



CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Minutes

February 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. | Pooler City Hall | 100 US Hwy 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Rebecca Benton	Mayor	Present
Tom Hutcherson	Mayor Pro Tem	Present
Shannon Black	Councilmember	Present
Aaron Higgins	Councilmember	Present
Stevie Wall	Councilmember	Present
John Wilcher	Councilmember	Present
Karen Williams	Councilmember	Present
Robert Byrd	City Manager	Present
Steve Scheer	City Attorney	Present
Craig Call	City Attorney	Present
Chris Lightle	Finance Officer	Present
Kiley Fusco	Clerk of Council	Present

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebecca Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Rebecca Benton gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutcherson led the pledge.

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2021

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting.

RESULT: PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

VI. REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rebecca Benton reminded residents that Chatham County received an \$8.7 million grant for emergency rental assistance. This program is intended to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. County staff are working with several

local organizations to administer the program. Any Chatham County resident in need of rental assistance should directly contact the United Way at 211 or (912) 651-7730 or the EOA at (912) 438-8077. This information is available on the City's website.

VII. SPECIAL GUESTS

- A.** Kathleen Russell, the Branch Executive Director of the West Chatham YMCA, was present to share what facilities and resources the YMCA has had to offer the community since the beginning of the pandemic. They have provided childcare services for first responders, made wellness checks for seniors, collaborated with America's Second Harvest to distribute over 12,000 meals, have house Loaves and Fishes on alternating Saturdays, held a socially distanced summer camp, and continue to offer e-camp and facilitate virtual learning for students. The YMCA is a charitable organization that will not turn away a resident for an inability to pay; as such, they are working on fundraising efforts. Ms. Russell left literature in the Chambers.

VIII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution for State Arbor Day

Mayor Rebecca Benton presented the resolution. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the resolution deeming February 19, 2021 as State Arbor Day in the City of Pooler, GA.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Acceptance of Professional Development Services Proposal for the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Fire Station from Coleman Company

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposal for approval. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the proposal in the amount of \$86,080 subject to attorney review.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

B. Conditional Use Request for JCB

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for approval. Mayor Rebecca Benton opened the Public Hearing. Greg Coleman, of Coleman Company, was present to answer questions on behalf of the petitioner, Suncap. Derek Mathis, with Suncap Property Group, also introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. Latrisha Brown, resident, inquired about traffic patterns and children returning to school. Greg Coleman responded that those will be

considered as part of the traffic study. The Public Hearing was then closed. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved approve the conditional use request subject to review of the criteria and completion of a traffic study addressing any/all concerns of Mayor and Council.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

C. Acceptance of Maintenance & Sidewalk Bond/Final Plat Approval for Westbrook, Phase 7B-1

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the maintenance and sidewalk bonds for acceptance and final plat for approval. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the final plat and accept the maintenance and sidewalk bonds in the amounts of \$134,195 and \$141,750 respectively, subject to attorney review.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER:

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

D. Acceptance of Maintenance & Sidewalk Bond/Final Plat Approval for Whitaker Park, Phase 3

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the maintenance and sidewalk bonds for acceptance and final plat for approval. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the final plat and accept the maintenance and sidewalk bonds in the amounts of \$331,722 and \$72,900 respectively, subject to attorney review.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

E. Major Subdivision Approval for Easthaven Area D (aka Telfair Park)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the major subdivision for approval. Leon Davenport and Hal Kraft, of Hussey Gay Bell, were present to answer questions on behalf of the petitioner, Savannah Quarters. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the major subdivision.

PASSED [4-3]

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Benton, Black, Wall, Wilcher

NAYS: Higgins, Hutcherson, Williams

F. Site Plan/Landscape Plan for Costco at 200 Mosaic Circle

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plans for approval. Julie Miller, of AEC and Civil Engineer on the project, was present to answer questions on behalf of the petitioner. Julie Miller confirmed that Costco's standard parking space size is 10'x20', and 796 total spaces are planned. To her knowledge, Costco has never entered into an agreement to allow for third party parking of trailers or other vehicles. In addition, Costco does not allow overnight parking on their properties. The projected date for completion is early spring/summer 2022. Leon Davenport, of Hussey Gay Bell was also present. Liberto Chacon, Director of Engineering at EOM, presented a traffic assessment with proposed recommendations for ingress/egress to the property. Following his presentation, John Hayden, resident, inquired about the date of completion of the traffic study. The traffic study is being completed by Moffatt & Nichol, a party not present. Blake Grecco, General Counsel for Parker's Convenience Stores, shared his objection to the proposed median and removal of an access point to their adjacent store. Robert Brian, resident, inquired whether the information presented in relation to this project could be broadcast via the local news. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the site and landscape plans subject to review of the site plan criteria.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

G. Agreement for Interstate I-95 and Hwy 80 Interchange Landscape and Signage Improvements with Thomas & Hutton

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the agreement for approval. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the agreement subject to attorney review.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

H. Site Plan/Landscape Plan (revision) for 300 Seabrook Parkway, Building B

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the revised site and landscape plans for approval. Jeff Jepson, with Evans General Contractors, and Terry Coleman, with Coleman Engineering, were present to answer questions on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the site and landscape plans with issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy contingent upon the Sangrena Drive traffic signal being operational and the balance of any tree fund monies owed to the City being paid.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

- I. **Alcohol Beverage License Application for Parker Spirits, LLC dba Parker's Spirit**
City Manager Robert Byrd presented the application for approval. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the application.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYE: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

PASSED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 15 day of FEBRUARY, 2021.

Attest:



Kiley Fusco, City Clerk