



**CITY of POOLER**  
— GEORGIA —

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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES**

February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Karen Williams, Mayor  
Wesley Bashlor, Councilmember  
Michael Carpenter, Councilmember  
Aaron Henry, Mayor Pro Tem  
Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember  
John Wilcher, Councilmember  
Shannon Valim, Councilmember  
Craig Call, City Attorney  
Heath Lloyd, City Manager  
Chris Lightle, Chief Finance Officer  
Kiley Fusco, City Clerk

Absent:

**III. INVOCATION**

Mayor Karen Williams introduced Pastor Jeff Hubbard, Sr., who gave the invocation.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Jeff Hubbard, Sr., led the pledge.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Karen Williams reminded those present that the Partner with Pooler to Plant a Tree for Free event will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Pooler Recreation Complex.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. City Council Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026**

**B. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Cocina Tex-Mex Mexican Restaurant, Inc. at 405 Pooler Parkway, Suite 200 (Restaurant; New License)**

- C. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Pooler Dual Hotel, LLC DBA Fairfield Towneplace Pooler at 100 Half Moon Way (Hotel/Motel; New License)**
- D. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Krazy Taco Place, LLC DBA Krazy Taco at 1503 Dean Forest Road (Restaurant; New License)**
- E. Release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Maintenance and Sidewalk Performance Bonds for Outpost Bay, 0 Jimmy Deloach Parkway, Subject to City Attorney Approval**
- F. Quarterly Vehicle Surplus (First Quarter, 2026)**
- G. Department Reports (Public Works, Finance, Fire-Rescue, Police, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Development)**

Councilmember Tom Hutcherson moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

MOVER: Hutcherson

SECONDER: Valim

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

NAYS:

## **VII. SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **A. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Ribeye Guys from March 13-18, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard**

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. The petitioner was present, but did not comment. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Ribeye Guys from March 13-18, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

### **B. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Cirque de Paris from March 19-29, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard**

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. Both the petitioner and a Tanger representative were present. Members of the public Glenn Smith and Uma Nagaraj commented. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Cirque de Paris from March 19-29, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard, subject to the following conditions:

1. That no tickets be sold and no advertising occur for the Saturday, March 28, 2026, 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. performances. The 7:30 p.m. performance on that date may be advertised and tickets may be sold.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Valim

NAYS: Wilcher

**C. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for the Pooler St. Patrick's Day Shuttle on March 17, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard, Seeking Fee Waiver**

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. Brooke Goth from the Pooler Chamber of Commerce was present. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for the Pooler St. Patrick's Day Shuttle on March 17, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard with Fee Waiver.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

**VIII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Ordinance O2025-12.A – Tree Fund Ordinance Revisions (First Reading; Public Hearing, Action)**

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the first reading for consideration. Mayor Karen Williams opened the public hearing, and members of the public Deborah Power, Glenn Smith, Uma Nagaraj commented. Mayor Karen Williams closed the public hearing, and Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2025-12.A – Tree Fund Ordinance Revisions.

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

MOVER: Carpenter

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

**B. Proclamation for Georgia State Arbor Day**

Mayor Karen Williams read the proclamation aloud.

**C. Proclamation for Black History Month**

Mayor Karen Williams read the proclamation aloud and presented it to Azsha Hankerson, who was present on behalf of the Greater Savannah Black Chamber of Commerce.

**D. Resolution R2026-02.A – Amendment to the 2026 Schedule of Fees**

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve Resolution R2026-02.A – Amendment to the 2026 Schedule of Fees.

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

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Award Contract for Road Condition Monitoring Hardware to Roadway Management Technologies, LLC, Subject to City Attorney Approval**

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the contract for consideration. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to Award the Contract for Road Condition Monitoring Hardware to Roadway Management Technologies, LLC, from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2028, in the amount of \$28,472.00 to be billed annually, subject to City Attorney approval.

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

MOVER: Carpenter

SECONDER: Henry

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

NAYS:

Member of the public Glenn Smith commented.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public Deborah Power and Uma Nagaraj commented.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With no further public business to conduct, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to enter Executive Session. Executive Session was entered at 7:25 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 8:01 p.m.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Henry

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Wilcher

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

NO VOTE RECORDED: Valim

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and are approved on this

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CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

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Karen L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kiley Fusco, City Clerk