

**CITY OF PINE LAKE  
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
ACTION ITEM REPORT  
June 30, 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, City Clerk Ned Dagenhard, and Finance Director Stephen Mayer.

**Public Hearing**

- **Alcoholic Beverages Privileged License Application – *Snack PitStop Mini Mart*, 4687 Rockbridge Road (Suites 1 & 2)**

Mayor pro tem Goldberg opened the public hearing at 6:01PM.

The public hearing was held.

Seeing no further public, Mayor pro tem Goldberg closed the public hearing at 6:04PM.

**Adoption of the Agenda of the Day**

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

No discussion took place.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**Adoption of the Minutes**

- May 26, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- June 9, 2026 (11:00AM) – Public Hearing
- June 9, 2026 (6:00PM) – Work Session/Special Called Meeting & Public Hearing
- June 11, 2026 (11:00AM) – Public Hearing
- June 11, 2026 (6:00PM) – Public Hearing

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt the minutes; Council Member Lowers seconded.

Council Member Kohler asked that the Minutes from the May 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting be amended to include Facilities Agent Calvin Buramy in the roll.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote on the minutes, as amended.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**New Business**

**1. Resolution R-2026-35, Alcoholic Beverages Privileged License Application – *Snack PitStop Mini Mart, 4687 Rockbridge Road (Suites 1 & 2)***

Council Member Kohler moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-35; Council Member Torrent seconded.

A discussion took place.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Clerk Dagenhard** will proceed with generation of the approved local alcohol license, and provide a copy of the license to the licensee, as well as the Georgia Department of Revenue.*

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**2. Resolution R-2026-42, Issuance and Sale of Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)**

Council Member Hull moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-42; Council Member Torrent seconded.

A discussion took place.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: City Clerk Dagenhard will proceed with collecting all necessary signatures from signing parties, which include Mayor pro tem Goldberg and City Attorney Balch. Mr. Dagenhard will then coordinate delivery of the signed documentation to representatives with Renasant Bank, in tandem with City Manager Hawthorne and Finance Director Mayer.*

**Public Hearing**

- **2026 Property Tax Millage Rate**

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00PM.

The public hearing was held.

Seeing no further public, Mayor pro tem Goldberg closed the public hearing at 7:41PM.

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**New Business**

**3. Resolution R-2026-36(A), Authorization to Change Banking Institutions, Open Investment Accounts for Idle Cash**

Council Member Hull moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-36(B); Council Member Torrent seconded.

A discussion took place.

Amidst discussion, Mayor pro tem Goldberg motion to recess, and proceeded to call the Public Hearing (2026 Property Tax Millage Rate) to order. Following the closure of the Public Hearing, Mr. Goldberg motioned to re-enter the Regular Meeting.

Discussion continued, leading to a decision to proceed with an earlier version of the Resolution, coded as R-2026-36(A). Council Member Kohler moved to adopt the Resolution; Council Member Hull seconded.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Manager Hawthorne** and **Finance Director Mayer** will proceed with initiation of a general banking relationship with Renasant Bank, including complete account transfers, as well as development of an investment plan. Additionally, the City Manager and Finance Director are expected to develop financial policies for discussion at the July 14<sup>th</sup> Work Session.*

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**4. Resolution R-2026-37, Stormwater Service Charge Schedule Amendment**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-37; Council Member Hull seconded.

A discussion took place.

Council Member Lowers moved to adopt a 2026 Stormwater Fee of \$140; Council Member Kohler seconded. Mayor pro tem Goldberg, observing a lack of consensus, opted not to call the motion for a vote.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg moved to adopt a 2026 Stormwater Fee of \$125; the motion was seconded by Council Member Torrent, and thirded by Council Member Hull.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

Council Members Torrent and Hull, as well as Mayor pro tem Goldberg voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Kohler and Lowers voted against. There were no abstentions. The motion carried with a tally of 3-2-0.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Clerk Dagenhard** is expected to relay necessary documentation to the DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's Office.*

**5. Resolution R-2026-38, Pride Lake Memorandum of Understanding**

Council Member Torrent recused himself, citing a conflict of interest.

Council Member Lowers moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-38; Council Member Kohler seconded.

A discussion took place.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: This item did not elicit explicit staff follow-up, outside of general coordination by Departments of **Public Works** and **Public Safety**.*

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**6. Resolution R-2026-39, Call for Municipal Special Election – November 3, 2026**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-39; Council Member Kohler seconded.

A discussion took place.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: City Clerk Dagenhard is expected to relay all necessary documentation to the DeKalb County elections superintendent, and proceed with notice to the County's legal organ for advertisement of qualifying dates.*

**7. Resolution R-2026-40, Creation and Appointment of Public Art Installation "Task Force"**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-40; Council Member Lowers seconded.

A discussion took place.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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

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**8. Resolution R-2026-41, Final 2026 Property Tax Millage Rate**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-41; Council Member Hull seconded.

A discussion took place.

Council Member Kohler moved to adopt a 2026 Property Tax Millage Rate of 24.500 mills; Council Member Lowers seconded. Mayor pro tem Goldberg, observing a lack of consensus, opted not to call the motion for a vote.

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt a 2026 Property Tax Millage Rate of 23.825 mills; Council Member Hull seconded.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg called for a vote.

Council Members Torrent and Hull, as well as Mayor pro tem Goldberg voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Kohler and Lowers voted against. There were no abstentions. The motion carried with a tally of 3-2-0.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Clerk Dagenhard** is expected to relay necessary documentation to the DeKalb County Tax Commissioner's Office.*

**Executive Session**

Council Member Torrent moved to enter Executive Session at 9:20PM, for the purposes of discussing pending litigation.

The executive session was held.

Council Member Torrent moved to re-enter the Regular Meeting at 9:52PM.

**Adjournment**

Council Member Kohler motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:52PM.