



**CITY of POOLER**  
— GEORGIA —

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**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MINUTES**

March 27, 2024 at 9:00 p.m. | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present: Karen L. Williams, Mayor  
Wesley Bashlor, Councilmember *early exit*  
Michael Carpenter, Councilmember *via teleconference*  
Aaron Higgins, Mayor Pro Tem  
Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember  
Shannon Valim, Councilmember  
John Wilcher, Councilmember  
Matthew Saxon, City Manager  
Craig Call, City Attorney  
Chris Lightle, Finance Officer  
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**III. INVOCATION**

City Manager Matthew Saxon gave the invocation.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Manager Matthew Saxon led the pledge.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Karen Williams reminded those present of the Council Workshop planned for April 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. She then read aloud a message from the Georgia Municipal Association regarding a State Senate bill amendment aimed at preempting local governments from regulating short-term rental properties.

**VI. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Ordinance O2024-03.A – Short-Term Rental Requirements  
(*Second Reading*)**

City Manager Matthew Saxon presented the second reading for consideration and Planning & Development Director Nicole Dixon was present to answer questions. Twelve citizens provided public comment on the draft ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Higgins moved to postpone action on the second reading of Ordinance O2024-03.A – Short-Term Rental Requirements until such time that Council has

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held a workshop and accounted for the public feedback received to date.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (5-0-0)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Valim

AYES: Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (5-0-0)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

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Karen L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council