



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

October 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor *via teleconference*
John Wilcher, Mayor Pro Tem
Shannon Black, Councilmember
Shirlenia Daniel, Councilmember
Aaron Higgins, Councilmember
Stevie Wall, Councilmember
Karen Williams, Councilmember
Robert Byrd, City Manager
Craig Call, City Attorney
Chris Lightle, Finance Officer
Shannon Kirby, Deputy Clerk of Council

Absent:

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem John Wilcher called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Aaron Higgins introduced Dr. Reverend Nelle Bordeaux of Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. Dr. Reverend Bordeaux gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Reverend Bordeaux led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire-Rescue Services Chief Wade Simmons provided an update on the Chatham County Emergency Services Computer Aided Dispatch system. The project has been five years in the making, involves greater than 20 local agencies, and went online October 10, 2023.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2023

B. City Council Executive Session Minutes of October 2, 2023

C. City Council Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2023

D. New Alcoholic Beverage License Application for 912 Kpot, Inc. DBA 912 Korean BBQ & Hotpot

E. New Alcoholic Beverage License Application for First Watch Restaurants, Inc. DBA First Watch #6024

F. Special Event Permit Application for Pooler Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau on November 8, 2023

G. Special Event Permit Date Change Request for Jigar A. Patel on November 5, 2023 (*Event Approved at October 2, 2023 Meeting*)

H. Department Reports

1. Public Works

2. Finance

3. Fire-Rescue Services

4. Police

5. Recreation

6. Planning & Development

Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Daniel, Higgins, Wall, 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 (*Second Reading*)

Councilmember Shannon Black moved to approve the second 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 (4-0-1)

MOVER: Black

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Williams

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS: Daniel

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Variance Request for Fence at 1384 South Rogers Street (Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for consideration. Julie Wade was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Mayor Pro Tem John Wilcher opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Karen Williams, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Variance Request for Fence at 1384 South Rogers Street.

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

B. Zoning Map Amendment for 1465 and 1485 Pine Barren Road from MH-1 and I-1 to C-2 (Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration. Greg Coleman of Coleman Company was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Mayor Pro Tem John Wilcher opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for 1465 and 1485 Pine Barren Road from MH-1 and I-1 to C-2.

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

C. PUD Amendment for Morgan Family Tract PUD

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration. Hunter Whitfield and Brad Davis were present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Stevie Wall, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the PUD Amendment for Morgan Family Tract PUD.

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

D. Site Plan for Georgia Credit Union

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plan for consideration. Councilmember Shirlenia Daniel, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for Georgia Credit Union.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Daniel
SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Black, Daniel, Higgins, Wall, Williams
NAYS:

E. Final Plat Approval for Mosaic Town Center

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plat for consideration. David Hornsby was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the Final Plat Approval for Mosaic Town Center.

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

F. Final Plat Approval and Acceptance of a Performance Bond for Benton Townhomes E-2

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plat for consideration. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the final plat and accept the performance bond for Benton Townhomes E-2 in the amount of \$5,565,751.35, subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Williams
SECONDER: Higgins
AYES: Black, Daniel, Higgins, Wall, Williams
NAYS:

G. Acceptance of a Maintenance Bond for Benton Tract Master Infrastructure

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the bond for consideration. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to accept the maintenance bond for Benton Tract Master Infrastructure in the amount of \$1,658,213.57, subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Accept with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Higgins
SECONDER: Daniel
AYES: Black, Daniel, Higgins, Wall, Williams
NAYS:

H. Change Order Number 1 from Southern Civil for the Savannah Quarters Master Lift Station

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the change order for consideration. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to accept Change Order Number 1 from Southern Civil for the Savannah Quarters Master Lift Station in the amount of \$184,436.30.

Motion to Elect; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Higgins
SECONDER: Daniel
AYES: Black, Daniel, Higgins, Wall, Williams

NAYS:

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business to conduct, Councilmember Shirlenia Daniel moved to enter Executive Session. Council entered Executive Session at 4:31 p.m.

Motion to Enter; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Daniel

SECONDER: Black

AYES: Black, Daniel, Higgins, Wall, Williams

NAYS:

Mayor Pro Tem John Wilcher called the meeting back to order at 4:44 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Daniel, Higgins, Wall, Williams

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 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