



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

August 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL

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:

I. INVOCATION

Dr. Shirlinia Daniel of Bread of Life Ministries gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Shirlinia Daniel led the pledge.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rebecca Benton reported that New Business, Item “Variance for Benton Grove Tract Master Infrastructure Bonding Requirements from 24 Months to 18 Months” had been withdrawn by the petitioner. No action would be taken.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023

B. City Council Planning Retreat Minutes of August 4, 2023

**C. New Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Nara Pooler, LLC DBA
Nara Revolving Sushi Bar at 810 Towne Center Boulevard, Suite 112**

D. Department Reports

1. Public Works
2. Finance
3. Fire-Rescue Services
4. Police
5. Recreation
6. Planning & Development

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

V. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance O2023-08.A - Amendment to Chapter 82. Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV. Speed Zones (*First Reading*)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the ordinance for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2023-08.A - Amendment to Chapter 82. Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV. Speed Zones.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Williams

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

NAYS:

B. Resolution R2023-08.A - Authorization for Performance of 2023 Municipal Election Duties

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the resolution for consideration. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve Resolution R2023-08.A - Authorization for Performance of 2023 Municipal Election Duties.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

C. Resolution R2023-08.B - Appointment of Commissioners to the Planning & Zoning Commission

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the resolution for consideration. Planning & Development Director Nicole Dixon reported on the recruitment, interview, and selection process. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve

Resolution R2023-08.B - Appointment of Commissioners to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Black

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

NAYS:

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Preliminary Subdivision Plans for Westbrook Area L-1

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plans for consideration. Hayden Rollins of Hussey Gay Bell was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Preliminary Subdivision Plans for Westbrook Area L-1.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

B. Preliminary Subdivision Plans for Westbrook Area L-2

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plans for consideration. Hayden Rollins of Hussey Gay Bell was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember John Wilcher, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Preliminary Subdivision Plans for Westbrook Area L-2.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

C. Preliminary Subdivision Plans for Westbrook Area L-3

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plans for consideration. Hayden Rollins of Hussey Gay Bell was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Preliminary Subdivision Plans for Westbrook Area L-3.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Black

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

NAYS:

D. Preliminary Subdivision Plans for Forest Lakes, Phase 12

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plans for consideration. Neil McKenzie was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Preliminary

Subdivision Plans for Forest Lakes, Phase 12.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

E. Site Plan for Dozier Crane Extension

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plan for consideration. Travis Burke of Coleman Company was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember John Wilcher, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for Dozier Crane Extension subject to payment of \$9,975.00 into the Tree Fund.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Black

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

NAYS:

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.

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

_____ day of _____, _____.

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

Rebecca Benton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council