



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
Thursday, September 4, 2025, 6:00 PM
5410 Pine Street
Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



Call Work Session to Order:

Mayor Asbridge called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Also present were 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, Director of Fun Renee Carden, Human Resources Director Krystle Hightower, Police Chief Chris Hulsey, and City Attorney Ted Baggett.

Absent: City Manager Tonya Parrish

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, Oliver McClellan, William McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris Mundy
Nays: None
Result: Motion carried

Awards & Recognitions: There were no awards or recognitions.

Public Hearing:

- a. Public Hearing and First Reading to Consider Ordinance 761 for McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road Convenience Store Conditional Use Permit.
- b. Public Hearing and First Reading to Consider Ordinance 762 for McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road Convenience Store Variance.

Director McCrary presented a consideration of Ordinance 761 and Ordinance 762 for McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road Convenience Store Conditional Use Permit. The applicant is applying for a required Conditional Use Permit to develop a convenience store

in HB – Highway Business and a concurrent variance to allow a gas canopy and pumps in the front of the structure. The site plan proposes a 6,900-square foot building that will contain a 4,200-square foot convenience store, 1,200-square foot drive-thru restaurant, and a 1,500-square foot unit with no use designation on the plans. The site plan also includes a gas canopy in front of the building. Included in the site plan is an area labeled as the Boat Washing Area. Detention is proposed to be provided with an underground detention system. Staff recommends denial of the Variance Request due to the applicant's inability to demonstrate hardships associated with the configuration of site components. Staff recommends denial of the Conditional Use Permit for the convenience store, as it conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map and Character Area.

In Favor of Ordinance 761 & Ordinance 762:

Jacob Bolton, Senior Civil Designer with Sullins Engineering, 26 E. Athens, Street,
Winder, Georgia 30680
Developing Group

In Opposition of Ordinance 761 & Ordinance 762:

Harley Jones, 6490 Deep Valley Court, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542
Wendy Frazier, 6216 Tall Woods Court, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542
Jeff Melton, 6412 Winter Harbor Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542
Cathy Forte, 6363 Green Oak Ridge, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542
Mary Willis, 6219 Spring Lake Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542

Mayor Asbridge gave Mr. Bolton the remaining time for rebuttal.

Mayor Asbridge closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Unfinished Business - Work Session:

- a. *Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 747 for the Annexation of the Jones Road Tract.*
- b. *Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 748 for the Rezoning and Approval of Variances for the Jones Road Tract.*

Director McCrary presented Ordinance 747 and Ordinance 748 for the Annexation, Rezoning and Variance Request of the Jones Road Tract. Heritage Group Homes, LLC is applying for an annexation of a +/- .854 acre portion of 6300 Jones Rd. and rezoning 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

Chris Hill, 5915 Fairway Park Lane, Jefferson, Georgia presented the request for annexation, rezoning, and variance requests for the Jones Road tract.

Council held a discussion with Mr. Hill, Reid Parker, and Brandon Bowen. Mr. Dales Jones requested approval of the Ordinances.

New Business - Work Session:

- a. Consider Ordinance 764 – To Establish the Millage Rate for Tax Year 2025; Fiscal Year 2026.

Director Hamby presented Ordinance 764 to establish the millage rate for tax year 2025; fiscal year 2026 with a full rollback rate of 3.247.

- b. Consider Resolution 25-011 Surplus of Water Tank Located on Roberts Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542.

Director Hamby presented Resolution 25-011 to surplus the water tank located on Roberts Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia.

- c. Consideration of Approval of Release for Property Damage.

Director Woerner and Director Hightower presented a consideration of approving a release for property damage that occurred in May 2025 by an employee of ASG Roll Off Company, LLC. ASG Roll Off Company has agreed to issue payment to the City of Flowery Branch in the amount of \$79,116.

Council held a discussion with Director Hightower and Director Woerner.

- d. Consider a Micro Distillery License for Remedy Distillery LLC

Kelsey Cash, Police Administrator, presented a Micro Distillery License for Remedy Distillery, LLC to sell distilled spirits at 5540 Atlanta Highway, Suite C, Flowery Branch, Georgia. The proposed operation is a distillery specializing in the production of bourbon

and flavored whiskey. All whiskey will be created, proofed, and bottled on-site at the distillery. The finished products will then be sold to a licensed distributor for distribution within the State of Georgia. In addition, the facility will feature a tasting room where patrons may sample products, purchase beverages for on-site consumption, and buy bottled products to take home.

Council held a discussion with Mrs. Cash.

Department Reports:

c. Department of Fun Report

Director Carden noted upcoming events.

f. Planning Department Report

Director McCrary reported that he will be starting the Comprehensive Plan update soon and emails will be going out soon.

k. Council Report

Council Member Mezzanotte gave his appreciation to Director McCrary for all the tasks he has worked on thus far. He appreciates that he is working on the Comprehensive Plan update.

Mayor Asbridge congratulated Mr. Peter Lena and Mr. Charles Vanderbilt on being elected for City Council.

Adjournment Work Session:

Mayor Asbridge adjourned the work session at 7:10 p.m.

Voting Session Migration

Call Voting Session to Order:

Mayor Asbridge called the voting session to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comments:

Tiffany Frazier, 6334 Mitchell Street, Flowery Branch, Georgia
Ms. Frazier would like easement documentation.

Laurie Whitener, 6626 Splashwater Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia
Ms. Whitener is against the proposed development for Jones Road.

Darlene Runner, 6232 Shoreview Circle, Flowery Branch, Georgia
Ms. Runner has concerns about Mitchell Street.

Charles Mull, 5918 Mitchell Street, Flowery Branch, Georgia

Mr. Mull expressed that Mr. Hill's projects are quality projects but suggested improvements to the street and sidewalks on Mitchell Street.

Jacob Bolton, 26 E. Athens Street, Winder, Georgia

Jacob Bolton, Senior Civil Designer with Sullins Engineering, asked Council to Table Ordinance 761 and Ordinance 762 for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance Request for a Convenience Store on McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road.

At the conclusion of the Public Comments, Council Member Joe Anglin, asked Director McCrary to research easement details for Mitchell Street.

Consent Agenda:

- *Consider Mayor Asbridge August 2025 Per Diem*

There was a motion made to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Unfinished Business - Voting Session:

- a. *Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 747 for the Annexation of the Jones Road Tract.*

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 747 for the Annexation of the Jones Road Tract.

There was a motion made to Table Ordinance 747 until September 18, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

- b. *Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 748 for the Rezoning and Approval of Variances for the Jones Road Tract.*

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 748 for Rezoning and Approval of Variances for the Jones Road Tract.

There was a motion made to Table Ordinance 748 until September 18, 2025, City Council Meeting.

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

c. Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 757 for the Annexation of Hall County Tax Parcel Identification No. 15048 000045, 5623 Hog Mountain Rd.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 757 for the Annexation of Hall County Tax Parcel Identification No. 15048 000045, 5623 Hog Mountain Road.

There was a motion made to Approve Ordinance 757.

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

Council led a brief discussion to understand the use of this annexation at 5623 Hog Mountain Road. Director McCrary advised this annexation is to support the stormwater system.

d. Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 758 for the Rezoning of Hall County Tax Parcel Identification No. 15048 000045, 5623 Hog Mountain Rd.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 758 for the Rezoning of Hall County Tax Parcel Identification No. 15048 000045, 5623 Hog Mountain Road.

There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 758.

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

e. Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 755 Rezoning at 5250 Hog Mountain Road

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 755 for the Rezoning at 5250 Hog Mountain Road.

There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 755.

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

f. Consider Second Reading of Ordinance 756 Rezoning at 5238 Hog Mountain Road

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 756 for the Rezoning at 5238 Hog Mountain Road.

There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 756.

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

New Business - Voting Session:

a. Consider Ordinance 764 – To Establish the Millage Rate for Tax Year 2025; Fiscal Year 2026.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 764 which will establish the Millage Rate for Tax Year 2025; Fiscal Year 2026.

There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 764.

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

b. Consider Resolution 25-011 Surplus of Water Tank Located on Roberts Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Resolution 25-011 Surplus of Water Tank Located on Roberts Drive, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542.

There was a motion made to approve Resolution 25-011.

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

c. Consideration of approval of Release for Property Damage.

There was a motion made to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Release for Property Damage accepting the payment of \$79,116 for a replacement screw conveyor belt system with ASG Roll Off Company, LLC.

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

d. First Read and Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 761 for McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road Convenience Store Conditional Use Permit.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 761 for McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road Convenience Store Conditional Use Permit

There was a motion made to Deny Ordinance 761.

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

e. First Read and Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 762 for McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road Convenience Store Variance.

City Clerk Cooper read the caption for Ordinance 762 for McEver Road and Gaines Ferry Road Convenience Store Variance.

There was a motion made to Deny Ordinance 762.

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

f. Consider a Micro Distillery License for Remedy Distillery LLC

There was a motion made to Approve a Micro Distillery License for Remedy Distillery, LLC.

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

Adjournment:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion: Oliver McClellan
Second: Chris Mundy
Ayes: Joe Anglin, Oliver McCellan, Willlliam McDaniel, Joseph Mezzanotte, Chris
Mundy
Nays: None
Result: Motion carried

Edward R. Asbridge
Mayor

Date

Shelia Cooper
City Clerk