



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Minutes

March 7, 2023 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
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

Pastor Jennifer Thompson of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Jennifer Thompson led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rebecca Benton reminded all present of the 2023 Partner with Pooler to Plant a Tree for Free event happening this Saturday, March 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Pooler Recreation Complex.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023

B. **City Council Executive Session Minutes of February 21, 2023**

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Black

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

NAYS:

VII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. **Ordinance O2023-02.A - Council Meeting Time** *(Second Reading)*

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the second reading for consideration.

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2023-02.A - Council Meeting Time.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (5-1)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Black

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS: Hutcherson

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Pavement Setback Variance for 115 Towne Center Boulevard** *(Public Hearing, Action)*

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the variance for consideration. Dan Fischer was present on behalf of the petitioner and stated the detention pond would be surrounded by a fence. Mayor Rebecca opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Karen Williams, after review of the criteria, moved to approve the Pavement Setback Variance for 115 Towne Center Boulevard.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

B. **Building Height Variance for a Proposed Hotel at 115 Towne Center Drive** *(Public Hearing, Action)*

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the variance for consideration. Dan Fischer was present on behalf of the petitioner. Mayor Rebecca Benton opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, after review of the criteria, moved to approve the Building Height Variance of 2.7" for the Proposed Hotel at 115 Towne Center Drive.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

C. **Conditional Use Request for a Proposed Trailer Parking Yard on Jimmy DeLoach Parkway** (*Public Hearing, Action*)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for consideration. Scott Allison of Coleman Company was present on behalf of the petitioner. Mayor Rebecca Benton opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Karen Williams, after review of the criteria, moved to approve the Conditional Use Request for a Proposed Trailer Parking Yard on Jimmy DeLoach Parkway.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

D. **Site Plan for Savannah Quarters Office on Holmes Court**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Justin Farmer was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Site Plan for Savannah Quarters Office on Holmes Court subject to the following conditions:

1. Recording of the stormwater agreement prior to the scheduling of a preconstruction meeting
2. City Attorney approval

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

E. **Site Plan for Pittman Subaru on Kita Avenue (Clear Lake Reserve)**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Wesley Green of Coleman Company was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the Site Plan for Pittman Subaru on Kita Avenue (Clear Lake Reserve) subject to the following conditions:

1. Payment of \$14,025.00 into the Tree Fund
2. Recording of the stormwater agreement prior to the scheduling of a preconstruction meeting

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

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

NAYS:

F. **Proposal for Pooler Recreation Complex Tennis and Pickleball Lighting System from Musco Lighting**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposal for consideration. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Proposal for Pooler Recreation Complex Tennis and Pickleball Lighting System from Musco Lighting to be paid out Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds, not to exceed \$312,818.00 and subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business to conduct, Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to enter Executive Session. Council entered Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

Motion to Enter; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton called the meeting back to order at 6:49 p.m..

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

Attest:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

