



CITY of POOLER
— GEORGIA —

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

July 20, 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
Tom Hutcherson, Councilmember
Shannon Valim, Councilmember
John Wilcher, Councilmember
Craig Call, City Attorney
Heath Lloyd, City Manager
Chris Lightle, Chief Finance Officer
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

Absent:

III. INVOCATION

Assistant City Manager Matt Saxon gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Matt Saxon led the pledge.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Karen Williams reminded everyone present to silence their cell phones.
Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry recognized the passing of South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026**
- B. City Council Executive Session Minutes of June 15, 2026**
- C. City Council Executive Session Minutes of July 6, 2026**
- D. Release of Maintenance Bond in the Amount of \$305,080.50 and Sidewalk Performance Bond in the Amount of \$83,835.00 for Drayton Park Phase II/North Trail Way, Fern Road, and Freemont Lane**

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

Mayor Karen Williams presented the consent agenda for consideration. Councilmember Shannon Valim recused herself from consideration of Consent Agenda Item D. Release of Maintenance Bond in the Amount of \$305,080.50 and Sidewalk Performance Bond in the Amount of \$83,835.00 for Drayton Park Phase II/North Trail Way, Fern Road, and Freemont Lane. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the consent agenda.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Bashlor, Carpenter, Henry, Hutcherson, Wilcher

NAYS:

RECUSALS: Valim

VII. SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Special Event Permit Application (Temporary Alcohol Service) for the Elegance Community Fest on August 1, 2026, at 120 Towne Center Drive

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event for consideration. Two petitioners were present. Councilmember Michael Carpenter moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (Temporary Alcohol Service) for the Elegance Community Fest on August 1, 2026, at 120 Towne Center Drive.

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

MOVER: Carpenter

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

B. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol Service) for the Hobby Classic Card Show on August 22, 2026, at 900 South Rogers Street

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event for consideration. No petitioners were present. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol Service) for the Hobby Classic Card Show on August 22, 2026, at 900 South Rogers Street.

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

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

NAYS:

C. Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol Service) for the Big Bash Fall Festival and Car Show on October 24, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard

Mayor Karen Williams presented the event for consideration. One petitioner was present. Councilmember Wesley Bashlor moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application (No Alcohol Service) for the Big Bash Fall Festival

and Car Show on October 24, 2026, at 200 Tanger Outlets Boulevard.

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

MOVER: Bashlor

SECONDER: Henry

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

NAYS:

VIII. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution R2026-07.A – Amendment to the 2026 Schedule of Fees

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the resolution for consideration.

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve Resolution R2026-07.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 Old Louisville Road Water and Sewer Extensions

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the bids for consideration. Members of the public Rick Ali and Kasim Ali commented. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to Award the Contract for Old Louisville Road Water and Sewer Extensions to Tyson Utilities in the amount of \$1,416,549.32, subject to City Attorney approval.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

B. Agreement with Peachtree Recovery Services for Property Damage Recovery Service

City Manager Heath Lloyd presented the agreement for consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to approve the Agreement with Peachtree Recovery Services for Property Damage Recovery Service, subject to City Attorney approval.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Bashlor

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

NAYS:

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Henry moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

MOVER: Henry

SECONDER: Wilcher

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

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 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