



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

May 18, 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 5:59 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Karen Williams, Mayor
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: Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Shannon Valim introduced Josie Black, who gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Josie Black led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

A. Certificate of Recognition for Top Gun Savannah

Mayor Karen Williams read aloud the certificate and presented it to Adrian Butler and the Top Gun Savannah cheer team.

Josie Black presented Corey Monroe of the Pooler Fire Department with a card recognizing his recent EMT training efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry reminded those present that signups are open for the Pooler Juneteenth Celebration 6.19k/1.9k Run/Walk.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026

B. City Council Executive Session Minutes of May 4, 2026

C. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for MD Pooler, LLC DBA Metro Diner at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard, Suite 200 (Restaurant; Existing License, Change of Licensee)

- D. Release of Maintenance Bond in the Amount of \$248,722.50 for Telfair Phase II at Easthaven Boulevard**
- E. Release of Performance Bond in Amount of \$1,070,563.50 and Acceptance of Maintenance Bond in Amount of \$397,644.50 for Thompson Thrift Residential (TTRES) Lift Station, 2300 Pooler Parkway, Subject to City Attorney Approval**
- F. Acceptance of Performance Bond in the Amount of \$2,295,221.78 and Acceptance of Final Plat for Cross Creek Phase 3A, Pine Barren Road, Subject to City Attorney Approval**
- G. Quarterly Vehicle Surplus (Second Quarter, 2026)**
- H. Driveway Easement Granted by Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust**
- I. Department Reports (Public Works, Finance, Fire-Rescue, Police, Recreation, Planning & Development)**

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

Motion to Approve; PASSED (5-0-0)
 MOVER: Wilcher
 SECONDER: Bashlor
 AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

VII. SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol Service) for TNT Fireworks Sales from June 20-July 5, 2026, at 160 Pooler Parkway**

Mayor Karen Williams presented the application for consideration. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol Service) for TNT Fireworks Sales from June 20-July 5, 2026, at 160 Pooler Parkway.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (5-0-0)
 MOVER: Bashlor
 SECONDER: Valim
 AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

- B. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol Service) for the Alive Fall Festival on October 3, 2026, at 1007 US Highway 80 West, Requesting Fee Waiver**

Mayor Karen Williams presented the application for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol Service) for the Alive Fall Festival on October 3, 2026, at 1007 US Highway 80 West with fee waiver.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (5-0-0)
 MOVER: Henry
 SECONDER: Wilcher
 AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

VIII. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution R2026-05.A - Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief in Chang v. City of Milton on Remand Before the Georgia Court of Appeals**

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution for consideration, and City Attorney Craig Call provided an overview. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve Resolution R2026-05.A - Authorizing Participation in an Amicus Brief in Chang v. City of Milton on Remand Before the Georgia Court of Appeals.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

B. Resolution R2026-05.C – Authorizing the Purchase and Acceptance of a Bargain Sale Donation of Certain Real Property from the Ben B. Wall Irrevocable Trust Dated December 27, 2011; Authorizing the Execution of a Land Donation and Purchase Agreement

Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to approve Resolution R2026-05.C - Authorizing the Purchase and Acceptance of a Bargain Sale Donation of Certain Real Property from the Ben B. Wall Irrevocable Trust Dated December 27, 2011; Authorizing the Execution of a Land Donation and Purchase Agreement of real property consisting of approximately 27.662 acres located at 1301 East US Highway 80 and 1323 East US Highway 80 as a lump sum transaction for the price of \$1,500,000.00.

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

MOVER: Carpenter

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pooler 2046 Comprehensive Plan Update Draft Review Public Hearing #2 (Public Hearing, No Action)

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the item, and City Planner Marcy Benson provided an overview. Mayor Karen Williams opened the public hearing, and members of the public Joshua Soave and Jeffrey Beauvais commented. Mayor Karen Williams closed the public hearing. No action was taken.

B. Agreement Under FY2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the grant agreement for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to accept the Agreement Under FY2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program in the amount of \$240,000.00 with a local match of \$60,000.00, totaling \$300,000.00.

Motion to Accept; PASSED (5-0-0)

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

C. Proposal from Ashley's Business Solutions for Copier Purchase and Service Agreement

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the proposal for consideration. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to accept the Proposal from Ashley's Business Solutions for Copier Purchase and Service Agreement, subject to

City Attorney approval.

Motion to Accept; PASSED (5-0-0)

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public Joshua Soave, Jeffrey Beauvais, Holly Lewis, Ernie Hagan, and Kerry Smith 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 6:49 p.m.

Motion to Enter; PASSED (5-0-0)

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

Mayor Karen Williams called the meeting back to order at 6:59 p.m.

Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to amend the agenda to add Resolution R2026-05.C, purchase of real property consisting of approximately 27.662 acres located at 1301 East US Highway 80 and 1323 East US Highway 80 as a lump sum transaction for the price of \$1,500,000.00 to VII. Ordinances and Resolutions.

Motion to Amend; PASSED (5-0-0)

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Henry

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Bashlor

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Valim, Wilcher

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 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, Clerk of Council