CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Council Meeting
Work Session Minutes
Thursday October 3, 2013 6:00 PM

OPEN MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Mike Miller, Mayor Pro tem, Joe Anglin, Council Members: Damon Gibbs, Mary Jones, Fred Richards and Tara Richards. Also in attendance were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Attorney Dick Carothers, City Director of Planning and Community Development John McHenry, City Finance Director Jeremy Perry and Chief of Police David Spillers.

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Tara Richards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:
Discussion – Draft Council meeting minutes from September 19, 2013

- City Clerk Burney indicated that she had sent out the minutes and received no comments.

Discussion – First reading Ordinance 447A - Update to Speed Zone Ordinance

- City Manager Andrew stated that the changes are due to a requested review by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The review helps to verify that the use of radar and changes to the speed zones in certain areas are fair and have the appropriate signage.
- In recent discussions with Pond, it has been discovered that some of the stop signs in the City are being used for traffic calming, which is not an effective use. The City will be doing an overall assessment of the stop signs in the City to see if some should be removed.
- Council Member Anglin asked about the area on Spout Springs Road in front of Stonebridge Village and verified with Chief Spillers that it is better not to use radar in that area as it is very difficult to do in that area as it is so congested.

Discussion – Contract with Pond & Company on the Partial Update to the GHMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

- City Manager Andrew stated that there is a $10,000 match needed from the cities in Hall County to have Pond and Company update the GHMPO (Gainesville Hall Metropolitan Planning Organization) Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Attached as Exhibit A is a breakdown of the amounts pledged from each of the cities and Hall County.
- In conjunction with the road construction on Friendship Road, there will be an off-grade bicycle path installed. In addition, a similar path will be created along Spout Springs Road.
- The City has had discussions with Newland Communities regarding creating a path that would go through Sterling on the Lake that would connect the paths on Friendship Road (which will be connecting to the Gwinnett County path system) and Spout Springs Road (which will be connecting to Oakwood and Gainesville). A map showing the paths is attached as Exhibit B.
- The City is handling the contract with Pond as it would be a work order under the Master Agreement that the City already has with Pond. The City would pay Pond and invoice the other cities for their portion of the $10,000 match.
- Ultimately, the bike path would be to connect Buford and Braselton using bike paths to northern Hall County.
- When applying for a grant from the state, the chances of receiving funding increases if a plan can be provided that would show obvious termini for a bike path.

Discussion – Mowing agreement with Kubota for the Thurmon Tanner Pkwy. Sprayfield

- This agreement would allow Kubota to mow the 38 acres at the City Sprayfield. Previously, an individual had been mowing the Sprayfield for straw. However, for this to be a viable option, weeds had to be removed and there was a lot of effort that had to be put in, so the City looked for another option.
- Kubota will mow the property for free so that they can use it as an opportunity to test their mowers. Due to water being sprayed on the property in the winter, Kubota would also have the opportunity to mow the property in the winter.
- Due to liability issues, Kubota will not be mowing the right of way; the County will still be responsible for that mowing.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report: None

City Finance Director Report: None

City Director Planning and Community Development Report

- The Opportunity Zone application for the City was submitted today and so was the application for the City of Oakwood.
- Late last week, the Stormwater Management Plan was submitted to the EPD. Annual reports are then submitted for the next five years. The Planning intern was instrumental in getting the plan prepared and submitted.
- The final layout of the Redevelopment Plan is being worked on. The consultant will be at the Council meeting on October 17th to give an update to the Council. There will be a core meeting on the 15th and a public meeting on the 22nd.
- Hollis Transport has submitted plans for a 46,000 square foot building on their property.

City Clerk Report: None

City Attorney Report: None

Council Report

- Council Member Tara Richards: None
- Council Member Joe Anglin: None
- Council Member Fred Richards: None
- Council Member Mary Jones: None
- Council Member Damon Gibbs: None
- Mayor Mike Miller stated that he and Council Member Anglin had attended the groundbreaking of the Georgia Retired Educators Museum which will be located in Flowery Branch. There are only three other of these museums in existence and they are located in Michigan, Missouri and Texas. The Sweet Sounds on Main concert turned out very well and benefitted the Shop with a Cop program. The Fall Festival with the Boy Scouts will be this upcoming weekend.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION: Work session adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Council Meeting
Voting Session Meeting Minutes
Immediately following Work Session
Thursday October 3, 2013

OPEN VOTING SESSION: Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:
Draft Council meeting minutes from September 19, 2013
Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Joe Anglin
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:
First reading Ordinance 447A - Update to Speed Zone Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SPEED ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH; TO INCORPORATE THE MODEL ORDINANCE AS SET FORTH BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT); TO ALLOW USE OF SPEED DETECTION DEVICES; TO LIMIT THE USE OF SPEED DETECTION DEVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND FOR ALL OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 447A: Tara Richards
Second: Mary Jones
Unanimous

Contract with Pond & Company on the Partial Update to the GHMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
Motion to approve the contract with Pond & Company: Tara Richards
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

Mowing agreement with Kubota for the Thurmon Tanner Pkwy. Sprayfield
Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the mowing agreement with Kubota: Damon Gibbs
Second: Fred Richards
Unanimous

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session for Land Acquisition
Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of Land Acquisition: Tara Richards
Second: Mary Jones
Unanimous

Motion to exit Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.: Tara Richards
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the voting session at 6:59 p.m.: Tara Richards
Second: Damon Gibbs
Unanimous

James "Mike" Miller - Mayor

October 17, 2013
Dated

Maria Burney – City Clerk

Government	Pledge	Yes/No
Hall County	$ 1,600	Yes
Braselton	$ 1,600	Yes
Buford	$ 1,600	Yes
Clermont	$ 133	Yes
Flowery Branch	$ 1,601	Yes
Gainesville	$ 1,600	Yes
Gillsville	$ 133	Yes
Lula	$ 133	Yes
Oakwood	$ 1,600	Yes
	$ 10,000	**TOTAL Match**

	$ 10,000	Match from Local Governments
	$ 40,000	from GHMPO
	$ 50,000	**TOTAL for Bike/Ped Study**

EXHIBIT A

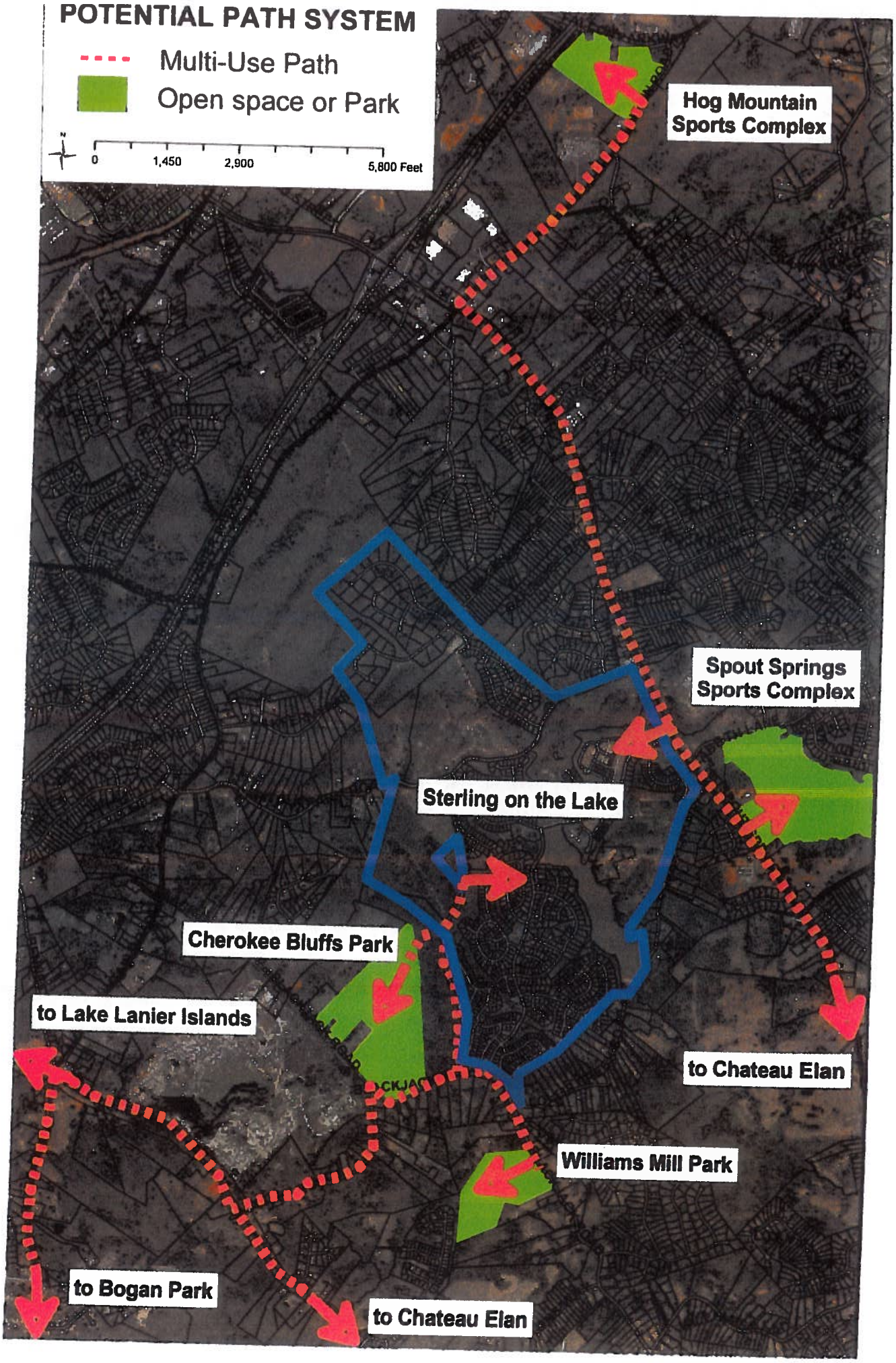
POTENTIAL PATH SYSTEM
Multi-Use Path
Open space or Park
N
0
1,450
2,900
5,800 Feet
Hog Mountain Sports Complex
Spout Springs Sports Complex
Sterling on the Lake
Cherokee Bluffs Park
to Lake Lanier Islands
to Chateau Elan
Williams Mill Park
to Bogan Park
to Chateau Elan

EXHIBIT B