



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

December 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. CALL TO ORDER

Lamar Mercer called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Lamar Mercer, Chair
Caroline Hankins
Kevin Smith
Les Preston
Jordan McNeal (telephone call-in)
Ben Perkins, Development Authority Attorney
Marcy Benson, Secretary (Non-voting)
Nicole Johnson, Treasurer (Non-voting)

Absent: Jim Rexroat, Vice Chair
Love Patel

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. New directors Jordan McNeal and Les Preston were introduced.

B. City Manager, Heath Lloyd, was introduced and discussed the Development Authority vision moving forward.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Lamar Mercer called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Les Preston, seconded by Caroline Hankins, and passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lamar Mercer called for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion to approve the October 30, 2024 minutes was made by Kevin Smith, seconded by Les Preston, and passed unanimously. (5-0-0)

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Main Street Façade Improvement Grant Program

Nicole Johnson presented an update on the Main Street Façade Improvement

Grant Program and associated forms. Discussion occurred on funding sources and methods for publicizing the program. A timeline for the application process will be developed with a tentative application period opening date of March 1, 2025. The number of applications accepted will depend on interest and how many applications are submitted. There should be an update to City Council on status of the program after applications have been submitted. Ms. Johnson requested any comments on the program application forms be sent to her by December 31, 2024.

VII. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Finance Report

Nicole Johnson presented the Finance Report.

B. Additional Items

Chair Lamar Mercer asked directors to bring ideas for strategic plan to the next meeting.

Ms. Johnson will research training opportunities for new directors.

The January 2025 Development Authority meeting was cancelled. Ms. Johnson will send out the meeting dates for 2025 via email.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kevin Smith, seconded by Les Preston, and passed unanimously. (5-0-0) The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.