

CITY OF PINE LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING ACTION AGENDA
July 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA

Call to Order: Mayor Melanie Hammet called the Regular Session to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Mayor Melanie Hammet, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Bordeaux, Council Members Tracey Brantley, Nivea Castro, Brandy Hall, and Augusta Woods. Also present were City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, City Attorney Susan Moore, Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner, and Assistant City Clerk Ned Dagenhard. Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green was not in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda of the Day

Mayor Hammet amended the agenda to include:

1. To place Staff Reports before the second public comments section.

Council Member Hall motioned to adopt the amended agenda; Council Member Castro seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the Minutes

- Regular Meeting – July 11th, 2023

Council Member Woods motioned to adopt the minutes for Regular Meeting of July 11th, 2023; seconded by Council Member Brantley. The motion passed with a 4-0-1 vote. Council Members Brantley, Castro, Hall, and Woods voted in favor. Council Member Bordeaux abstained.

New Business

1. Reenactment of Emergency Ordinance 2023-05 in the form of Emergency Ordinance 2023-05(1) – Fishing Moratorium
 - a. Updates from City Departments and Committees Regarding Lake Area Health and Maintenance and the Moratorium that began on 7/15/2023.

Mayor Hammet reiterated the purpose of the moratorium, and Council Members weighed in on the development of criteria for quantifiable review of lake health and wildlife impact. Council Member Hall discussed the involvement of SEED (Stewards of Environmental Education and Design) in producing pre- and post-moratorium data points. City Manager Miller-Thornton requested direction of City Council in working with City Attorney Susan Moore to develop amendments to Lake Area Policy—which would also include verbiage around fishing—upon receipt of SEED and community feedback. Council Member Bordeaux moved to reenact a 30-day moratorium on fishing within Pine Lake; Council Member Brantley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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2. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) II – Project List Considerations

City Manager Miller-Thornton requested that City Council produce a project list in preparation for the upcoming SPLOST II referendum. The City Manager suggested that items on the list be broad categories, and that allocated amounts be characterized as percentages as opposed to fixed dollar amounts, so as to allow flexibility in funding high-priority projects. Also discussed was the proposed amendment to Dekalb County disbursement, adding 1% of total County-wide SPLOST II funds to small cities' (including Pine Lake, Stone Mountain, Lithonia, and Avondale Estates) allotment formula. Given these considerations, a project list will be drafted by City Council Members in the coming weeks. No Council action was required or taken in reference to this agenda item.

3. GMA Lease Option – for purchase of Leaf Machine and Police Vehicle – Amount Financed \$123,185 – 4 year term – Total Lease Payments \$137,348.

City Manager Miller-Thornton announced the terms of a lease agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association for the purpose of procuring a new Leaf Machine, as well as a new Police Vehicle. The interest rate for the GMA lease/loan is set at 4.5%, to be paid over a 4-year term. The principal amount is \$123,185, with a payoff amount of \$137,348. Council Member Hall moved to approve the GMA Lease Agreement; Council Member Castro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Council Member Hall motioned for adjournment at 8:30pm; Council Member Castro seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ned Dagenhard
Assistant City Clerk