



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

July 6, 2021 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
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 C. Benton called the meeting to order at 06:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Shannon Black led the pledge of allegiance.

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2021

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the minutes for consideration.
Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve to the City Council Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2021.

Motion to Approve; PASSED

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

B. Executive Session Minutes of June 21, 2021

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the minutes for consideration. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 21, 2021.

Motion to Approve; PASSED

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

VI. REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Robert Byrd reported that Hurricane Elsa is anticipated to arrive in the area Thursday morning at approximately 2:00 a.m. as a Tropical Storm or Tropical Depression. City staff are carrying out standard preparation procedures for the pending inclement weather.

Chester A. Ellis, Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners, shared his proposed "One Chatham" T-SPLOST plan with the Mayor and Councilmembers.

VII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. Proclamation Honoring Wayne Seay

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton read aloud the proclamation honoring former Councilmember Wayne Seay after his passing.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Special Event Permit Application for the Greater Pooler Area Chamber of Commerce Sunset Shopping in the Park Events to Be Held on August 5, September 2, and October 7, 2021

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the application for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Greater Pooler Area Chamber of Commerce Sunset Shopping in the Park Events to Be Held on August 5, September 2, and

October 7, 2021.

Motion to Approve; PASSED

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. **JABOT PUD Amendment #16 (*Public Hearing, No Action*)**

City Manager Robert Byrd reported that the petitioner has requested the item be deferred to a later meeting. Rebecca C. Benton opened and closed the public hearing. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to postpone JABOT PUD Amendment #16 until the August 2, 2021 council meeting.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

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

NAYS:

B. **Zoning Map Amendment for 5188 Old Louisville Road from RA-1 to I-1 (*Public Hearing, Action*)**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Greg Coleman of Coleman Company was present on behalf of the petitioner, Strategic Real Estate Partners, to answer questions. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing, and Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for 5188 Old Louisville Road from RA-1 to I-1 subject to review of the criteria and further restriction of truck traffic to be discussed with city staff.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

C. **Conditional Use Request for 5188 Old Louisville Road to Allow for Construction of Warehouses with Distribution (*Public Hearing, Action*)**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for consideration. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Greg Coleman of Coleman Company was present on behalf of the petitioner, Strategic Real Estate

Partners, to answer questions. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing, and Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Conditional Use Request for 5188 Old Louisville Road to Allow for Construction of Warehouses with Distribution upon review of the criteria.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

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

NAYS:

D. **Zoning Map Amendment for 1403, 1405, 1407, and 1411 Pine Barren Road from MH-1 to C-2 (*Public Hearing, No Action*)**

City Manager Robert Byrd reported that the petitioner has requested the item be deferred to a later meeting. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened and closed the public hearing. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to postpone the Zoning Map Amendment for 1403, 1405, 1407, and 1411 Pine Barren Road from MH-1 to C-2 to the July 19, 2021 council meeting.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

E. **Conditional Use Request for 1403, 1405, 1407, and 1411 Pine Barren Road to Allow Construction of a Mini-Storage Facility (*Public Hearing, No Action*)**

City Manager Robert Byrd reported that the petitioner has requested the item be deferred to a later meeting. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to postpone the Conditional Use Request for 1403, 1405, 1407, and 1411 Pine Barren Road to Allow Construction of a Mini-Storage Facility until the July 19, 2021 council meeting.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

F. **Posting of a Performance Bond/Final Plat Review for Blakely Commons, Phase I**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the bond and plat for consideration. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the performance bond and final plat for Blakely Commons, Phase I subject to attorney review.

Motion to Approve; PASSED

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Williams

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

NAYS:

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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

Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

Attest:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council