



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

October 2, 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:

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Shannon Black introduced Pastor Julie Stanley Mack of LifeSpring Worship Center of Bloomingdale, who gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Julie Stanley Mack led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rebecca Benton announced that the Savannah Quarters PUD Amendment item had been withdrawn by the petitioner and there would be no Public Hearing.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023

B. City Council Executive Session Minutes of September 18, 2023

C. Special Event Permit Application for Jigar A. Patel on October 22, 2023

D. Release of Maintenance Bond for Easthaven Extension in the Amount of \$100,119.22 Subject to City Attorney Approval

Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

VII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance O2023-09.A - To Amend Chapter 82 - Traffic and Vehicles, Article II. Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 82-40.4 Same - Motorized Cart Registration (*First Reading*)

Councilmember Aaron Higgins, moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2023-09.A - To Amend Chapter 82 - Traffic and Vehicles, Article II. Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 82-40.4 Same - Motorized Cart Registration.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Site Plan for Mosaic Gardens

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plan for consideration. David Hornsby was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for Mosaic Gardens subject to payment of \$8,075.00 into the Tree Fund.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

B. Site Plan for High Avenue Extension (a/k/a 1-16 Mixed Use Access Road)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plan for consideration. David Hornsby was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember John Wilcher, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for High Avenue Extension (a/k/a 1-16 Mixed Use Access Road).

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Black

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

NAYS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Conditional Use Request for Galen College of Nursing at 500 Mosaic Circle (*Public Hearing, Action*)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for consideration. Trent Robinson gave a presentation on behalf of the petitioner. Mayor Rebecca Benton opened the Public Hearing. Resident Lou Diber inquired about the number of vehicles the project would add to the area. Mayor Rebecca Benton closed the Public Hearing and Councilmember Karen Williams, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve Conditional Use Request for Galen College of Nursing at 500 Mosaic Circle.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

B. Conditional Use Request for Car Rental Business at 1024 West Highway 80, Suite 103 (*Public Hearing, Action*)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for consideration. Petitioner Gi Hong Kim was present to answer questions. Mayor Rebecca Benton opened and closed the Public Hearing without comment. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Conditional Use Request for Car Rental Business at 1024 West Highway 80, Suite 103.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-2)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher

NAYS: Wall, Williams

C. Zoning Map Amendment for 120 Parsons Avenue from R1-A to C-1 (*Public Hearing, Action*)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration. Petitioner Noble Boykin was present to answer questions. Mayor Rebecca Benton opened and closed the Public Hearing without comment. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for 120 Parsons Avenue from R1-A to C-1.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

D. Right-of-Way Deed for 0.401 Acres at US Highway 80 and Coleman Boulevard to the Georgia Department of Transportation

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the deed for consideration.
Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the Right-of-Way Deed for 0.401 Acres at US Highway 80 and Coleman Boulevard to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

E. Proposal #20220330POOLER-4 from Ecosorb for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Equipment

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposal for consideration.
Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve Proposal #20220330POOLER-4 from Ecosorb for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Equipment in the amount of \$360,955.00.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

F. Proposal from Kimley-Horn for Pooler Parkway at Benton Boulevard and Mill Creek Circle Intersection Improvement Design Services

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposal for consideration.
Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Proposal from Kimley-Horn for Pooler Parkway at Benton Boulevard and Mill Creek Circle Intersection Improvement Design Services in the amount of \$413,870.00, subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

G. Agreement with Thunderbolt Consultants, LLC for Transportation Consulting Services

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the agreement for consideration.
Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Agreement with Thunderbolt Consultants, LLC for Transportation Consulting Services, subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

H. Election of Mayor Pro Tem (*Post-Executive Session*)

Councilmember Karen Williams moved to elect Councilmember John Wilcher as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion to Elect; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business to conduct, Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to enter Executive Session. Council entered Executive Session at 4:53 p.m.

Motion to Enter; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Tom Hutcherson exited Executive Session and verbally tendered his resignation from City Council, effective immediately, citing health reasons.

Mayor Rebecca Benton called the meeting back to order at 7:13 p.m.

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to amend the agenda, adding item H. Election of Mayor Pro Tem to New Business.

Motion to Amend; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 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, Clerk of Council