



## **CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes**

September 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Pooler 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 *via teleconference*  
Aaron Higgins, 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: Shannon Black, Councilmember  
Stevie Wall, Councilmember  
Steve Scheer, City Attorney

### **II. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **III. INVOCATION**

Reverend Hubbard, Sr. gave the invocation.

### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend Hubbar, Sr. led the pledge.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reverend Hubbard, Sr. shared information about "A Place to Dream", a program that provides new beds to local children in need through a partnership between the YMCA and the Housing Authority of Savannah.

### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the consent agenda for consideration.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022

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

- C. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Mad Maggie's Brew Pub, LLC at 1702 Pooler Parkway, Unit 111-113
- D. Temporary / Special Event (Dispensing Alcohol) Permit Application for the Greater Pooler Area Chamber of Commerce on November 3, 2022
- E. Special Event Permit Application for Rickie L. McGregory, Jr. for November 19, 2022
- F. Department Reports
  - 1. Public Works
  - 2. Finance
  - 3. Fire
  - 4. Police
  - 5. Recreation
  - 6. Planning & Zoning

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

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Zoning Map Amendment for 1775 Dean Forest Road from C-2 to I-2  
*(Advertised Public Hearing, Action)*  
City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Attorney Josh Yellin was present on behalf of the petitioner, J.P. Family Investments, and noted that I-2 had been revised to I-1 at the most recent regular meeting of the

Planning & Zoning Commission. There being no public comment, Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing. Councilmember Karen Williams, after review of the criteria, moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for 1775 Dean Forest Road from C-2 to I-1.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

- B. Conditional Use Request for 1767 Old Dean Forest Road (*Advertised Public Hearing, Action*)

City Manager Robert Byrd reported that the item had been withdrawn by the petitioner. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened and closed the public hearing without comment. No action was taken.

- C. Site Plan for Crossbuck Center at 428 West Highway 80

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Hal Kraft was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to postpone the Site Plan for Crossbuck Center at 428 West Highway 80 pending proper advertisement of the variance.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

- D. Site Plan for Darhill Office at 139 Canal Street

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Jay Maupin was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember John Wilcher, after review of the site plan criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for Darhill Office at 139 Canal Street subject to the stormwater agreement being filed prior to a preconstruction meeting.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

- E. Site Plan for Clear Lake Reserve, Lot 6

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Jay Maupin was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember Karen Williams, after review of the site plan criteria, moved to approve the site plan for Clear Lake Reserve, Lot 6 subject to the stormwater agreement

being filed prior to a preconstruction meeting.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

F. Site Plan for Harbor Freight at 1029 West Highway 80

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Holton Brinson of Henbell Pooler HFT, LLC was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember John Wilcher, after review of the site plan criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for Harbor Freight at 1029 West Highway 80 subject to the stormwater agreement being filed prior to a preconstruction meeting.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

G. Award Tennis Complex Construction Project

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the single bid for consideration and reported that the project would be paid for with SPLOST funds. Lamar Mercer of Thomas & Hutton was present to answer questions. Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to Award the Tennis Complex Construction Project to Parker Properties in the amount of \$2,862,796.44.

Motion to Award; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business to conduct, Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to enter Executive Session. Council entered Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

Motion to Enter; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton called the meeting back to order at 6:39 p.m..

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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

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Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

Attest:

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Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council