

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
WORK SESSION ACTION AGENDA
August 27th, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

Call to Order: Mayor Brandy Hall called the Regular Session to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux, Council Member Jeff Goldberg, Council Member Thomas Torrent, Council Member Tom Ramsey, and Council Member Augusta Woods. Also present were City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, Chief of Police Sarai Y'hudah-Green, City Attorney Susan Moore, and Assistant City Clerk Ned Dagenhard. Public Works Special Projects Manager Bernard Kendrick was not in attendance.

Adoption of the Agenda of the Day

Mayor Hall asked to amend the Agenda of the Day with the addition of Old Business Item 2, Discussion of Amending the Existing MOU Between the City of Pine Lake and Pine Lake Association for Involved Neighbors (P.L.A.I.N.) immediately preceding adjournment.

Council Member Ramsey moved to adopt the Agenda of the Day as amended; Council Member Torrent seconded.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes

- **Regular Session – July 30th, 2024**
- **Special Called Meeting – August 1st, 2024**
- **Work Session – August 13th, 2024**

Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux moved to approve the Minutes; Council Member Goldberg Seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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Old Business

- 1. Draft Ordinance 2024-05 – An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Pine Lake to Authorize the Operation of Short-term Rentals within the City as a Special Use un the R-1 Single Family Residential District and the Commercial District Transitional Subarea – Discussion – Adoption**

Mayor Hall performed the second read of Ordinance 2024-05.

Council Member Woods moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-05; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

- 2. Discussion of Amending the Existing MOU Between the City of Pine Lake and Pine Lake Association for Involved Neighbors (P.L.A.I.N.)**

Council Member Ramsey moved to approve the amended MOU Between the City of Pine Lake and P.L.A.I.N.; Council Member Goldberg seconded.

A discussion took place.

Council Member Ramsey moved to table the item; Council Member Torrent seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem moved to place Public Comment prior to removing Old Business Item 2 from the table; Council Member Torrent seconded.

Following Public Comment, Council Member Ramsey moved to remove Old Business Item 2 from the table; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux seconded.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

New Business

- 1. Draft Ordinance 2024-07 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Pine Lake to Impose a Three Percent Tax on the Furnishing of Lodgings; to**

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Provide for Reporting and Submission of Taxes; To Provide for Enforcement; To Provide for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; to Provide an Effective Date of this Ordinance, and for Other Purposes. – Adoption

Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux performed the second read of Draft Ordinance 2024-07.

Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux moved to adopt Draft Ordinance 2024-07; Council Member Torrent seconded.

A discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Employee Group Health Insurance Renewal - Effective Term to begin 10/01/2024 -Recommended plans and authorization of Mayor to sign the necessary documents to provide employee group health benefits

Council Member Ramsey moved to approve the Employee Group Health Insurance Renewal; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux seconded.

City Manager Miller-Thornton explained that in a previous Work Session, City Council consented to renewal of Employee Group Health Insurance. The vendors include Anthem (Blue Cross Blue Shield) at an 8% increase, Humana Dental at a 2% increase, and Humana Vision at no increase. Additionally, a quorum of City Council consented to discontinuing the employee cost reimbursement program.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Resolution R-14-2024 – Employee Benefits Plan 2024-2025

Council Member Torrent moved to approve Resolution R-14-2024; Council Member Golberg seconded.

City Manager Miller-Thornton explained that this item reflects budgetarily to New Business Item 2.

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4. Resolution R-15-2024 - FY2024 Budget Amendment

Council Member Ramsey moved to approve Resolution R-15-2024; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux seconded.

City Manager Miller-Thornton stated that the final tax digest (which reflects the increase in millage to 19.400) revealed a revenue increase resulting in budget surplus. This resolution, she further explained, provides that this increase in revenue will decrease the fund balance appropriation by the same amount.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

5. Resolution R-16-2024 – Executive Session Affidavit and Consideration of August 1, 2024 Executive Session Minutes

Council Member Ramsey moved to strike Resolution R-16-2024 from the agenda; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

6. Resolution R-17-2024 – Executive Session Affidavit and Consideration of August 13, 2024 Executive Session Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux moved to approve Resolution R-17-2024; Council Member Torrent seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

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7. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel – City Manager Agreement

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At 6:36pm, Council Member Torrent moved to enter Executive Session; Council Member Woods seconded.

A discussion took place.

At 8:06pm, Council Member Woods moved to re-enter Regular Session; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux Seconded.

Reports and Other Business

- **Mayor**

Mayor Hall stated that the scheduling of the retreat was postponed to an undetermined future date.

- **City Council**

Council Member Torrent announced that he and Council Member Ramsey had accompanied Special Projects Manager Kendrick on a walkthrough of the wetlands. Council Member Torrent continued that the walkthrough and education by Mr. Kendrick revealed long-term neglect, and that the full extent of the structural and maintenance issues are still being assessed. Council Member Ramsey added that the time had been “hours well spent,” having left with a greater understanding of the issues upstream and the impact on water pressure.

Pine Lake News

Upcoming Events

September 7th, 2024 6 pm to 9 pm - Pride Lake Fundraiser Gayla: We will be screening camp classic Rocky Horror Picture Show, holding a Silent Auction, and crowning the Queer of the Year. Tickets are available at PrideLake.org

September 21st, 2 pm to 9 pm – Pride Lake Festival - Back to Camp: From 2-6, we will have camp activities for all ages, with a Grand March around the lake at 4 pm with Happy Hour at 5 pm The Pre-show begins at 6, and the Drag Show (18+) begins at 7pm.

November 5th General Election – Key Dates

August 19th: First Day to [request an absentee ballot](#) for Nov. 5th

October 7th: Deadline to [register/update address](#) for Nov. 5th Election

October 15th: [Advance voting](#) begins for the Nov. 5th Election

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October 25th: Last day to request absentee Ballot for Nov. 5th [Election](#)

November 1st: Advance voting ends for the Nov. 5th Election

November 5th: Election Day

To check your voter registration status, go to [My Voter Page](#).

For general questions and information on the changes affecting voting passed in SB 202 go to: [Voter FAQs](#)

Adjournment

Council Member Goldberg moved for adjournment at 8:16pm.

s/Ned Dagenhard

Ned Dagenhard
Assistant City Clerk

s/ChaQuias Miller-Thornton

ChaQuias Miller-Thornton
Acting City Clerk