



CITY COUNCIL Workshop – Minutes

September 7, 2021 at 5:00 PM | Pooler City Hall | 100 US Hwy 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor
Aaron Higgins, Councilmember
John Wilcher, Councilmember
Karen Williams, Councilmember
Chris Lightle, Finance Officer
Phillip Claxton, City Planner
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council
Tyler Reinagel, Guest *via teleconference*

Absent: Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember
Shannon Black, Councilmember
Stevie Wall, Councilmember

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton called the workshop to order at 5:01 p.m.

III. PRESENTATION

A. Funding Opportunities GMA Summary

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton, Councilmember Aaron Higgins, and Councilmember Karen Williams recently attended the GMA Conference in Savannah, GA. Councilmember Aaron Higgins proceeded to present the takeaways from a convention session he attended highlighting the numerous funding opportunities available to municipalities, including:

- CDGB – Community Development Block Grant
- CDGB-CV – “CV”= Coronavirus – A new grant for 2021
- GTIB – Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (Grants & Loans)
- USDA Water/Wastewater (Grants & Loans)
- USDA Community Facilities (Grants & Loans)
- Recreational Trails Grant (RTP)

- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Councilmember Aaron Higgins also touched on Place-Based Revenue Tools to include Business Development Districts (BID), Community Improvement Districts (CID), Tax Allocation Districts (TAD), and Special Tax Districts (STD). Councilmember Karen Williams invited Tyler Reinagel, Associate Vice President for Economic Development at Kennesaw State University, to attend the workshop via teleconference for the purpose of reviewing grandfathered authorizations, HMT rates across Georgia, and current authorization paragraphs. There was an open discussion of the potential for the presented items to be used in, and for, the City of Pooler as alternate revenue sources.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton adjourned the workshop at 5:46 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

Attest:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council