 Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes
- Consider August 7, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

There was a motion made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Joe Anglin
Second: William McDaniel
Ayes: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
Nays: None
Result: Passed

- a. Second Reading to Consider Ordinance 749 for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance Request for the Vines Assisted Living at 5111 Spring Street.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 749 for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance Request for the Vines Assisted Living at 5111 Spring Street.

There was a motion made to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 749.

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

- b. Second Reading to Consider Ordinance 750 Regarding Variances at 5572 and 5578 Mulberry Street.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 750 for Variances at 5572 and 5578 Mulberry Street.

There was a motion made to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 750 for Variances at 5572 and 5578 Mulberry Street.

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

- c. Second Reading to Consider Ordinance 751 to Add Farm Winery Tasting Rooms to the Use Table and Place Dimensional Standards in CBD Zoning.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 751 to Add Farm Winery Tasting Rooms to the Use Table and Place Dimensional Standards in the CBD Zoning.

There was a motion made to Approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 751.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

New Business - Voting Session:

- a. Consider the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Purchasing a Parcel of Land on Thurmon Tanner Parkway

There was a motion made to Approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement for Purchasing a Parcel of Land on Thurmon Tanner Parkway.

MOTION: Joseph Mezzanotte

SECOND: William McDaniel

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

NAYS: None

Motion Passed

Executive Session:

There was a motion made 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 7:21 p.m.

Motion: Chris Mundy

Second: William McDaniel

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

Nays: None

Result: Motion carried

There was a motion made to exit executive session at 7:46 p.m.

Motion: Chris Mundy

Second: William McDaniel

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

Nays: None

Result: Motion carried

Council Member Joe Anglin led a brief discussion regarding him being Mayor Pro Tem. He advised he is concerned about what Council would do if he and Mayor Asbridge were out at the

same council meeting. City Attorney Baggett advised that the City Charter states that Council would elect an acting mayor from their number, to preside and who shall have all the powers of the mayor during the absence, disability, or disqualification of the mayor and mayor pro tem.

Adjournment:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Motion: Joseph Mezzanotte
Second: Chris Mundy
Ayes: Joe Anglin, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
Nays: None
Result: Motion carried

Edward R. Asbridge
Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper
City Clerk