



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

May 5, 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
Kiley Fusco, City Clerk

Absent:

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. INVOCATION

Pastor Herb Hubbard, Chaplain for the YMCA of Coastal Georgia, of gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Herb Hubbard led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Workshop Minutes of April 21, 2025

B. City Council Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2025

C. City Council Executive Session Minutes of April 21, 2025

D. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for El Super Del Valle, LLC at 405 West US Highway 80, Unit #103 (Supermarket/Grocery)

E. Bond Matters for Westbrook Area L-2 at 762 Blue Moon Crossing, Subject to City Attorney Approval

1. Acceptance of Sidewalk Performance Bond in the Amount of \$204,624.00

F. Bond Matters for Westbrook Area L-3 at 133 Weyview Gardens, Subject to City Attorney Approval

1. Acceptance of Sidewalk Performance Bond in the Amount of \$54,375.00

Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

VII. SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Motors for Moms Car Show & Wing Fest on May 17, 2025 at 200 Tanger Outlet Boulevard

Jennifer Graham, Shelter from the Rain Executive Director, was present. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Motors for Moms Car Show & Wing Fest on May 17, 2025 at 200 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, with application fee waiver.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

B. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Wingstock '25 on June 7, 2025 at 417 Pooler Parkway

Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Wingstock '25 on June 7, 2025 at 417 Pooler Parkway.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

VIII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. Proclamation for Frontline Worker Appreciation Month

Mayor Karen Williams read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Chiefs Ashley Brown and Wade Simmons.

B. Proclamation for Lupus Awareness Month

Mayor Karen Williams read the proclamation aloud and presented it to the Salathiel Deloach of the Deloach Lupus Foundation.

C. Resolution R2025-05.A - To Establish the Downtown Development Authority of Pooler, Appoint Its Initial Board Member(s), Formally Adopt Its Governing Bylaws, and Other Purposes

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to postpone Resolution R2025-05.A - To Establish the Downtown Development Authority of Pooler, Appoint Its Initial Board Member(s), Formally Adopt Its Governing Bylaws, and Other Purposes until the May 19, 2025 City Council Meeting.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

IX. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

~~A. Conditional Use Request for 1427 Quacco Road (Public Hearing, Action)~~ *Public Hearing Advertised; Item Withdrawn by Petitioner*

The item had been withdrawn by the petitioner. No action was taken.

B. Variance Request from Setbacks and Fenced Playground Area at 15 Commons Way – Foundation at Blakely Commons (Public Hearing; Action)

A representative from Maupin Engineering was present on behalf of the petitioner. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to postpone both the agenda item and public hearing for the Variance Request from Setbacks and Fenced Playground Area at 15 Commons Way – Foundation at Blakely Commons until the June 2, 2025 City Council Meeting, with the petitioner bearing the cost of readvertisement. The petitioner's representative verbally agreed.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Conditional Use Request for 1757 Old Dean Forest Road (Parcel) / 1745 Old Dean Forest Road (Building) (Public Hearing, Action)

Donald Evans was present on behalf of the petitioner. Mayor Karen Williams opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Michael Carpenter, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the

Conditional Use Request for 1757 Old Dean Forest Road (Parcel) / 1745 Old Dean Forest Road (Building).

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

MOVER: Carpenter

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

B. Conditional Use Request for 186 Pine Barren Road (Public Hearing, Action)

Ben Ensley was present on behalf of the petitioner. Mayor Karen Williams opened the public hearing and citizens Renee Higgins, Joe Bedford, Amy Gilliam and Kimberly O'Connell commented. Mayor Karen Williams closed the public hearing. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Conditional Use Request for 186 Pine Barren Road, subject to the following conditions:

1. Petitioner must receive any appropriate permits and land lease agreements/easements required by CSX (owner of rail) prior to Site Development Plan approval; and
2. A landscaping plan shall be provided showing the location of the replacement trees for the twenty (20) significant trees removed from the site without approval, totaling 460 inches, at the time of submitting for Site Plan Review; and
3. If the site plan application does not receive approval, the property owner must still meet the mitigation requirement. The downed trees cannot be removed until the property owner agrees with the arborist's calculation and agrees to the requirements stated above.

The petitioner's representative verbally agreed.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Bashlor, Henry, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS: Carpenter, Hutcherson, Valim

C. Site Development Plan for Fifth Third Bank at 510 Pooler Parkway

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to postpone the Site Development Plan for Fifth Third Bank at 510 Pooler Parkway until the June 2, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (5-1-0)

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Carpenter

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim

NAYS: Wilcher

D. Election of the Downtown Development Authority of Pooler Chair

No action was taken.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen Maribeth Lindler commented.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business to conduct, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to enter Executive Session. Mayor and Council entered at 7:07 p.m.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

Mayor Karen Williams called the meeting back to order at 7:26 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 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