



**City of Flowery Branch
City Council Meeting
January 21, 2021, 6:00pm
City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5410 Pine Street, Flowery Branch, GA 30542**



TELECONFERENCE MEETING

CONNECTION TO MEETING:

Please note this meeting will be virtual. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. The 5:30 pm time below is to allow for the meeting setup.

Council Meeting January 21, 2021
Thu, Jan 21, 2021 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM (EST)

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CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Miller called the work session to order at 6:07 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION 21-001-DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE EMERGENCY RENEWAL

Mr. Bennett read the caption for Resolution 21-001.

Resolution 21-001 Declaration of Local Emergency

There was a motion made to approve Resolution 21-001 Declaration of Local Emergency with amended dates.

MOTION: Leslie Jarchow

SECOND: Amy Farah

AYES: Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Chris Mundy, Leslie Jarchow

NAYS: None

Motion carried

FY2021 BUDGET AWARD PRESENTATION-LAURIE PUCKETT, PRESIDENT OF GGFOA

GGFOA FY2021 Budget Award

Ms. Laurie Puckett, President of the GGFOA, presented the FY2021 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City of Flowery Branch. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement by Ms. Gamble and her staff. Several attendees congratulated Ms. Gamble and her staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - WORK SESSION:

Consider-2nd Reading of Ordinance 21-624 - Publishing of 2021 General Election Qualifying Fees

Ms. Short explained the First Reading of Ordinance 624 which is to provide for the 2021 municipal election for the City of Flowery Branch for the following posts-Mayor, Post 3, Post 4 and Post 5-to set qualifying dates and to set the fee for said qualifying.

O.C.G.A. 21-2-131 (a)(1)(A) requires fixing and publishing of the qualifying fees prior to February 1 of an election year.

Seats up for election and qualifying fee for each:

- Mayor \$180.00
- Post #3 \$144.00
- Post #4 \$144.00
- Post #5 \$144.00

Qualifying is proposed to begin the 3rd Monday in August per O.C.G.A. 21-2-132 (3)(A).

Qualifying dates are proposed for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 8:30 am through Wednesday August 21, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

2021 Regulatory Event Dates

This Unfinished Work Session item was tabled at the January 7, 2021 meeting. Ms. Short asked if there were any questions. Council proposed that the Car Show and Chili Cook-off be added on the list of events. Ms. Short responded that this event will be added. There were no additional questions.

Consider approval of New Operations Development Charge

Ms. Gamble and Mr. Andrew shared that there have been some additional questions/concerns from Council regarding the proposed charges. It was suggested this be tabled until the February 4, 2021 meeting to allow for further research of the questions/concerns.

NEW BUSINESS -WORK SESSION:

Fiscal Year 2021 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program

Mr. Andrew presented the information on the FY21 LMIG Grant Program.

Highlights included:

HISTORY:

FY 2021 - \$76,142 (LMIG funds) + \$893,750 (Local Match) = \$969,892 TOTAL
FY 2020 - \$235,483 (Total LMIG 2018-2020) and \$146,968 (Local Match) The 2020 LMIG is an additional \$84,375.96 in grant funds.
FY 2019 - \$81,318 LMIG funds + \$146,968 (Local Match) for Cantrell Rd, Clarkstone Cir. & Clarkstone Dr., E. Pine St., Holland Dam Rd., Debbie Ln, Chinook Ct., and Mohave Ct.
FY 2018 - \$69,790 LMIG funds + \$0 funds held for following year.
FY 2017 - \$62,611 LMIG funds + \$149,388 (Local Match) for portions of Pine St., Gainesville St., Lights Ferry Rd., Mitchell St., Church St., and Mulberry St
FY 2016 - \$51,120 LMIG funds + \$39,883 (Local Match) for McEver Rd.
FY 2015 - \$45,193 LMIG funds + \$284,408 (Local Match) for Gainesville St.
FY 2014 - \$39,920 LMIG funds + \$106,692 (Local Match) for portions of Mulberry St., Railroad Ave., Church St., Tanner St., and Gainesville St.

1. Approximately 34.62 miles of roads, up from 34 miles in 2020
2. LMIG funds peaked in FY19, state is now sending more funds to T-SPLOST communities
3. FY20 had an average of \$78,500 in state funds which were pooled together to create economy of scale for a better bid. The local match average was \$49,000
4. With the funding we are looking at now for 2021, we are on-track to meet the requirements of the paving/maintenance plan we had prepared by Clark Patterson Lee
5. We plan to bid out these roads before the end of this Fiscal Year

Staff is requesting authorization for the City Manager to submit the on-line LMIG application and accept the funds on behalf of the City as well as and authorizing the bid to be released. The Council would then vote to award the bid later in FY21.

There was a brief discussion about an “unnamed” street listed on the list of roads. Mr. Anglin asked for clarification of the Lake Crossing Drive location.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report:

Mr. Andrew suggested the Mayor and Council consider a date for an on-line Council Retreat. The yearly retreat allows for a key part in Strategic Budget Planning which is a requirement for the Budget Book.

Planning Department Report:

Impact Fees vs. Stormwater Fees Discussion

Mr. Bill Ross with Bill Ross and Associates was unable to connect to the meeting due to technical problems. Mr. Edinger with Clark, Patterson, and Lee went over the information provided. It was decided that this will be tabled until the February 4, 2021 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Miller adjourned the work session at 7:11 pm.

VOTING SESSION AGENDA

CALL VOTING SESSION TO ORDER:

Mayor Miller called the voting session to order at 7:11 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- *Consider December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes*
- *2021 Regulatory Event Dates*

There was a motion made to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Leslie Jarchow

SECOND: Chris Mundy

AYES: Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Chris Mundy, Leslie Jarchow

NAYS: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Consider-2nd Reading of Ordinance 21-624 - Publishing of 2021 General Election Qualifying Fees

Mr. Bennett read the caption.

There was a motion made to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 21-624 Publishing of 2021 General Election Qualifying Fees.

MOTION: Leslie Jarchow

SECOND: Ed Asbridge

AYES: Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Chris Mundy, Leslie Jarchow

NAYS: None

Motion carried

Consider approval of New Operations Development Charge

There was a motion made to table the approval of the New Operations Development Charge until the February 4, 2021 meeting.

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Leslie Jarchow

AYES: Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Chris Mundy, Leslie Jarchow

NAYS: None

Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS - VOTING SESSION:

Fiscal Year 2021 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Program

There was a motion made to apply for and accept the FY 2021 LMIG funds for road paving.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Amy Farah

AYES: Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Chris Mundy, Leslie Jarchow

NAYS: None

Motion carried

There was a motion made to amend the above motion to apply for and accept the FY 2021 LMIG funds for road paving and for City Staff to prepare bid package.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: Ed Asbridge
AYES: Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Chris Mundy, Leslie Jarchow
NAYS: None
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was a motion made to enter executive session at 7:48 pm for the purpose of acquisition/disposition of real estate, pending litigation, and personnel issues.

MOTION: Joe Anglin
SECOND: Amy Farah
AYES: Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Chris Mundy, Leslie Jarchow
NAYS: None
Motion carried

There was a motion made to reconvene open session at 9:04 pm.

MOTION: Leslie Jarchow
SECOND: Amy Farah
AYES: Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Chris Mundy, Leslie Jarchow
NAYS: None
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn at 9:04 pm.

MOTION: Leslie Jarchow
SECOND: Amy Farah
AYES: Ed Asbridge, Joe Anglin, Amy Farah, Chris Mundy, Leslie Jarchow
NAYS: None
Motion carried