



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Aaron Henry, Mayor Pro Tem
Wesley Bashlor, Councilmember
Michael Carpenter, 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: Karen Williams, Mayor
Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry introduced Reverend Carolyn Hale Cubbedge from Wesley Monumental Baptist Church, who gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Carolyn Hale Cubbedge led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

A. Proclamation for Month of the Military Child

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry read aloud the proclamation and presented it to the Evans family.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026

B. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Vency 2026, LLC DBA Barrelhouse Liquor at 1014 East US Highway 80 (Package/Liquor Store; Existing License/Change in Ownership)

C. Release of Performance Bond in Amount of \$3,448,621.50, Acceptance of Maintenance Bond in Amount of \$857,325.75, and Acceptance of Sidewalk Performance Bond in Amount of \$123,450.00 for Harmony Phase 8A, Andante Way, Subject to City Attorney Approval

D. Department Reports (Public Works, Finance, Fire-Rescue, Police, Recreation, Planning & Development)

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry presented the agenda for consideration.

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed, subject to City Attorney approval for the bond matters.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Valim
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

VII. SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for an Art Market on May 2, 2026, at 215 West Collins Street, Requesting Fee Waiver

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry presented the application for consideration. Petitioner Kimberly Mitchell was present. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for an Art Market on May 2, 2026, at 215 West Collins Street with fee waiver.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Carpenter
SECONDER: Bashlor
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

B. Special Event Permit Application for WingStock on May 2, 2026, at 417 Pooler Parkway

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry presented the application for consideration. Petitioner Grant Miller was present. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application for WingStock on May 2, 2026, at 417 Pooler Parkway.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Bashlor
SECONDER: Wilcher
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

C. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for the Tanger Back to School Color Dash & Splash Event on July 25, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry presented the application for consideration. Petitioner Sunny Kurtz was present. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol) for the Tanger Back to School Color Dash & Splash Event on July 25, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Carpenter
SECONDER: Valim
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

VIII. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvement Element Public Hearing #2 and Resolution R2026-04.A - Authorization to Transmit the Draft Capital Improvement Element to the Coastal Regional Commission

and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (Public Hearing, Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution for consideration, and Planning & Development Director Nicole Johnson provided an overview. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry opened the public hearing, and member of the public Debra Power commented. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry closed the public hearing, and Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve Resolution R2026-04.A - Authorization to Transmit the Draft Capital Improvement Element to the Coastal Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Valim
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pooler 2046 Comprehensive Plan Update Draft Review Public Hearing #1 (Public Hearing, No Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the item, and City Planner Marcy Benson provided an overview. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry open the public hearing, and members of the public Debra Power, Joshua Soave, Jeffrey Beauvais, Peter Van Brussel, Jenny Watkins, Ashley McCorkle, Erica Bisenbauss, and Abby Gilbert commented. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry closed the public hearing. No action was taken.

B. Site Plan for SRM Railyard, Consisting of a Rail Line and Rail Yard Expansion of the Existing SRM Concrete Development at 186 Pine Barren Road

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the plan for consideration. Lamar Mercer was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember John Wilcher, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Site Plan for SRM Railyard, Consisting of a Rail Line and Rail Yard Expansion of the Existing SRM Concrete Development at 186 Pine Barren Road, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the issuance of any land-disturbing activity permit or the scheduling of a preconstruction meeting, the Applicant shall remit payment in the amount of \$88,050.00 to the City of Pooler Tree Fund, which the Applicant has elected as a mechanism for achieving compliance with the City's Tree Protection Requirements.
2. The project's Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control (ES&PC) Plans must be approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC), with such approval documentation provided to and received by the City of Pooler before the project is scheduled for City Council consideration.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Valim
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

C. Award Contract for Wastewater Treatment Plant Reject Pond Pipe Replacement

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the bids for consideration. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to award the contract for Wastewater Treatment Plant Reject Pond Pipe Replacement to Ryjack

Enterprises, not to exceed \$191,509.00 and subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Carpenter
SECONDER: Wilcher
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

D. Award Contract for Tree Maintenance Services

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the bids for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to award the contract for Tree Maintenance Services to Kolcun Tree Care, not to exceed \$150,00.00 annually and subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Valim
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

E. Award Contract for Traffic Signal Installation at the Mulberry Boulevard and Benton Boulevard Intersection

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the bids for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to award the contract for Traffic Signal Installation at the Mulberry Boulevard and Benton Boulevard Intersection to Astra Group, not to exceed \$497,370.00 and subject to City Attorney approval.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Bashlor
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

F. Accept Proposal for Design and Engineering Services for Pooler Recreation Complex Improvements, Phase V (Baseball Field Expansion) at 200 Preston Stokes Drive, from Thomas & Hutton

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the proposal for consideration. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to Accept the Proposal for Design and Engineering Services for Pooler Recreation Complex Improvements, Phase V (Baseball Field Expansion) at 200 Preston Stokes Drive from Thomas & Hutton in the amount of \$242,050.00, subject to City Attorney approval and execution of the state consultant agreement.

Motion to Accept; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Carpenter
SECONDER: Wilcher
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public Jeffrey Beauvais, Jenny Watkins, and Joshua Soave commented.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business to conduct, Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to enter Executive Session. Executive Session was entered at 7:55 p.m.

Motion to Enter; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Bashlor
SECONDER: Wilcher
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry called the meeting back to order at 8:03 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (4-0-0)
MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Bashlor
AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Valim, Wilcher
NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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

_____ day of _____, _____.

CITY OF POOLER, GEORGIA

Aaron C. Henry, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council