



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

March 16, 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 6:06 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

Pastor Scott Wiersma from Alive Church gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Scott Wiersma led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Karen Williams reported that nearly 300 trees and 50 seedlings were given away at the 2026 "Partner with Pooler to Plant a Tree for Free" event. She also introduced Judge Claire Williams, who is running for Records Court reelection. City Manager Heath Lloyd introduced new intern Jataya Carr from Savannah State University.

A. Proclamation for Government Finance Professionals Week

Mayor Karen Williams read aloud the proclamation and presented it to Chris Lightle, Chief Finance Officer, who accepted it on behalf of the Finance Department.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026

B. City Council Executive Session Minutes of March 2, 2026

- C. Release of Maintenance Bond for Westbrook Phase 5 Reunion
Remainder in the amount of \$88,884.40**
- D. Release of Maintenance Bond for Harmony Phase 7 in the amount of
\$482,574.70**
- E. Department Reports (Public Works, Finance, Fire-Rescue, Police,
Recreation, Planning & Development)**

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

VII. SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for America's Best Easter Egg Hunt on March 28, 2026, at 900 South Rogers Street

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. The petitioner was present. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for America's Best Easter Egg Hunt on March 28, 2026, at 900 South Rogers Street.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

B. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Cruisin' for Kicks Car Show on April 25, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. The petitioner was present. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Cruisin' for Kicks Car Show on April 25, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard with fee waiver.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

C. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Hot Tub and Swim Spa Blowout Sale from April 30 – May 13, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. The petitioner was not present. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Hot Tub and Swim Spa Blowout Sale from April 30 – May 13, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard.

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

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

D. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2026, at 930 Morgan’s Corner, Unit D

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. The petitioner was present. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2026, at 930 Morgan’s Corner, Unit D.

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

E. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Foodees Fest from May 29-May 31, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. The petitioner was not present. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for Foodees Fest from May 29-May 31, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard.

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

F. Temporary/Special Event Permit Application (Dispensing Alcohol) for One Year Anniversary on March 21, 2026, at 120 Towne Center Drive, Suite 300

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. The petitioner was present. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to approve the Temporary/Special Event Permit Application (Dispensing Alcohol) for One Year Anniversary on March 21, 2026, at 120 Towne Center Drive, Suite 300.

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

G. Temporary/Special Event Permit Application (Dispensing Alcohol) for Shopping and Botox on March 20, 2026, at 405 Highway 80 West, #102

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event application for consideration. The petitioner was present. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the Temporary/Special Event Permit Application (Dispensing Alcohol) for Shopping and Botox on March 20, 2026, at 405 Highway 80 West, #102

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

VIII. ORDINANCES & POLICIES

A. Ordinance O2025-05.A – Special Events (Second Reading)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the ordinance for consideration. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2025-05.A – Special Events.

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

B. Ordinance O2025-12.C – Fire Hydrants (Second Reading)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the ordinance for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2025-12.C – Fire Hydrants.

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

C. Ordinance O2026-01.B – Speed Zone Revisions (Second Reading)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the ordinance for consideration. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2025-05.A – Special Events.

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvement Element Public Hearing #1

Nichole Johnson, Director of Planning & Development, presented on the Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvement Element. Mayor Karen Williams opened the public hearing, and member of the public Uma Nagaraj commented. Mayor Karen Williams closed the public hearing.

B. Award Contract for the Pooler Parkway/ Pine Barren Road Intersection Improvement Project Construction Engineering Inspection

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the proposals for consideration. Leon Davenport of Thunderbolt Consultants was present. Member of the public Uma Nagaraj commented. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to award the contract for the Pooler Parkway/ Pine Barren Road Intersection Improvement Project Construction Engineering Inspection to JQOL not to exceed \$179,400.00 and subject to City Attorney approval.

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

C. Award Contract for Traffic Engineering and Roadway Design Services for Quacco Road Improvements, Phase II

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the proposals for consideration. Leon Davenport of Thunderbolt Consultants was present. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to award the contract for Traffic Engineering and Roadway Design Services for Quacco Road Improvements, Phase II to Kimley-Horn, not to exceed \$883,500.00 and subject to City Attorney approval.

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

D. Lump Sum Purchase of 302 Old Pine Barren Road Property

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the lump sum purchase of 302 Old Pine Barren Road for public purposes and directed the City Manager to sign the agreement(s), subject to City Attorney approval.

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

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public Holly Lewis, Uma Nagaraj, Lori Lewis, David Dillie, Jenny Watkins, Earl Davis, David Kuhn, and Dana Kuhn 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 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to amend the agenda, adding item D to New Business: Lump Sum Purchase of 302 Old Pine Barren Road.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (6-0-0)
MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 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