



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

July 7, 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 6:01 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 Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry and Councilmember Tom Hutcherson on the fifth annual Juneteenth Celebration and Run.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Flood Insurance Forum Minutes of June 16, 2025

B. City Council Workshop Minutes of June 16, 2025

C. City Council Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025

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. Temporary/Special Event Permit Application (Dispensing Alcohol) for the Special Kicks' Wild Game Dinner on December 13, 2025 at 900 South Rogers Street, Seeking Fee Waiver

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the special event for consideration. Petitioner Carson Fortner was present. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Temporary/Special Event Permit Application (Dispensing Alcohol) for the Special Kicks' Wild Game Dinner on December 13, 2025 at 900 South Rogers Street, with fee waiver subject to receipt of 501(c)(3) documentation by city staff.

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

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2025 Millage Rate Public Hearing #2

City Manager Heath Lloyd and Chief Financial Officer Chris Lightle provided a presentation on the proposed millage rate. Mayor Karen Williams opened the public hearing. Members of the public Theresa Nolan, Theresa Middleton, Jenecia Carter, and Amy Gilliam commented. Mayor Karen Williams closed the public hearing. No further action was taken.

IX. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance O2025-06.A – Signs as Related to Outdoor Advertising (Second Reading; Action)

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

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

B. Ordinance O2025-06.B – Telecommunications (Second Reading; Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the ordinance for consideration.

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2025-06.B – Telecommunications.

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

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

**C. Ordinance O2025-06.C – Rights-of-Way
(Second Reading; Action)**

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

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

D. Ordinance O2025-06.D – Flood & Subdivisions (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. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2025-06.D – Flood & Subdivisions.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

E. Ordinance O2025-06.E – Stormwater (First Reading; Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the ordinance for consideration. Mayor Karen Williams opened the public hearing. Member of the public Theresa Nolan commented. Mayor Karen Williams closed the public hearing, and Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2025-06.E – Stormwater.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

**F. Resolution R2025-06.A - To Amend the 2025 Pooler Schedule of Fees
(Telecommunications)**

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution for consideration.

Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to approve Resolution R2025-06.A - To Amend the 2025 Pooler Schedule of Fees (Telecommunications).

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

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Valim

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

NAYS:

G. Resolution R2025-07.A - To Authorize City of Pooler Participation in an Amicus Brief in the Chang V. City of Milton Appeal Pending Before the Georgia Supreme Court

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution for consideration. Member of the public Amy Gilliam commented. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve Resolution R2025-07.A - To Authorize City of Pooler Participation in an Amicus Brief in the Chang V. City of Milton Appeal Pending Before the Georgia Supreme Court, subject to City Attorney approval.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

X. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

A. Conditional Use Request for a Bar/Tavern in C-2 Zoning District at 101 East Marketplace Way, Suites 100A and 200A

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the request for consideration. Petitioner Alicia Curtis was present. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor, upon review of the criteria and upon consideration of the distance requirements from neighboring residential properties, moved to approve the Conditional Use Request for a Bar/Tavern in C-2 Zoning District at 101 East Marketplace Way, Suites 100A and 200A.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Henry

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

NAYS:

B. Purchase of Real Property at 103 South Chestnut Street

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the purchase for consideration. Real Estate Attorney Chris Lane was present. Members of the public Amy Gilliam and Kimberly O'Connell commented. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the Purchase of Real Property at 103 South Chestnut Street to include revisions to the received seller contract as described by Chris Lane.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Carpenter

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

NAYS:

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Zoning Map Amendment for 1405 Quacco Road (Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the amendment for consideration. Attorney John Yellin withdrew the item. There was no public hearing and no action was taken.

B. Site Development Plan for a One-Story Retail Building at 103 Half Moon Way and a Three-Story Office Building at 105 Half Moon Way (Savannah Quarters PUD)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the plan for consideration. Alexine Diouf with Maupin Engineering was present. Member of the public Theresa Nolan commented. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Development Plan for a One-Story Retail Building at 103 Half Moon Way and a Three-Story Office Building at 105 Half Moon Way (Savannah Quarters PUD) subject to the following condition:

1. That no closeout occur until the water distribution and sanitary sewer systems being constructed under Townplace Pooler are approved and accepted by the city.

The developer verbally agreed to the condition.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

C. Award Disaster-Related Debris Removal Services Contract and Authorize City Manager to Execute, Subject to City Attorney Approval

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the bids for consideration. Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to Award the Disaster-Related Debris Removal Services Contract to Ashbritt and Authorize City Manager to Execute, Subject to City Attorney Approval.

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

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

D. Award Disaster-Related Debris Removal Monitoring Services Contract and Authorize City Manager to Execute, Subject to City Attorney Approval

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the bids for consideration. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to Award the Disaster-Related Debris Removal Services Contract to DebrisTech and Authorize City Manager to

Execute, Subject to City Attorney Approval.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

E. Intergovernmental Agreement for SPLOST VIII

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the agreement for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2025 Special-Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST VIII), subject to City Attorney approval.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

F. Adoption of the Title VI Plan and Annual Report

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the plan for consideration. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to adopt the Title VI Plan and Annual Report.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public Theresa Middleton, Theresa Nolan, Alycia Tatum, and Jenny Watkins commented.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business to conduct, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to enter Executive Session. Mayor and Council entered at 8:30 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 8:49 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 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