



CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 6, 2015, 6:00 pm
City of Flowery Branch City Hall
5517 Main Street, Flowery Branch GA. 30542



CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENT: - Mayor Mike Miller and Councilmembers Chris Mundy, Mary Jones, Fred Richards, Joe Anglin and Monica Beatty.

Also present were City Manager Bill Andrew, City Clerk Melissa McCain, City Planner John McHenry, Finance Director Jeremy Perry and Attorney Ron Bennett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE: Clerk McCain gave the oath of office to Monica Beatty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished

NEW BUSINESS:

Regulatory License for Hall County Fire Services

Clerk McCain advised the event is a two day competitive event in which firefighters simulate the physical demands of real-life firefighting by completing an obstacle course consisting of five tasks.

Continuing Clerk McCain advised that there would be the firefighter course as well as a kids course that was open to the public.

Hall County Fire Services Deputy Chief Black was in attendance to answer any questions.

There was a consensus to place the regulatory license for Hall County Fire Services on the August 6, 2015 Consent Agenda for further consideration.

Appointments to the Enviroshare Committee

This item was removed from the agenda for later consideration.

Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2015 - Clerk McCain advised there were no changes.

There was a consensus to place the July 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes on the August 6, 2015 Consent Agenda for further consideration.

Ordinance 375A –Amend Historic Preservation Commission Terms

City Planner John McHenry advised that Ordinance 375 created a Historic Preservation Commission with limited terms. Specifically it states that members may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

The current members on the commission are Mary Jones, Janice Bryans and Sue Kilgore.

Continuing, Planner McHenry advised that the amendment would simply remove the sentence limiting members to two consecutive terms.

There was a consensus to place the first reading of Ordinance 375A on the Voting Session Agenda for further consideration.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager Report

Manager Andrew gave an update on the status of the approved replacement of the sand filter system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The next step is issuing and RFP for construction of the new system and notification to the EPD of the change in systems.

City Manager Andrew further discussed the thought of hosting a retreat and felt it would be a good thing to plan for the third week of February as it would give the new council members an opportunity to attend the Newly Elected Officials mandated training first.

Continuing, Manager Andrew provided a list of possible topics and suggested that such topics can be discussed at work sessions as a designated topic each meeting and if further discussion needed it could be set up for the next meeting or set as a retreat item.

Councilmember Anglin agreed that a retreat was needed but that he was unsure about needing an outside facilitator.

Further, Councilman Anglin suggested that one of the topics contain information on the TAD.

Councilmember Jones agreed with Councilmember Anglin and agreed that an outside facilitator was not necessary.

City Finance Director Report - No report.

City Planner Report – No report.

City Clerk Report – Clerk McCain reminded the group that qualifying for Post 1 and 2 was going to be held August 31, 2015 from 8:30 to 4:30 and September 1 – 4, 2015 from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

City Attorney Report – No report.

Council Report

Councilman Anglin Monica Beatty on her swearing in.

Mayor Miller also congratulated Monica Beatty on her win and mentioned a story that was aired on channel 11. Mayor Miller advised that there was a person in that story that did not express any appreciation for the Falcon's training camp being located in Flowery Branch and that her opinion was just hers as the City is proud to have the Falcons here. Further, the Flowery Branch citizens love the Falcons and the business they bring to the community.

Mayor Miller advised he was disappointed with the news report.

Reminder the Mayor's Breakfast is Monday at the depot at 8:00 am. All are welcome.

ADJOURNMENT WORK SESSION:

Mayor Miller adjourned the Work Session at 6:36 p.m.



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OPEN VOTING SESSION: Mayor Miller opened the Voting Session at 6:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: -

Wallace Stiving – 7117 Artisans Way, Flowery Branch, GA. 30542

Mr. Stiving inquired on why Councilmember Beatty was claiming a per diem when she was just sworn in.

Mayor Miller advised that Councilmember Beatty was entitled to the per diem per the code and that she was officially sworn in the Monday after the election but she has asked to have it removed from the agenda.

City Clerk McCain asked to pull the reappointment of Bill Ottaway to the Hall County Enviroshare Committee do to the uncertainty of the group since the director resigned to pursue another career.

Councilmember Beatty requested that her per diem request also be removed from the Consent Agenda.

There was a consensus to remove the per diem for Monica Beatty and the reappointment of Bill Ottaway to the Hall County Enviroshare Committee from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Regulatory License for Hall County Fire Services
- ~~2. Reappointment of Bill Ottaway to the Hall County Enviroshare Committee.~~
3. July 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- ~~4. Per Diem Monica Beatty~~
5. Per Diem Mike Miller

There was a motion made to approve the Consent Agenda without the reappointment of Bill Ottaway and without the per diem for Monica Beatty.

MOTION: Joe Anglin

SECOND: Fred Richards

AYES: Chris Mundy, Mary Jones, Fred Richards, Joe Anglin and Monica Beatty.

NAYS: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1st Reading of Ordinance 375A – Amending the Historic Preservation Commission Terms.

Attorney Bennett read the caption to Ordinance 375A.

There was a motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 375A

MOTION: Chris Mundy

SECOND: Monica Beatty

AYES: Chris Mundy, Mary Jones, Fred Richards, Joe Anglin and Monica Beatty.

NAYS: None

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION: Fred Richards

SECOND: Mary Jones

AYES: Chris Mundy, Mary Jones, Fred Richards, Joe Anglin and Monica Beatty.

NAYS: None

Motion carried