



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

November 1, 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
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 Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Pastor Erick Daniel from Bread of Life Ministries gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Erick Daniel led the pledge.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the consent agenda for consideration.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021

B. Executive Session Minutes of October 18, 2021

- C. **Special Event Permit Application for the CURE Childhood Cancer Holiday Party**
- D. **Special Event Permit Application for the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Festival in the Park**

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

VI. REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton announced that this meeting would not be livestreamed due to an IT issue. She encouraged all present to vote on November 2, 2021 and reported that election and precinct information would be available on the Chatham County Board of Elections website.

VII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Ordinance O2021-11.A to Amend Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Pooler; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Set an Effective Date and for Other Purposes (First Reading)**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the ordinance for consideration. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2021-11.A - Amend Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Pooler; to Repeal Conflicting Ordinances; to Set an Effective Date and for Other Purposes.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

- B. **Resolution R2021-11.A to Amend the Schedule of Fees**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the resolution for consideration. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve all fees included in Resolution R2021-11.A - Amend the Schedule of Fees with the exception of the technology and court fees, which are to be reviewed by the City Attorney prior to adoption.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wall

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

NAYS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Amendment to Phase 13 of the Savannah Quarters PUD**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration. Hal Kraft of Hussey Gay Bell was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve the amendment to Phase 13 of the Savannah Quarters PUD.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

B. **Site Plan for JCB Industrial Tract Located on East Highway 80**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the plan for consideration. Greg Coleman of Coleman Company was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the site plan for the JCB industrial tract located on East Highway 80 subject to the following contingencies:

1. Payment of \$401,500.00 into the Tree Fund
2. Clarification on the stormwater agreement signature

Greg Coleman verbally agreed to the contingencies.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

C. **Acceptance of Performance Bonds/Final Plat Review for Westwood Reserve**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the bonds and final plat for consideration. Ashley Hazely of Thomas & Hutton and Carl Eaton of D.R. Horton were present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to accept the landscaping site prep

bond in the amount of \$196,060.86, the sidewalk performance bond in the amount of \$388,880.25, and the utility/roadway bond in the amount of \$2,520,948.08, as well as approve the final plat for Westwood Reserve subject to the following contingencies:

1. Revision of the sidewalk bond language to replace "landscaping" with "sidewalk"
2. Grassing stabilization
3. Completion of a stormwater agreement to include inspection and maintenance plans to be recorded with the final plat
4. Review by the City Attorney

The representatives from D. R. Horton present verbally agreed to the contingencies.

Motion to Accept and Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

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

NAYS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 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