



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

March 3, 2025 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 Henry, Mayor Pro Tem
Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember
Shannon Valim, Councilmember
John Wilcher, Councilmember
Craig Call, City Attorney
Heath Lloyd, City Manager
Chris Lightle, Chief Finance Officer
Caroline Hankins, Assistant City Manager

Absent:

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to amend the agenda, bringing New Business, Item C. Development Agreement with Stonecutter Pooler Multifamily Owner, LLC before Special Events.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Hearing Minutes of February 18, 2025

B. City Council Workshop Minutes of February 18, 2025

C. City Council Minutes of February 18, 2025

D. City Council Retreat Minutes of February 26, 2025

~~E. City Council Retreat Executive Session Minutes of February 26, 2025~~

F. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Wawa Southeast, LLC DBA Wawa 6309 (Convenience/Gas/Drug Store)

A Wawa representative noted that the Pooler location grand opening would be held on April 24, 2025. Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item E. City Council Retreat Executive Session Minutes of February 26, 2025.

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

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Valim

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

NAYS:

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Development Agreement with Stonecutter Pooler Multifamily Owner, LLC

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the agreement for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Development Agreement with Stonecutter Pooler Multifamily Owner, LLC in the amount of \$86,757.00.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

VII. SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for the Trisha Cook Team Spring Minis Easter Bunny Photo Session on March 29, 2025 at Milam Park

B. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for the Big Bash Car Show on October 25, 2025 at Tanger Outlets

Petitioners Trisha Cook and William Bannon were present. Mayor Pro Tem Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for the Trisha Cook Team Spring Minis Easter Bunny Photo Session on March 29, 2025 at Milam Park and the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for the Big Bash Car Show on October 25, 2025 at Tanger Outlets.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

VIII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance O2024-03.A – Short-Term Rentals (Second Reading)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented an overview of the ordinance. Citizens Grace Porterfield, Trisha Cook, Michelle Ward, Larry Oliff, Olivia Taylor, Amy Gutting, Holly Young, Beth Moraitakis, Anita Durham, Chris Gaines, Caleb Hawley, and Matt Bashlor commented. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2024-03.A – Short-Term Rentals, subject to the following conditions:

1. The grandfather period be extended from thirty (30) days to ninety (90) days
2. The three-month operations lookback be extended from three (3) months to twelve (12) months

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (4-3-0)

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Williams

NAYS: Bashlor, Valim, Wilcher

B. Ordinance O2025-01.A – Flood Ordinance Regulations (First Reading; Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the ordinance for consideration. Mayor Karen Williams opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2025-01.A – Flood Ordinance Regulations.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Valim

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

NAYS:

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 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