

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
WORK SESSION  
ACTION ITEM REPORT  
April 14, 2026 at 6:00PM  
Courthouse & Council Chambers  
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA 30072**

**Call to Order:** Mayor pro tem Goldberg called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Present: Mayor pro tempore Jeff Goldberg, and Council Members Deborah Hull, Stephanie Kohler, Jane Lowers (*attending via teleconference*), and Thomas Torrent. Also present were City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, City Attorney Chris Balch, Chief of Police Sarai Y’Hudah-Green, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, Finance Director Stephen Mayer, and City Clerk Ned Dagenhard.

**Adoption of the Agenda of the Day**

Council Member Hull motioned to adopt the agenda; Council Member Torrent seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**New Business**

**1. Finance Update**

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: City Manager Hawthorne and Finance Director Mayer are expected to keep City Council abreast of the ongoing development of a Finance Department, with the goal of presenting budget-to-actual report, as well as preliminary 2025 year-end calculations, as the City approaches the June “millage rate season.”*

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**2. Permit for Out-of-Season Swimming, Lake/Beach**

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Attorney Balch** is expected to work with Public Works Director Kendrick and Chief Y'Hudah-Green, as well as members of Pine LakeFest, Inc. to a) investigate options for swimming during "LakeFest 2026" and b) ensure safe practices for the water-based event known as "paddlepalooza."*

**3. Amending Chapter 16, Sec.(c)(6) – Allowing for Open Fire Under Permit**

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: This item does not require explicit staff follow-up.*

**4. Vegetation Management, Pine Lake Dam**

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: This item does not require explicit staff follow-up (\*regarding policy development vis-à-vis herbicide use).*

**5. Rockbridge Road Mural Project**

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Manager Hawthorne** and **Finance Director Mayer** are expected to bring forth authorization to accept funds from DeKalb County designated for a Rockbridge Road and Poplar/Spring mural in the form of a budget amendment at the April 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.*

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**6. City Manager, Interim and Recruitment Services – *Sumter Local Government Consulting***

A discussion took place.

A consensus was observed to proceed with a request for presentation by *Sumter* at the next available City Council meeting.

No other action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: City Manager Hawthorne is expected to proceed with requesting an in-person presentation on recruitment services from Sumter Local Government Consulting, to take place at either the April 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting or May 12<sup>th</sup> Work Session.*

**7. Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) Insurance Renewal**

A discussion took place.

A consensus was observed to authorize administration to proceed with payment of the first of four quarterly payments, with the intention to adopt a resolution authorizing GIRMA as the City's insurer for the 2026-2027 period at the next available City Council meeting.

No other action was taken by the City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: The **Finance Department** is expected to proceed with payment of the first of four quarterly insurance premium payments as part of the April 20<sup>th</sup> check cycle. **City Manager Hawthorne**—with supporting **General Government staff**—is expected to proceed with development of a resolution to approve the 2026-27 GIRMA agreement.*

**Adjournment**

Council Member Torrent motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:00PM.