



**CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday May 15, 2008**  
**6:00 P.M.**



**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Hirling opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Diane Hirling and Council Members Pat Zalewski, Mary Jones, Craig Lutz, Chris Fetterman and Allen Bryans. Also in attendance were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk Melissa McCain, Assistant City Clerk Lou Camiscioni, City Planner James Riker, and City Attorney Richard Carothers.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

*[Fiscal Year 2008/2009 City of Flowerly Branch Budget](#)*

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

City Manager Andrew reviewed the proposed budget and summarized by stating that after discussion with council the proposed 1.4% increase has been reduced to only an increase of .85%.

Manager Andrew handed out a corrected budget summary and reviewed the enterprise funds numbers.

There were no questions or comments.

Mayor Hirling closed the Fiscal Year 2008/2209 City of Flowerly Branch Budget at 6:10 pm

Zoning Code Amendment, Article 24 "Signs"

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Planner Riker advised he had not received any public comments regarding the amendment to the Zoning Code to regulate signage.

Planner Riker advised that the City and staff has reviewed numerous studies and a copy of those studies were provided to the City Clerk for availability for the public review at their convenience.

Planner Riker advised that there was an application in to replace the current tri-view sign at the BP Amoco location. Due to the current moratorium that application was returned.

Councilman Lutz inquired if the City regulates LED signs and future studies are conducted that would give the City ample justification to prohibit this type of sign would the current signs that were allowed remain intact or would those signs be required to be removed.

Attorney Carothers advised that the signs would be allowed to operate but no new signs would be allowed to be put into operation.

Councilman Lutz inquired if a permit had an expiration date or if an applicant could get an approval and chooses not to install the sign till a much later date.

Attorney Carothers advised that the approvals are good for a one (1) year time period.

Planner Riker further advised that if progress was shown on the permit approval and extension could be granted.

Councilman Lutz inquired if the City could require that Amber Alerts and such public service announcement could be a requirement of the permit approval.

Attorney Carothers advised that he would research the question.

Planner Riker advised that the current applicant has volunteered to post public service announcements on the proposed sign.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hirling closed the public hearing at 6:22 p.m.

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Mayor – Diane Hirling

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Date

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City Clerk Melissa McCain