



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT – MINUTES

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.
Pooler City Hall | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present: Karen L. Williams, Mayor
Wesley Bashlor, Councilmember
Michael Carpenter, Councilmember
Aaron Henry, Mayor Pro Tem
Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember
Shannon Valim, Councilmember
Heath Lloyd, City Manager
Chris Lightle, Chief Finance Officer
Nicole Johnson, Planning & Development Director
Chief Wade Simmons, Fire-Rescue
Chief Ashley Brown, Police Department
Matthew Saxon, Assistant City Manager
Caroline Hankins, Assistant City Manager
Jeremy Greene, Parks & Recreation Director
Kiley Fusco, City Clerk

Absent: John Wilcher, Councilmember

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Karen L. Williams called the retreat to order at 9:08 a.m. and welcomed those present.

III. DISC PROFILE ASSESSMENT

Dan Shapiro presented the results of the assessment.

IV. UPDATES FOR COUNCIL

A. Pooler 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Nicole Johnson, Director of Planning & Development, provided a presentation.

B. Development Authority

Nicole Johnson, Director of Planning & Development, provided a presentation.

C. Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

Nicole Johnson, Director of Planning & Development, provided a presentation.

D. Zoning Training - Part 2

Nicole Johnson, Director of Planning & Development, provided a presentation.

E. Public Library

Heath Lloyd, City Manager, and Matthew Saxon, Assistant City Manager, provided a presentation.

F. Short-Term Rentals

Nicole Johnson, Director of Planning & Development, provided a presentation.

V. S.W.O.T Analysis

Mayor, Council, and staff completed a S.W.O.T Analysis. No action was taken.

VI. COUNCIL DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. Annexation Strategy

Matthew Saxon, Assistant City Manager, provided a presentation.

B. Millage Rate

Chris Lightle, Chief Finance Officer, provided a presentation.

C. Alternative Funding Mechanisms

Matthew Saxon, Assistant City Manager, provided a presentation.

D. TSPLOST

Matthew Saxon, Assistant City Manager, provided a presentation.

E. SPLOST Priorities

Heath Lloyd, City Manager, and Matthew Saxon, Assistant City Manager, provided a presentation. Mayor and Council contributed to priority lists. No action was taken.

VII. TERM PRIORITIES

Heath Lloyd, City Manager, provided a presentation. Mayor and Council contributed to priority lists. No action was taken.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business to conduct, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to enter Executive Session. Mayor and Council entered at 4:28 p.m.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Carpenter

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim

NAYS:

Mayor Karen Williams called the retreat back to order at 5:38 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to adjourn the retreat.

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

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Bashlor

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 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, City Clerk