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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12TH, 2026 AT 4:30 P.M.
FLEMINGTON CITY HALL - 156 OLD SUNBURY RD

Present at City Hall: Mayor Timothy Byler
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilman Hasit Patel
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Councilman Paul Martin
Councilman Manish Patel
Shameka Hawkes, City Clerk
Craig Stafford, City Attorney
Deputy Wilson, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Phone: None

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore ('MPT') Rene' Harwell

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Byler on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 4:32 p.m. at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. The invocation was given by Councilman Logan, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Byler and recited in unison.
3. Mayor Byler requested approval of the agenda.

Councilman Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

4. *Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the April 14th, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as written and Councilman M Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Councilman H Patel made a motion to approve the April 21st, 2026, Budget Workshop and Councilman Martin seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

5. Deputy Wilson gave the LEO report for April 2026 Overall call volume increased, primarily accidents; seasonal trend. Slight rise in domestics and alarm calls. Increased walk-and-talks, direct patrols, house and business checks. Traffic enforcement up (stops, warnings, citations). Primary call hours: 5:00 AM–10:00 PM; highest-volume days: Monday and Tuesday. Council discussed Accidents at Wallace Martin Road/SR 38 intersection discussed. School dismissal times noted (elementary 2:15 PM, middle/high 3:15

PM). Mayor reported an inquiry to GDOT regarding peak-hour signage; awaiting response. Council discussed outreach to local schools regarding parent traffic routing.

6. Financial Reports given by Kim McGlothlin 88% of total revenues collected through end of April. 70% of expenditures spent; net surplus of approximately \$200,000. Capital Summary presented showing LMIC-obligated and available funds. Minor shortfall in line item 2707 (engineering services paid outside original obligation); expected to resolve within 3–4 months via posted interest. County SPLOST/T-SPLOST reports currently only available through December; Council encouraged to request monthly updates.
7. **New Business Candidate Introduction** - Georgia State Senate Ms. Barb Gooby introduced herself as a Democratic candidate for Georgia State Senate District 1 (Liberty, Bryan, and portions of Chatham Counties). She expressed support for municipal efforts and resource maximization. She also introduced colleague Amanda Hollowell, candidate for Congressional District 1.
8. **Public Comments**- No Public Comments received.
9. **Fire Alarm Ordinance-Chief Scoggins** there's a uptick in false alarm calls in Flemington. He spoke with Mayor Byler about the concern regarding Commercial Properties because of the old buildings being the cause. 2026 YTD: 18 false alarms; 2025 total: 37. Top offender: one restaurant (10 alarms). **Jeff Ricketson** -presented a Fire Ordinance for the City of Flemington, Council reviewed. *Councilman H Patel made a motion to approve the new ordinance. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
10. **Conditional Use for Type B Home Occupation 2026-09-F- Presentation by LCPC** Sharon Cadiz, representing the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (LCPC) Applicants: Vitterio Vosley and Ursula Riley-Vosley| 170 Flemington Oaks Drive (Parcel 067020) Request: Base of operations for mobile food unit (Vee's Bayou BBQ) prefabricated shed in fenced backyard for storage of non-perishable supplies and refrigerated meat. Future land use: Residential Low Density. No HOA. No public comments received. LCPC recommended approval with special condition: No food sales shall be made from the home. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for Type B Home Occupation 2026-09-F. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Business License – Presentations by LCPC

Sharon Cadiz, representing the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (LCPC), presented a Business License, Name of Business: Vee's Bayou BBQ, LLC: 170 Flemington Oaks Dr., Parcel # 067020, Property Zoned PUD R-20 (Single-Family Residential-20), Owner Converting shed to base of operations LCPC Zoning Recommendation: Approval. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve the Business License. Councilman Martin seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Sharon Cadiz, representing the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission (LCPC), presented a Business License, Name of Business: Vaden Assurance LLC, 1559 E. Oglethorpe Hwy, Parcel # 069D010, Property Zoned: C-3 (Highway Commercial) & A-1 (Agricultural) One employee Office is in existing dealership. LCPC Zoning Recommendation: Approval. *Councilman H Patel made a motion to approve the Business License. Councilman Martin seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

11. **FY2025 Capital Improvements Element Impact Fee Draft-Kim McGlothlin-Public Hearing opened at 5:13 p.m. and closed at 5:17 p.m.** Four fee categories: fire protection, law enforcement, road improvements, and administration. Only administration expenses incurred in FY2025. Designated capital projects: fire station, fire vehicle, law enforcement patrol HQ, deceleration lane on Highway 84. Report to be transmitted to Coastal Regional Commission. Impact fees adopted approximately 2019; changes to designated projects may require public hearing. *Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the*

proposes FY25 CIE Impact Fee Draft. Councilman M Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

12. **FY2027 Proposed Budget-Kim McGlothlin-Public Hearing opened at 5:18p.m. and closed at 5:28 p.m.**
Projected general fund revenues: \$1,159,031, Top 5 revenue sources = 89% of total revenue; largest: property tax (second year). YTD expenditures: \$768,000 of \$1,099,780 approved FY2026 budget. Proposed increase: \$59,251 (5%) over FY2026. Fire services (\$265,000 budgeted); final FY2026 amount pending; IGA may warrant review. Items for future consideration: governmental accounting software, capital asset maintenance plan, contract reviews, maximizing SPLOST/T-SPLOST/Impact Fee Usage. No public Comments. Budget resolution to be presented at the June 9th Council meeting. *Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the proposes FY27 Budget. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Engineering Report-Randy

FY2025 LMIG Road Project — Bid Award Three bids received for seven road improvement projects:

- Griffin Contracting: \$199,968.43 (recommended)
- JW Oliver Construction, Inc.
- Platinum Paving and Concrete, LLC. Pavement

Per-day penalty provisions included in contract. Pre-construction meeting to be scheduled; Council encouraged to attend. *Councilman Logan made a motion to award the Bid to Griffin Contracting. Councilman M Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Wallace Martin Road-GDOT Median & Realignment Update

- GDOT raised median project slated for FY2028 (construction July 2027); currently planned to end at Patriots Trail. GDOT asked to consider extending to Wallace Martin.
- Realignment project: Kickoff meeting completed; T-SPLOST funds accumulating. Sub-consultant pricing underway; budget development next step. Property owner (Smith family) aware and cooperative; potential restaurant developer interested in pending road alignment.

Status Updates

Annexation-Councilman Logan reported meeting with LCPC's Jeff regarding annexation options:

- Methods: 100% petition, 60% petition, or state legislative action.
- Key questions: What can the City offer annexed residents? (Lower fire insurance ratings cited as a benefit.) Can the City afford expanded service area?

Consensus: Schedule an annexation workshop in June. Shameka to poll Council for dates.

Social Media Policy: Councilwoman Smiley

Updated policy presented with revisions per prior Council direction. *Councilman Martin made a motion to approve the social media Policy. Councilman M Patel seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

ON THE HORIZON

- **May 16 (Saturday):** Honorary road dedication ceremony-signage printed, invitations distributed.
- **June 6:** Little Caesars grand opening.
- **June 6:** Regular Council Meeting.
- **June 13:** Liberty County 250 Celebration Parade, 9:00 AM-Council to participate with city vehicle.

- **June 26–30:** GMA Annual Convention.

13. *Councilman H Patel made a motion to adjourn. Council Martin seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.*