



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

October 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM | Pooler City Hall | 100 US Hwy 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present: Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor
Tom Hutcherson, Mayor Pro Tem
Shannon Black, Councilmember
Aaron Higgins, Councilmember
Stevie Wall, Councilmember
John Wilcher, Councilmember *via teleconference*
Karen Williams, Councilmember
Robert Byrd, City Manager
Steve Scheer, City Attorney
Craig Call, City Attorney
Chris Lightle, Finance Officer
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

Absent:

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Patrick O'Toole, Student Pastor at Countryside Baptist Church in Guyton, gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Patrick O'Toole also led the pledge.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the consent agenda for consideration.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2021

- B. **Temporary Special Event (Dispensing Alcohol) Permit Application for Reliance Enterprises, LLC dba Liquorland Warehouse on October 22, 2021**
- C. **Special Event Permit Application for Reliance Enterprises, LLC dba Liquorland Warehouse on October 22, 2021**

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VI. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Ordinance O2021-10.A - To Amend Chapter 78 - Taxation, Article IV. - Insurers, Sections 78-166 Life Insurer's License Fees, 78-167 – License Fees for Additional Business Locations, and 78-178 – Annual License Fees (*First Reading*)**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the first reading for consideration. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2021-10.A - To Amend Chapter 78 - Taxation, Article IV. - Insurers, Sections 78-166 Life Insurer's License Fees, 78-167 – License Fees for Additional Business Locations, and 78-178 – Annual License Fees.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

- B. **Proclamation for Georgia Retired Educators Day**

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to postpone presentation of the Proclamation for Georgia Retired Educators Day until the October 18, 2021 meeting.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Zoning Map Amendment of 116 Dublin Road from RA-2 to I-1**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposed amendment for consideration. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Petitioner Walter Clark was present to answer questions. Chatham County resident Terry Motes asked questions about truck idling, parking, and hours of operation. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing, and Councilmember Stevie Wall noted that the proposed amendment did not meet any of the required criteria for rezoning. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to deny the Zoning Map Amendment of 116 Dublin Road from RA-2 to I-1.

Motion to Deny; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

B. **Zoning Map Amendment of 124 Dublin Road from RA-2 to I-1**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the proposed amendment for consideration, and Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Petitioner Walter Clark was present to answer questions. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing, and Councilmember John Wilcher, upon review of the criteria, moved to deny the Zoning Map Amendment of 124 Dublin Road from RA-2 to I-1.

Motion to Deny; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Wall

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

C. **Conditional Use Request to Construct a Warehouse with Distribution on the Southeast Corner of Pine Barren Road and Pine Meadow Road**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for consideration, and Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Travis Burke was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing, and Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Conditional Use Request to Construct a Warehouse with Distribution on the Southeast Corner of Pine Barren Road and Pine Meadow Road subject to the following contingencies:

1. Payment for and completion of a traffic study to determine if a traffic signal is warranted
2. If warranted, payment for and installation of a traffic signal

3. If warranted, consideration of an additional truck control light at the signal

Travis Burke verbally agreed to the contingencies.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

D. **Site Plan Review for Remler Generator Store at 1521 Pooler Parkway**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Tom Mahoney was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the Site Plan for the Remler Generator Store at 1521 Pooler Parkway.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

E. **Site Plan Review for Primrose School at Godley Station Boulevard and Trader's Way**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Hal Kraft was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan Review for Primrose School at Godley Station Boulevard and Trader's Way subject to the following contingencies

1. Preparation and execution of a stormwater maintenance agreement with the City of Pooler
2. Installation of a No U-Turn and a No Exit sign at the Godley Station Boulevard access
3. If traffic conditions warrant in the future, removal of said signs and allowance of ingress and egress at the Godley Station Boulevard access

Hal Kraft verbally agreed to the contingencies.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn, PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this
_____ day of _____, 2021.

Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

Attest:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council