

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
WORK SESSION
ACTION ITEM REPORT
May 12, 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, and Thomas Torrent. Also present were City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, City Attorney Chris Balch, Chief of Police Sarai Y’Hudah-Green, Finance Director Stephen Mayer, and City Clerk Ned Dagenhard. Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick was not in attendance.

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. Mural and Art Wall, Project Discussion

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Clerk Dagenhard** is expected to seek updated cost projections regarding public art installations proposed for 4599 Rockbridge Road (“Rockbridge Mural”) and 425 Spring Drive (“Gateway Gallery”).*

*Cost projections may necessitate input from **Finance Director Mayer** regarding identification of supplemental resources. This information will feed further discussion of the timeline for project administration at the June 9, 2026 Work Session.*

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2. Property Taxes: Digest, Calculator – Process and Schedule

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Manager Hawthorne** is expected to work with **Finance Director Mayer** to develop a proposed, tentative millage rate for adoption at the May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

***City Clerk Dagenhard** is expected to work with **City Attorney Balch** to prepare public hearing advertisement language, ahead of public hearing schedule adoption at the May 26, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

(NOTE: the “tentative millage rate” is not the implemented rate, rather a rate necessary for advertising purposes ahead of final millage rate adoption in late-June. Furthermore, it is notable that the final millage rate cannot exceed the adopted tentative millage rate.)

3. Special Assessments, Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs)

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Manager Hawthorne** and **Finance Director Mayer** are expected to continue investigate a special assessment increase—and tax anticipation note (TAN) processes—ahead of further discussion at the June 9, 2026 Work Session.*

4. Anti-Smoking Ordinance

A discussion took place.

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STAFF FOLLOW-UP: This item did not elicit explicit staff follow-up action.

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5. Scheduling Summer Town Hall

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

STAFF FOLLOW-UP: This item did not elicit explicit staff follow-up action.

6. DeKalb Soil & Water Conservation Commission – Meeting Update

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

STAFF FOLLOW-UP: This item did not elicit explicit staff follow-up action.

7. Proposed Annexation: Compare/Contrast with Neighboring Jurisdictions

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: The **Governing Authority** is expected to work among themselves to discuss annexation intentions of neighboring jurisdictions with their legislative counterparts.*

8. Fee Schedule: Compare/Contrast with Neighboring Jurisdictions

A discussion took place.

No action was taken by City Council.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: The **Governing Authority** is expected to work among themselves to discuss special fees within neighboring jurisdictions with their legislative counterparts. Tentative future discussion of a formal study of revenue sources—to include the City’s fee schedule, as well as franchise agreements with utility providers—may be expected.*

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9. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 of the Code of Ordinances – Regarding City Council Meeting Start Time

A discussion took place.

A consensus of City Council was observed, regarding the decision to return to this item at the June 9, 2026 Work Session.

No action was taken by City Council.

STAFF FOLLOW-UP: This item did not elicit explicit staff follow-up action. Further discussion is expected to be agendized for the June 9, 2026 Work Session.

Executive Session

Council Member Hull moved to enter Executive Session at 8:43PM.

Potential pending litigation was discussed.

The City Manager recruitment process was discussed.

No action was taken by City Council.

Council Member Torrent moved to re-enter the Work Session at 11:04PM

Adjournment

Council Member Torrent moved to adjourn the Work Session at 11:04PM.