



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

August 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Pooler City Hall | 100 US Hwy 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

Absent: Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor
Steve Scheer, City Attorney

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutcherson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Aaron Higgins gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Aaron Higgins led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the consent agenda for consideration.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2022

B. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Family Dollar Stores of Georgia, Inc. DBA Family Dollar #8572 at 1028 Highway 80

- C. **Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Entraventure, LLC DBA Naan Appetit and Wild Ginger at 1 North Godley Station Road**
- D. **Temporary / Special Event (Dispensing Alcohol) Permit Application for Milin Kumar on September 9, 2022**
- E. **Department Reports**
 - 1. **Public Works**
 - 2. **Finance**
 - 3. **Fire**
 - 4. **Police**
 - 5. **Recreation**
 - 6. **Planning & Zoning**

Councilmember Karen Williams moved to remove Item B from the consent agenda.

Motion to Remove; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. **Ordinance O2022-08.A - To Amend Chapter 54 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, by Adding Section 54-9 Disallowing Possession of Marijuana** *(First Reading)*

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the ordinance for consideration. Sergeant James Self was present to answer questions. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2022-08.A - To Amend Chapter 54 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, by Adding Section 54-9 Disallowing Possession of Marijuana.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

B. **Resolution R2022-08.C - Amendment to the Schedule of Fees**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the resolution for consideration. Sergeant James Self was present to answer questions. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve Resolution R2022-08.C - Amendment to the Schedule of Fees.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Zoning Map Amendment of Approximately 106.74 Acres Located on the Corner of Pine Barren Road and Pooler Parkway from R1A to PR-3C, PIN: 5-1023-01-001A** *(Public Hearing, Action)*

City Manager Robert Byrd reported that the petitioner requested the item be withdrawn. Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutcherson opened and closed the advertised public hearing without comment.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Major Subdivision for Harmony, Phase 7**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the major subdivision for consideration. Neil McKenzie was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the Major Subdivision for Harmony, Phase 7 subject to recording of the stormwater agreement.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

B. **Acceptance of Maintenance and Sidewalk Performance Bonds and Approval of Final Plat for Reunion Remainder (Westbrook, Phase 5D)**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the bonds and plat for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the final plat and to accept the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$88,884.40 and the Sidewalk Performance Bond in the amount of \$60,412.50 for Reunion Remainder (Westbrook, Phase 5D) subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

C. **Proposal for Professional Services for the Highway 80 Water Main Replacement**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposal for consideration. Hal Kraft of Hussey, Gay, Bell was present to answer questions. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Proposal for Professional Services for the Highway 80 Water Main Replacement in the amount of \$323,065.00 subject to Hussey, Gay, Bell completing the consultant agreement required by the State of Georgia for this project upon approval by the City Attorney.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no further public business to conduct, Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to enter Executive Session. Council entered Executive Session at 6:21 p.m..

Motion to Enter Executive Session; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutcherson called the meeting back to order at 6:25 p.m..

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Black

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 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