



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

February 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM | City Hall | 100 US Highway 80 SW, Pooler, GA 31322

I. ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Present: Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor
Shannon Black, Councilmember *via teleconference*
Aaron Higgins, Councilmember
Stevie Wall, Councilmember
John Wilcher, Councilmember
Karen Williams, Councilmember
Robert Byrd, City Manager
Steve Scheer, City Attorney
Chris Lightle, Finance Officer
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

Absent: Tom Hutcherson, Mayor Pro Tem
Craig Call, City Attorney

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. INVOCATION

Jeff Fields, Elder at the Community Bible Church of Savannah, gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeff Fields led the pledge.

V. REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the consent agenda for consideration.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022

B. Alcoholic Beverage License Application for Ras Concepts V, LLC dba First Watch, LLC at 400 Pooler Parkway

- C. **Temporary/Special Event (Dispensing Alcohol) Permit Application for Barbara Harris on March 5, 2022**
- D. **Special Event Permit Application for Jacinta Ingram on June 25, 2022**
- E. **Special Event Permit Application for Jonathan Proto on March 3, 2022**

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Rebecca Benton called for a motion to waive the reading of the department reports. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to dispense with the reading of the reports, and to include the reports with the minutes of the meeting.

Motion to Dispense; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

- A. **Public Works**
- B. **Finance**
- C. **Fire Department**
- D. **Police Department**
- E. **Recreation**
- F. **Planning & Zoning**

VIII. ORDINANCES, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

A. **Ordinance O2022-01.A - To Amend Appendix A - Zoning, Article II. Definitions and Article IV. Zoning Districts, Table 4.1 Allowed Uses by Zoning District (*Second Reading*)**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the second reading for consideration. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance O2022-01.A - To Amend Appendix A - Zoning, Article II. Definitions and Article IV. Zoning Districts, Table 4.1 Allowed Uses by Zoning District.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. **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. C.J. Chance of Hussey, Gay, Bell was present on behalf of the petitioner and requested that the item be tabled. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to table 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 until the March 21, 2022 council meeting.

Motion to Table; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Special Event Permit Application for the Greater Pooler Area Chamber of Commerce on March 17, 2022**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the application for consideration. Pam Southard and Tameka Moultrie from the Chamber of Commerce were present to answer questions. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Greater Pooler Area

Chamber of Commerce on March 17, 2022, with a permit fee waiver, subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval of the event security plan by the Police Chief
2. Installation of post and rope from the beer garden to the trams

Motion to Approve with Stipulations; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

B. Special Event Permit Application for Amusements of America from March 25 - April 3, 2022

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the application for consideration. Police Chief Ashley Brown reviewed for Mayor and Council the history of incidents occurring at this event in years prior, and expressed that it had been a burden to the Police Department. The petitioner was not present. Councilmember Stevie Wall, based on public safety concerns, moved to deny the Special Event Permit Application for Amusements of America from March 25 - April 3, 2022.

Motion to Deny; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

C. Award Contract for Roadside Mowing and General Maintenance

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the bids for consideration. Councilmember Stevie Wall moved to award the contract for Roadside Mowing and General Maintenance to Brightview, subject to review by the City Attorney, in the amount of \$37,739.86 per month from March through October with a term end date of November 20, 2025.

Motion to Award ; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wall

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

D. Award Contract for Quacco Road/Easthaven Boulevard/Spanton Crescent Traffic Signal Installation

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the contract for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to award the contract for the Quacco Road/Easthaven Boulevard/Spanton Crescent traffic signal installation to

Moye Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$245,200.00.

Motion to Award; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

E. **Amendment to the Mulberry Boulevard/Benton Boulevard Traffic Signal Conditions**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration. Terry Coleman of Coleman Company was present on behalf of the petitioner to answer questions. Councilmember Karen Williams moved to amend the Mulberry Boulevard/Benton Boulevard traffic signal conditions to include payment of \$175,000.00 (equal to one half of the total cost of the signal) into City escrow by the petitioner.

Motion to Amend; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Wall, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

Attest:

Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

