



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

August 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. | City Hall, 100 US Highway 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
Matthew Saxon, Assistant City Manager
Craig Call, City Attorney
Chris Lightle, Finance Officer
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

Absent: Robert Byrd, City Manager

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebecca Benton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Pastor Mike Ellington of Rothwell Baptist Church gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Mike Ellington led the pledge.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023

B. Special Event Permit Application for Rickie L. McGregory, Jr. on September 23, 2023

Assistant City Manager Matthew Saxon presented the Consent Agenda for consideration. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Williams
SECONDER: Black

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

VI. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance O2023-06.A - To Amend Chapter 50, Article II to Ensure Compliance with the Minimum National Flood Insurance Program Standards (*Second Reading*)

Assistant City Manager Matthew Saxon presented the ordinance for consideration. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2023-06.A - To Amend Chapter 50, Article II to Ensure Compliance with the Minimum National Flood Insurance Program Standards.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER:

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

NAYS:

B. Ordinance O2023-06.B - To Amend Chapter 66, Sections 4 and 10 - Requirements and Procedures Related to Signs (*Second Reading*)

Assistant City Manager Matthew Saxon presented the ordinance for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2023-06.B - To Amend Chapter 66, Sections 4 and 10 - Requirements and Procedures Related to Signs.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

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

NAYS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Event Permit Application for The Villages at Godley Station on November 11, 2023

Assistant City Manager Matthew Saxon reported that the item had been withdrawn by the petitioner. No action was taken.

B. Zoning Map Amendment for 1722, 1730, 1732, 1740, and 1742 Quacco Road from R-A to R-4 (*Public Hearing, Action*)

Assistant City Manager Matthew Saxon presented the amendment for consideration. Attorney John Northup was present on behalf of the petitioner, Savan Patel, to answer questions. Mayor Rebecca Benton opened the public hearing. Resident Dr. Kimberly O'Connell expressed her concern regarding traffic/daily trip counts. Resident John Hayden shared his comments regarding traffic/safety at the existing intersections outside Savannah Quarters. Mayor Rebecca Benton closed the public hearing. Councilmember John Wilcher, after review of the criteria, moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for 1722, 1730, 1732, 1740, and 1742 Quacco Road from R-A to R-4.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Williams
AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams
NAYS:

**C. Zoning Map Amendment for Collins Street Properties
(Public Hearing, Action)**

Planning & Development Director Nicole Dixon presented the amendment request on behalf of the City. Mayor Rebecca Benton opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for Collins Street Properties.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Higgins
SECONDER: Wilcher
AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams
NAYS:

D. Conditional Use Request for a Proposed Fitness Center Adjacent to All American Glass on West Highway 80 (Public Hearing, Action)

Assistant City Manager Matthew Saxon presented the request for consideration. Jay Maupin was present on behalf of the petitioners, Adam and Amanda Jenkins, to answer questions. Mayor Rebecca opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Karen Williams, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Conditional Use Request for a Proposed Fitness Center Adjacent to All American Glass on West Highway 80.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Williams
SECONDER: Higgins
AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams
NAYS:

VIII. 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 04:41 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and are approved on this

_____ day of _____, _____.

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

Rebecca Benton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kiley Fusco, City Clerk