



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

June 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM | City Hall | 100 US Hwy 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

Absent:

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Karen Williams gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Karen Williams led the pledge.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the consent agenda for consideration.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2022

B. City Council Executive Session Minutes of June 6, 2022

C. Temporary/Special Event (Dispensing Alcohol) Permit Application for Barbara Harris on July 8, 2022

D. **Temporary/Special Event (Dispensing Alcohol) Permit Application for Barbara Harris on July 9, 2022**

E. **Temporary/Special Event (Dispensing Alcohol) Permit Application for Barbara Harris on July 29, 2022**

F. **Department Reports**

1. Public Works

2. Finance

3. Fire Department

4. Police Department

5. Recreation

6. Planning & Zoning

Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

VI. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. **Proclamation for Pam Southard Upon Her Retirement**

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton welcomed Pam Southard, formerly of the Greater Pooler Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, Inc. and read aloud the proclamation.

B. **Resolution R2022-06.A - Georgia Department of Community Affairs Form 5 Certification to Extend the Current Chatham County Service Delivery Strategy**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the resolution for consideration.

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve Resolution R2022-06.A - Georgia Department of Community Affairs Form 5 Certification to Extend the

Current Chatham County Service Delivery Strategy.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

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

NAYS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Zoning Map Amendment for 20.16 Acres Located Off Nordic Drive from I-1 to R1-A**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposed amendment for consideration, and Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Travis Burke of Coleman Company was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing and Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for 20.16 Acres Located Off Nordic Drive from I-1 to R1-A.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

B. **Site Plan for Canal Towns**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Travis Bazemore was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for Canal Towns subject to the following conditions:

1. Recording of the stormwater agreement and recombination plat prior to the preconstruction meeting
2. Completion of the amenities prior to issuance of any certificate of occupancy

Travis Bazemore verbally agreed to the conditions.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

C. **Site Plan for the Sojourn Hotel**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. The petitioner was not present. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to table the Site Plan for the Sojourn Hotel.

Motion to Table; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

D. Proposed Disposition of a Portion of Sheftall Road

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposal for consideration. Attorney Jon Hart and petitioner Billy Dorsey were present. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to advance the Proposed Disposition of a Portion of Sheftall Road process with a property appraisal per the city's ordinance.

Motion to Advance; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Williams

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

NAYS:

E. Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the SR 26/US 80 Corridor Study (PI# 0018344)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the agreement for consideration. Leon Davenport of Thunderbolt Consultants, LLC was present to answer questions. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the SR 26/US 80 Corridor Study (PI# 0018344).

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wall

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

NAYS:

F. Proposal for US 80 Corridor Study with Kimley-Horn

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposal for consideration. Leon Davenport of Thunderbolt Consultants, LLC was present to answer questions. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the Proposal for US 80 Corridor Study with Kimley-Horn, subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve; (PASSED) UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

G. Change Order for the Quacco Road / Easthaven Blvd / Spanton Crescent Signal Project Contract with Moye Electric

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the change order for consideration. Leon Davenport of Thunderbolt Consultants, LLC was present to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the Change Order for the Quacco Road / Easthaven Blvd / Spanton Crescent Signal Project Contract with Moye Electric in the amount of \$32,500.00.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wall

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

Attest:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council