



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

December 6, 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
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: Shannon Black, Councilmember

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. INVOCATION

Executive Pastor Shirlenia Daniel of Bread of Life Ministries gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Pastor Shirlenia Daniel also led the pledge.

V. REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on their successful holiday event.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Karen Williams moved to bring forth the Savannah Quarters Pump Station and Force Main Project Award (previously approved at the

November 15, 2021 Council Meeting) for reconsideration.

Motion to Reconsider; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

Upon approval of reconsideration, Councilmember Karen Williams moved to amend the agenda to include Savannah Quarters Pump Station and Force Main Project Award under Old Business, Item A.

Motion to Amend; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

City Manager Robert Byrd then presented the consent agenda for consideration.

- A. **City Council Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2021**
- B. **Special Event Permit Application for Tic Tic Boom Fireworks, LLC at Tanger Outlets**
- C. **Special Event Permit Application for Sam's Club Holiday Display**

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution R2021-12.A to Approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget (First Reading)**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the resolution for consideration, and Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Finance Officer Chris Lightle reviewed the draft. There being no comments from the public, Mayor

Rececca C. Benton closed the public hearing. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the first reading of Resolution R2021-12.A to Approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

B. Resolution R2021-12.B to Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget (2021-01)

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the resolution for consideration. Finance Officer Chris Lightle reviewed the item, and Councilmember Karen Williams moved to approve Resolution R2021-12.B to Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Amend Savannah Quarters Pump Station and Force Main Project Award

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the award for consideration. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to award the Savannah Quarters Pump Station and Force Main Project to Southern Civil, LLC, as required by GEFA, in the amount of \$6,631,946.

Motion to Award; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Conditional Use Request for Michael & Pamela Hayman (Old Louisville Road) for a Proposed Warehouse

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the request for consideration, and Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Greg Coleman of Coleman and Company was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing. Councilmember Aaron Higgins, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the conditional use request for Michael & Pamela Hayman (Old Louisville Road) for a proposed warehouse subject to the following contingencies:

1. A right turn egress
2. Widening and improving the Old Louisville Road to the furthest corner of the property prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy

Greg Coleman verbally agreed to the contingencies.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

B. Zoning Map Amendment for 35 Coleman Boulevard from C-2 to I-1

City Manager Robert Byrd reported that the petitioner requested the item be postponed. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened and closed the public hearing without comment. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to postpone the Zoning Map Amendment for 35 Coleman Boulevard from C-2 to I-1 until the December 20, 2021 Council Meeting.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

C. Zoning Map Amendment for Dozier Cook (1204 and 1208 East Highway 80 and Lots 12 and 13, Westside Business Park) from C-2 to Planned I-1

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration, and Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Resident Jackie Carver expressed her opposition to the rezoning. Harold Yellin was present on behalf of the petitioner, and acknowledged Ms. Carver's concerns. Mr. Yellin requested a continuance on the item, and Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to postpone the Zoning Map Amendment for Dozier Cook (1204 and 1208 East Highway 80 and Lots 12 and 13, Westside Business Park) from C-2 to Planned I-1 to the

January 17, 2022 Council Meeting.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

D. Site Plan for Blakely Commons, Lot 5

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the site plan for consideration. Travis Burke was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions.

Councilmember Karen Williams, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the site plan for Blakely Commons, Lot 5 subject to the following contingencies:

1. Recording of the storm water agreement prior to issuance of any permit

Travis Burke verbally agreed to the contingencies.

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

E. Major Subdivision/Preliminary Plat for Easthaven, Area A2

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the item for consideration. Hal Kraft was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to postpone the Major Subdivision/Preliminary Plat for Easthaven, Area A2 until the December 20, 2021 Council Meeting.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

F. Major Subdivision/Preliminary Plat for Ellis Park, Phase 4

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the item for consideration. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to postpone the Major Subdivision/Preliminary Plat for Ellis Park, Phase 4.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

G. GEMA/HS Equipment Grant for City of Pooler Fire-Rescue

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the grant for consideration. Chief Wade Simmons reviewed the grant for equipment replacement. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to approve the GEMA/HS Equipment Grant for City of Pooler Fire-Rescue in the amount of \$9,025.00.

Motion to Approve; PASSED

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

With no further public business to conduct, Councilmember John Wilcher moved to enter Executive Session. Council entered Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

Motion to Enter Executive Session; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton called the meeting back to order at 6:40 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Higgins, Hutcherson, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 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