



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

June 16, 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
Craig Call, City Attorney
Heath Lloyd, City Manager
Chris Lightle, Chief Finance Officer
Shannon Kirby, Deputy City Clerk

Absent: John Wilcher, Councilmember

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Executive Pastor Shirlinia Daniel gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Pastor Shirlinia Daniel led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Karen Williams congratulated Ensign Tirzah Daniel, a Pooler resident, for graduating from the Naval Academy. Mayor Williams also read and gave her a letter that Mayor Williams wrote to her.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Workshop Minutes of June 2, 2025

B. City Council Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025

C. City Council Executive Session Minutes of June 2, 2025

D. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for La Nopalera Mexican Restaurant Nine Squares, Inc DBA La Nopalera at 1541 Pooler Parkway (Restaurant)

E. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Pho & Mi Café at 441 Pooler Parkway (Restaurant)

F. Department Reports

1. Public Works & Capital Outlay
2. Finance
3. Fire
4. Police
5. Parks & Recreation
6. Planning & Development

Mayor Karen Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Valim

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry

NAYS:

VII. SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Brake the Stigma: Mental Health Awareness Car Show on November 15, 2025, at Tanger Outlets, Seeking Fee Waiver

Jess Matheson spoke about the special event and noted that this is their 5th year having the event. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Brake the Stigma: Mental Health Awareness Car Show on November 15, 2025, at Tanger Outlets, Seeking Fee Waiver.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim

NAYS:

B. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for 4th of July Firework Season from June 27-July 6, 2025 at 2331 Pooler Parkway, Seeking Fee Waiver

The applicants came forward and spoke about the event. Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for 4th of July Firework Season from June 27-July 6, 2025 at 2331 Pooler Parkway, Seeking Fee Waiver.

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

MOVER: Carpenter

SECONDER: Bashlor

AYES: Henry, Hutcherson, Valim

NAYS:

C. Special Event Permit Application for Augustin Crohn's Educational Support (A.C.E.S.) Annual Back to School Giveaway on July 26, 2025 at Pooler Football Stadium, Seeking Fee Waiver

The applicants came forward and spoke about the event. Councilmember Hutcherson spoke on behalf of the group. Attorney Craig Call questioned the 5013C status from Empire Community Program. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application for Augustin Crohn's Educational Support (A.C.E.S.) Annual Back to School Giveaway on July 26, 2025 at Pooler Football Stadium, Seeking Fee Waiver, Contingent upon 5013C letter to staff.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

AYES: Carpenter, Hutcherson, Valim

NAYS:

D. Temporary/Special Event Permit Application (Dispensing Alcohol) for Tonio Armani Concert on July 25, 2025 at 301 Governor Treutlen Drive

Two men representing the event came forward and gave details about the event. Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve the Temporary/Special Event Permit Application (Dispensing Alcohol) for Tonio Armani Concert on July 25, 2025 at 301 Governor Treutlen Drive.

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

MOVER: Carpenter

SECONDER: Bashlor

AYES: Henry, Hutcherson, Valim

NAYS:

VIII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance O2025-06.A – Signs as Related to Outdoor Advertising (First Reading; Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the first reading of the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance. O2025-06.A – Signs as Related to Outdoor Advertising.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Valim

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Hutcherson

NAYS:

B. Ordinance O2025-06.B – Telecommunications (First Reading; Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2025-06.B – Telecommunications.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (5-0-0)
MOVER: Hutcherson
SECONDER: Henry
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim
NAYS:

**C. Ordinance O2025-06. C – Rights-of-Way
(First Reading; Public Hearing, Action)**

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the first reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2025-06.C – Rights-of-Way.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (5-0-0)
MOVER: Bashlor
SECONDER: Hutcherson
AYES: Carpenter, Henry, Valim
NAYS:

D. Proclamation for National Children’s Day

Mayor Karen Williams read aloud the proclamation and presented it to Children’s Museum of Pooler. Crystal Daniels shared their story.

E. Proclamation for Flag Day

Mayor Karen Williams read aloud the proclamation.

F. Resolution R2025-06.A - To Amend the 2025 Pooler Schedule of Fees

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Higgins moved to postpone Resolution R2025-06.A - To Amend the 2025 Pooler Schedule of Fees until the next meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Zoning Map Amendment from R-1-A to R-A for 1335 South Rogers Street (Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the zoning map amendment for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry questioned Chelsea Henneman regarding the downzoning and asked about recombining the lots. She stated she had plans to recombine the lots in the future due to tax purposes. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry noted once recombined the second driveway condition doesn’t go away. Mayor Pro Tem Henry moved to approve Zoning Map Amendment from R-1-A to R-A for 1335 South Rogers Street.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (5-0-0)
MOVER: Henry
SECONDER: Valim
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim
NAYS:

B. Conditional Use Request for a Home Occupation in R-1-A Zoning District at 2 Hayden's Court in Brighton Woods (Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the conditional use request and listed the 10 requirements for the conditional use. The resident at 78 Hayden's Court spoke against the conditional use. The petitioner and his wife spoke about why they need the conditional use. Amy Gilliam was there speaking for Mrs. Marsh who is against the conditional use. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to deny the Conditional Use Request for a Home Occupation in R-1-A Zoning District at 2 Hayden's Court in Brighton Woods.

Motion to Deny; PASSED (5-0-0)
MOVER: Bashlor
SECONDER: Henry
AYES: Carpenter, Hutcherson, Valim
NAYS:

C. Conditional Use Request for a Bar/Tavern in C-2 Zoning District at 101 East Marketplace Way, Suites 100A and 200A in Clear Lake Reserve (Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the conditional use request. The petitioner Alicia Curtis stated that it will have acoustic music. Attorney Craig Call clarified distance requirement. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to postpone the Conditional Use Request for a Bar/Tavern in C-2 Zoning District at 101 East Marketplace Way, Suites 100A and 200A in Clear Lake Reserve, until council can get a better understanding of the distance between the business and the residential property near the establishment.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (5-0-0)
MOVER: Bashlor
SECONDER: Henry
AYES: Carpenter, Hutcherson, Valim
NAYS:

D. Site Development Plan for 1326 East US Highway 80 Consisting of Livingood's Home Appliance Showroom

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the site development plan for consideration. Greg Coleman presented the project. Mayor Karen Williams asked about the one entrance right out and another full access. Mayor Pro Tem Henry asked if GDOT didn't give access would that affect their access. Greg Coleman stated they received an LOI from GDOT. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor made a motion to approve the Site Development Plan for 1326 East US Highway 80 Consisting of Livingood's Home Appliance Showroom contingent upon the conditions set by staff.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (5-0-0)
MOVER: Bashlor
SECONDER: Hutcherson
AYES: Carpenter, Henry, Valim
NAYS:

E. Major Subdivision Plat for Forest Lakes, Phase 13, Consisting of 54 Single-Family Residential Parcels at Como Drive and Blackshear Drive

(Postponed until indefinitely by petitioner)

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents Dr. Joseph Bedford, Amy Gilliam, and Tricia Brown commented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (5-0-0)
MOVER: Henry
SECONDER: Bashlor
AYES: Carpenter, Hutcherson, Valim
NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 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