



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

December 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Karen Williams, Mayor
Wesley Bashlor, Councilmember
Michael Carpenter, Councilmember
Aaron Higgins, Mayor Pro Tem
Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember
John Wilcher, Councilmember
Shannon Valim, Councilmember
Craig Call, City Attorney
Heath Lloyd, City Manager
Chris Lightle, Chief Finance Officer
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

Absent:

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Executive Pastor Shirlinia Daniel of Bread of Life Ministries gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Pastor Shirlinia Daniel led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Tom Hutcherson introduced Judge Derek White and congratulated him on his recent appointment to Director-At-Large of the 2025-2026 USTA National Board of Directors. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Higgins announced that Santa would be visiting Pooler on weekend evenings in December; dates and routes are available on the City's website at www.pooler-ga.gov.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024

B. City Council Executive Session Minutes of November 18, 2024

C. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for 92 Chicken Pooler, LLC at 1 Godley Station Boulevard, Suite 101-A (Restaurant)

D. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Etang Pooler GA, Inc. DBA Etang Asian Bistro at 110 Towne Center Drive, Suite 300 (Restaurant)

Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Valim

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

VII. SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Sam's Club Holiday Tour on December 11, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for the Sam's Club Holiday Tour on December 11, 2024.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Bashlor

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

B. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Two-Day USDA Frozen Meat Sale at Advance Auto from December 21-22, 2024

Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Two-Day USDA Frozen Meat Sale at Advance Auto from December 21-22, 2024.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher

NAYS:

VIII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance O2024-07.D – Amendment to Chapter 22 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV. Fences, to Amend Standards Related to the Permitting and Construction of Fences (Second Reading)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the second reading for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2024-07.D – Amendment to Chapter 22 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV. Fences, to Amend Standards Related to the Permitting and Construction of Fences.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)

MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Higgins
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

B. Ordinance O2024-09.B – Commercial Parking Requirements - Chapter 82 - Traffic and Vehicles, Article II - Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 39 - Residential Neighborhood and Subdivision Restrictions, Section 41 - Same - Penalties and Section 45 - Parking of Commercial Vehicles to Add Language Related to Parking Violations (First Reading; Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the first reading for consideration. Mayor Karen Williams opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2024-09.B – Commercial Parking Requirements - Chapter 82 - Traffic and Vehicles, Article II - Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 39 - Residential Neighborhood and Subdivision Restrictions, Section 41 - Same - Penalties and Section 45 - Parking of Commercial Vehicles to Add Language Related to Parking Violations.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)
MOVER: Bashlor
SECONDER: Carpenter
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

C. Ordinance O2024-12.A – To Amend Chapter 38: Courts; to Provide for a Term of Office for the Municipal Court Judge; to Provide for an Effective Date (First Reading; Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the first reading for consideration. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2024-12.A – To Amend Chapter 38: Courts; to Provide for a Term of Office for the Municipal Court Judge; to Provide for an Effective Date.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)
MOVER: Carpenter
SECONDER: Wilcher
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

D. Resolution R2024-10.B - Appointment of Directors to the Pooler Development Authority

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Higgins moved to approve Resolution R2024-10.B - Appointment of Directors to the Pooler Development Authority.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)
MOVER: Higgins
SECONDER: Carpenter
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

IX. OUSTANDING BUSINESS

A. Zoning Map Amendment for 2000 Benton Grove from C-2 Memory Care Use to C-2 Hotel Use

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the amendment for consideration. Realtor Trisha Cook was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember Shannon Valim, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for 2000 Benton Grove from C-2 Memory Care Use to C-2 Hotel Use.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (4-3-0)
MOVER: Valim
SECONDER: Bashlor
AYES: Bashlor, Valim, Wilcher, Williams
NAYS: Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Site Plan for Vaden Chevrolet at 300 Outlet Parkway

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the plan consideration. Evan Bennett of Hussey Gay Bell was present on behalf of the petitioner. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for Vaden Chevrolet at 300 Outlet Parkway.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (6-0-0)
MOVER: Higgins
SECONDER: Wilcher
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens Amy Gilliam and Richard Vetter commented.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (6-0-0)
MOVER: Higgins
SECONDER: Hutcherson
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Higgins, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

Karen L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council