



CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting – Minutes

May 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM | 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
John Wilcher, Councilmember
Karen Williams, Councilmember
Robert Byrd, City Manager
Steve Scheer, City Attorney
Chris Lightle, Finance Officer
Kiley Fusco, Clerk of Council

Absent: Stevie Wall, Councilmember
Craig Call, City Attorney

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

III. INVOCATION

Dr. Shirlenia Daniel of Bread of Life Ministries gave the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Shirlenia Daniel led the pledge.

V. REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Karen Williams shared that the American Legion - 1st District has selected the City of Pooler as the location for their first charity basketball tournament on May 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The tournament will comprise 10U-18U three-person teams playing 20-minute half-court games, and there are still openings available. Contact Eddie Patterson at (912) 713-1875 for details.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the consent agenda for consideration. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to remove Item B. City Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2022 from the consent agenda and postpone until the May

18, 2022 meeting.

Motion to Remove and Postpone; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

- A. **City Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2022**
- B. **City Council Executive Session Minutes of April 18, 2022**
- C. **Temporary/Special Event (Dispensing Alcohol) Permit Application for Barbara Harris on May 21, 2022**
- D. **Alcoholic Beverage License Application for P&K Investments 2022, LLC dba Noble Roots at 100 Blue Moon Crossing, Suite 101**
Patrick Hoffman, petitioner, shared that he is opening Noble Roots, a wine bar that will serve wines on tap, craft cocktails, and from-scratch cuisine.

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion to Approve as Amended; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Williams

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Zoning Map Amendment for DAI Pine Barren, LLC for 14.4 Acres on Pine Barren Road**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration.

Petitioner Robert McCorkle was present on behalf of the petitioner.

Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved postpone the Zoning Map Amendment for DAI Pine Barren, LLC for 14.4 Acres on Pine Barren Road until such time that a second public hearing be advertised in accordance with state law, after which action be taken.

Motion to Postpone; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

B. Zoning Map Amendment for 1545 Dean Forest Road from C-2 to I-2

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration. Jim Collins was present on behalf of the petitioner. Councilmember Karen Williams, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for 1545 Dean Forest Road from C-2 to I-2.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Williams

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Event Permit Application for Teen Challenge on July 2, 2022

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the application for consideration. Chief Wade Simmons and Chief Ashley Brown expressed their concerns that the event could pose a potential public safety hazard in its proposed location. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to deny the Special Event Permit Application for the Teen Challenge on July 2, 2022 in the interest of public safety.

Motion to Deny; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Wilcher

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

B. Zoning Map Amendment for 1827, 1831, 1835 Dean Forest Road and Two Outparcels on Old Louisville Road from C-2 and RA-1 to I-1

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the amendment for consideration, and Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Petitioner Billy Dorsey was present, along with John Hart and Greg Coleman. Resident Walter Eugene Sills, Jr., expressed his concern regarding the proposed truck ingress/egress location and resident David Myrick shared his concerns regarding deforestation, drainage, and noise. Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing and Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to deny the Zoning Map Amendment for 1827, 1831, 1835 Dean Forest Road and Two Outparcels on Old Louisville Road from C-2 and RA-1 to I-1 in that it fails rezoning standard #8, adversely impacting neighboring properties.

Motion to Deny; FAILED (2-3)

MOVER: Higgins

SECONDER: Hutcherson

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

Councilmember John Wilcher, upon review of the criteria, moved to approve the Zoning Map Amendment for 1827, 1831, 1835 Dean Forest Road and Two Outparcels on Old Louisville Road from C-2 and RA-1 to I-1.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (3-2)
MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Black
AYES: Black, Wilcher, Williams
NAYS: Higgins, Hutcherson

C. **Agreement Between the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County and the City of Pooler for the Use of County Inmates on City and County Property**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the agreement for consideration. Councilmember John Wilcher moved to renew the Agreement Between the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County and the City of Pooler for the Use of County Inmates on City and County Property.

Motion to Renew; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Wilcher
SECONDER: Black
AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams
NAYS:

D. **Agreement for Interstate 16 and Pooler Parkway Landscape Improvement Concept Development Services with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co.**

City Manager Robert Byrd presented the agreement for consideration and noted that it includes all four quadrants and all on/off ramps. Councilmember Aaron Higgins moved to approve the Agreement for Interstate 16 and Pooler Parkway Landscape Improvement Concept Development Services with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Company in the amount of \$12,500.

Motion to Approve; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Higgins
SECONDER: Williams
AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams
NAYS:

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember John Wilcher moved to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn; PASSED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Wilcher

SECONDER: Higgins

AYES: Black, Higgins, Hutcherson, Wilcher, Williams

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 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