



## **CITY COUNCIL Planning Retreat – Minutes**

February 2, 2022 at 8:00 AM | 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 (via teleconference)  
Karen Williams, Councilmember  
Robert Byrd, City Manager  
Steve Scheer, City Attorney  
Craig Call, City Attorney  
Chris Lightle, Finance Officer  
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council  
Matt Saxon, Assistant City Manager  
Ashley Brown, Chief of Police  
Wade Simmons, Chief of Fire-Rescue  
Holmes Bell, Hussey Gay Bell  
Chris Burke, Hussey Gay Bell

Absent: Shannon Black, Councilmember

### **II. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rebecca Benton called the retreat to order at 8:02 a.m.

### **III. REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

#### **A. Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Holmes Bell and Chris Burke of Hussey Gay Bell presented on the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project. Presentation slides are included as part of the minutes.

#### **B. Police Department Report**

Chief Ashley Brown gave an update on Police Department operations. Presentation slides are included as part of the minutes.

- C. Fire Department Report  
Chief Wade Simmons gave an update on Fire Department operations, to include the progress on the new fire station. Presentation slides are included as part of the minutes.
  
- D. Chamber of Commerce Update  
Due to the nature of the Chamber of Commerce topic, City Attorney Steve Scheer recommended the item be tabled until the next Executive Session.
  
- E. Topics for Discussion  
Councilmember Aaron Higgins led a discussion on potential TSPLOST projects. Councilmember Tom Hutcherson led a discussion on the diversity and inclusion training available to the City. Councilmember Karen Williams led a discussion on exploring GMA's City of Ethics designation.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the retreat at 10:57 a.m.

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

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Rebecca C. Benton, Mayor

Attest:

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Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council