



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

July 5, 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
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 Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Rebecca Benton gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rebecca Benton led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Stevie Wall reported on the voting results for each precinct from the Special Pooler Transportation Millage Question of the May 2022 Chatham County Special Election.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the consent agenda for consideration.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022

- B. **Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Publix Super Markets, Inc. DBA Publix Super Markets, Inc. #1364 at 467 Pooler Parkway**
- C. **Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Publix Super Markets, Inc. DBA Publix Super Markets, Inc. #1584 at 101 Blue Moon Crossing**
- D. **Alcoholic Beverage License Change of Business Address Notification for Entraventure, LLC DBA Naan Appetit & Wild Ginger**
Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Site Plan for the Sojourn Hotel**
City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Civil Engineer Brady Purcell was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, after review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for the Sojourn Hotel subject to the following contingencies:

1. A meeting be conducted with city staff to move the curb cut south
2. City Attorney approval

Brady Purcell verbally agreed to the contingencies.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

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

NAYS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Zoning Map Amendment of Approximately 106.74 Acres Located at the Corner of Pine Barren Road and Pooler Parkway from R1-A to PR-3C**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration. Hal Kraft of Hussey, Gay, Bell was present on behalf of the petitioner and requested a continuance on the item. Mayor Rebecca Benton opened the public hearing. Residents Paul Lynch, Ashton Canneman, Michael Bartousch, and Tom Waitt expressed their concerns regarding potential noise and traffic issues. Mayor Rebecca Benton closed the public hearing. No action was taken.

B. Acceptance of a Performance Bond and Approval of Final Plat for Westbrook, Area K-1

City Manager Robert Byrd reported that the final bonds for agenda items B - G had not yet been received, and requested they be postponed. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to postpone agenda items B - G.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wall

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

NAYS:

C. Acceptance of a Performance Bond and Approval of Final Plat for Westbrook, Area K-2

D. Acceptance of a Performance Bond and Approval of Final Plat for Westbrook, Area K-3

E. Acceptance of a Performance Bond and Approval of Final Plat for Westbrook, Area K-4

F. Acceptance of a Performance Bond and Approval of Final Plat for Westbrook, Area I-3

G. Acceptance of Maintenance Bond and Approval of Final Plat for Easthaven Boulevard Extension and Amenity Site

H. Southwest Quarter Holdings, LLC's Easthaven Lift Station Quitclaim Deed

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the deed for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the Southwest Quarter Holdings, LLC's Easthaven Lift Station Quitclaim Deed subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

I. **Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2022 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) for Capital Transportation Projects**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the agreement for consideration. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the 2022 Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (T-SPLOST) for Capital Transportation Projects to include bonding.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

J. **Adoption of the Proposed 2022 Millage Rate**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposed rate for consideration. Finance Officer Chris Lightle reviewed the documentation to include levy history and advertisement. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to adopt the Proposed 2022 Millage Rate of 4.263.

Motion to Adopt; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

K. **Monument Sign Design and Engineering Proposal from Denyse Signage & Architectural Elements**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposal for consideration. Ryan Thompson of Thomas & Hutton was present to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the Monument Sign Design and Engineering Proposal from Denyse Signage & Architectural Elements in the amount of \$19,500.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 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