

**CITY OF PINE LAKE, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 24, 2026 @ 6:00PM
COURTHOUSE AND COUNCIL CHAMBERS
459 PINE DRIVE, PINE LAKE, GA 30072**

NOTE: All attendees are reminded to silence cellular phones and other devices that may cause interruption of the session proceedings.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

- (2) Reserve Officers

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- January 27, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- January 29, 2026 – Staff/Council Orientation
- February 10, 2026 – Public Hearing & Work Session
- February 16, 2026 – Spring Planning Retreat

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 minutes each please

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution R-2026-11, Women's History Month Recognition and City's Co-sponsorship of Women's History Series: "*Our History is Now – Voices Carry*," Featured at the Beach House March 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 minutes each please

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- Mayor
 - *Planting Proposal (Dam and Lakeshore Drive shoreline), Spring 2026*
- City Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

Brandy Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Goldberg – Mayor pro tem

Deborah Hull

Stephanie Kohler

Jane Lowers

Thomas Torrent

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AND WITH ADVANCED NOTICE:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81365887047>**

Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the Work Session to order at 6:01PM.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, 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, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, City Clerk Ned Dagenhard, and Finance Associate Stephen Mayer.

Announcements/Communications

Mayor Hall thanked attendees for pivoting to the remote meeting, after affirming with the City Attorney that the emergency nature of the meeting was allowable under the Governor's declaration of emergency. The Mayor also thanked the Directors of Public Works and Public Safety for winter storm preparatory efforts, and referenced ongoing development of the City's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Mayor Hall announced she had attended the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event in the City of Stone Mountain, adding that she looks forward to collaboration with their newly-seated Mayor and City Council Members.

The Mayor also announced that she and staff had met with Georgia Power representatives regarding utility maintenance.

Finally, Mayor Hall thanked those who attended the previous meeting, and gave public comment, adding that the general temperament of the community had lent to the decision to delay a decision on remediation of the Beach House. Other concerns, related to reports from the City's engineer-of-record, were to be addressed through conversations with the City Manager's Office and the Public Works Director. Referencing the juxtaposition of the national political climate, the Mayor ensured the community that they were being heard.

Council Member Torrent announced he had attended the planning committee with DeKalb County relating to the upcoming FIFA World Cup, which focused on shoring up public safety resources, and inter-city organization of events.

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Adoption of the Agenda of the Day

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

Mayor pro tem Goldberg motioned to was made to amend the agenda, providing *New Business Item 4. Resolution R-2026-10, Beach House Renovations – Proposal* as a discussion item rather than an action item.

Council Member Torrent motioned to move *Consent Agenda Item 2. Resolution R-2025-03, 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar – Adoption to New Business.* Council Member Lowers seconded the motion. (*NOTE: This motion was made following adoption of the amended agenda, thus requiring a second.*)

Mayor Hall called for a vote on the agenda, as amended.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes

- December 9, 2025 – Special Called Meeting
- January 13, 2026 – Organizational Meeting & Work Session

Council Member Hull moved to adopt the minutes; Mayor pro tem 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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Consent Agenda

- 1. Resolution R-2026-02, 2024 Audit Report – Acceptance**
- 2. Resolution R-2026-04, Authorization of City Manager or Designee to Apply for Local Government Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG)**
- 3. Resolution R-2026-05, Authorizing Official Signatures for Truist Bank Accounts**
- 4. Resolution R-2026-06, Consent to Approve Contract for City Attorney, 2026-2028**

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, as amended; Mayor pro tem Goldberg seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

New Business

- 1. Resolution R-2026-07, Authorization to Apply for Tree City USA Designation**

Council Member Kohler moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-07; Council Member Torrent seconded.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg provided background on the item, referencing conversations with Dave Long from the Georgia Forestry Commission. Mr. Goldberg added that an “Arbor Day proclamation” would also be necessary to meet application requirements. *(Following the meeting, a proclamation was made establishing April 25th as “Pine Lake Arbor Day”).*

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motioned carried.

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2. Resolution R-2026-08, Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) to Develop 2026 Comprehensive Plan – Approval

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-08; Mayor pro tem Goldberg seconded; Council Member Lowers thirded (observed simultaneously, seconded/thirded alphabetically).

City Manager Hawthorne explained the comprehensive plan development process, alluding to the state mandate of quinquennial adoption by City Council. The City Manager outlined the goals of the plan as it relates to transportation, housing, and economic development. The City Manager stated that—in addition to approval of the Memorandum of Agreement—the City Council needed to select two of the three interested-Council Members to serve on the steering committee, to avoid triggering a quorum.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg opted out, to “make it easy.” (*Council Members Kohler and Lowers were named as representatives on the Comprehensive Plan steering committee*)

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried

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3. Resolution R-2026-09, Municipal Appointment to the DeKalb County Women's Commission

Mayor pro tem Goldberg moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-09; Council Member Kohler seconded.

City Manager Hawthorne provided background for the development of the DeKalb County Women's Commission. A discussion took place among City Council as to whether any female members had interest in- or availability for- membership of the Commission. During the conversation, the Chief of Police was nominated for membership, which she accepted. (*Chief Sarai Y'Hudah Green was named as the City's Commission Representative*)

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

4. Resolution R-2026-10, Beach House Renovations – Proposal Discussion

City Manager Hawthorne provided background regarding project development, which reaches back to meetings in April and July of 2025. The City Manager cautioned that delay of the project could increase costs related to labor and materials, both of which are in a market flux. Public Works Director Kendrick discussed the vendor selection process, reflecting on his origin with the City as "Special Projects Manager," a niche and contracted position created due to the City's inability to receive qualified bidders for capital projects.

A discussion ensued wherein Members of the Governing Authority expressed concern over vendor selection and the speed of project approval and completion. City Attorney Balch provided education regarding the legal parameters of government procurement, assuring the Council that all actions taken in project scope development, selection of vendors, and use of funds fell within the confines of State law and local ordinance.

The City Attorney fielded questions from City Council regarding procurement thresholds and what materials are presented to City Council as part of project development.

No action was taken by City Council.

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5. Resolution R-2026-03, 2026 City Council Meeting Calendar – Adoption

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2026-03; Mayor pro tem Goldberg seconded.

Council Member Torrent expressed concern about a City Council recess taking place during the FIFA World Cup, and alluded to his interest in moving the fiscal year to a July start-date, asking that the recess be moved to August.

Mayor Hall corrected an insinuation made by Mr. Torrent, clarifying that staff would still be working during City Council recess, and that the recess would exclusively consist of removal of one City Council meeting from the calendar.

Council Member Lowers flagged a potential conflict in the calendar, stating that the December 29th Regular Meeting would fall in the midst of the winter holiday season, during which personal travel is common. It was suggested, then, that the final meeting of City Council be moved to December 15th. Council Member Kohler expressed that such quick turnaround should be noted ahead of FY2027 budget development.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Reports and Other Business

Mayor Hall expressed a desire to schedule a Town Hall meeting. After deliberation, *Monday, February 23, 2026* was determined as the consensus date.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg thanked members of the public for ongoing engagement, adding that open dialogue and “difficult” conversations lend themselves to a more functional governing body.

Council Member Hull thanked attendees and City staff for helping her “navigate the new role.”

Council Member Kohler offered “general thanks all around.”

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Council Member Lowers motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:18PM.

Ned Dagenhard, City Clerk

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**CITY OF PINE LAKE
STAFF/CITY COUNCIL ORIENTATION
MINUTES**

January 29, 2026 at 12:30PM

Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/83692500651?signature=T3Kvs7xsOuliMmLnGvlxmun3devG6a7YQcxUBQNrqno>

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:30PM.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, 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, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, and City Clerk Ned Dagenhard. Finance Associate Stephen Mayer was not in attendance.

Staff Presentations

- 1. City Manager – Stanley D Hawthorne**
- 2. General Government – Ned Dagenhard**
- 3. Public Works – Bernard Kendrick**
- 4. Public Safety – Sarai Y'Hudah-Green**
- 5. Municipal Court – Stephanie Capers**
- 6. Finance – Stephen Mayer**

No action was taken by City Council.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made at 4:10PM.

Ned Dagenhard, City Clerk

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Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the Work Session to order at 6:00PM.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, 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, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, and City Clerk Ned Dagenhard. Finance Associate Stephen Mayer was not in attendance.

Announcements/Communications

Mayor Hall discussed the recent return of HB581 in the form of a newly adopted legislation by the State House of Representatives, which would remove the ability for municipalities to “opt-out” of the homestead property tax exemption program. Mayor Hall also reminded attendees of the upcoming February 23rd ‘State of the City’ Town Hall.

Council Member Torrent thanked attendees for their presence, and urged patience and decorum, condemning character assessments.

Council Member Hull announced that she and Council Member Lowers had enjoyed a productive “Community Chat” event, and thanked attendees.

Mayor pro tem Goldberg announced that the Tree City USA application had received local approval, and was now contingent on regional approval. Mr. Goldberg added that an upcoming meeting with David Long from the Georgia Forestry Commission would include an audit of the City’s Tree Conservation Ordinance and additional work on an invasive plant management plan. Mr. Goldberg echoed comments made by Council Member Torrent, urging a separation of “passion from the person,” expressing sadness regarding certain residents’ “personal attacks” on staff.

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Adoption of the Agenda of the Day

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

Mayor Hall voiced the need to move the *Public Hearing* to immediately follow *New Business Item 1, Comprehensive Plan, "Kickoff" by the Atlanta Regional Commission – Presentation*.

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt the agenda, as amended; Mayor pro tem Goldberg seconded.

Mayor Hall called for a vote on the agenda, as amended.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

New Business

1. Comprehensive Plan, "Kickoff" by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) – Presentation

Jillian Porter-Willis—Senior Planner with ARC and project manager for development of Pine Lake's Comprehensive Plan—presented a slideshow explaining the comprehensive plan development process and timeline.

City Council expressed the desire to nominate and appoint a member of the community (ideally, as stated by Council Member Torrent, from the organizations *Pine LakeFest* and/or *PLAIN*). Discussion with the City Attorney and City Manager availed the need to place this action on the agenda for a regular meeting.

No action was taken by City Council.

Public Hearing, Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing at 7:10PM.

A Public Hearing took place.

Seeing no further public, Mayor Hall closed the Public Hearing at 7:16PM.

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New Business

2. Dam Project – Engineering Report on Rip Rap

Public Works Director Kendrick recounted the rationale, legal orientation, project scope, community reaction, and responding efforts related to removal of vegetation from Pine Lake’s dam, and installation of stabilizing materials (“riprap”).

Mayor Hall thanked Director Kendrick, adding that his defense of his actions was unnecessary, since he was acting on directive of the City Council. Mr. Kendrick, resuming his comments, added that the engineering report was still incomplete, as recent removal of vegetation was proposed due to the City’s engineer-of-record’s inability to complete their assessment of the integrity of the dam.

City Manager Hawthorne expressed comments regarding previous and current City Council/staff dynamics, adding that his assessment of the current City Council had influenced his decision to vacate the role of City Manager at the end of his contract (December 2026). Mr. Hawthorne urged the City Council to realign their relationship with staff, highlighting the importance of trust, and referencing upcoming opportunities for continued education and orientation on the role of the City Council in a Council-Manager form of government.

The Public Works Director fielded questions from the City Council regarding the function of riprap, status of the dam inspection, maintenance of other features involved in the creek-wetlands-lake-wetlands system, and replanting efforts along Lakeshore Drive and a vegetation zone along the dam.

Council Member Torrent verbally refuted comments made insinuating his involvement in an effort to engage community response to removal of vegetation and installation of riprap.

Further discussion included leaf pickup protocol, the limitations of Public Works resources (staff, equipment, etc.), as well as maintenance of vegetation on the “creek side” of the dam.

No action was taken by City Council.

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3. Implementation of Ordinance 2024-05, Registry and Regulation of Short-Term Rentals

Council Member Torrent “teed up” the discussion, stating that an administrative process related to Ordinance 2024-05 was topical, since the DeKalb County’s municipal advisory committee for the FIFA World Cup predicted an influx in short-term rental occupation between June and July of 2026.

Chief Y’Hudah-Green presented a status update on her department’s capacity for collecting information on residential property use.

City Manager Hawthorne discussed the need shore up code compliance and enforcement mechanisms in order to regulate use of properties as short-term rentals.

A discussion took place, involving the City Attorney, Mayor pro tem Goldberg, and Council Members Torrent and Lowers regarding hotel/motel tax assessment and collection, and use of those funds.

No action was taken by City Council.

4. Charter Review – Council-Manager Form of Government

City Attorney Balch facilitated a slideshow presentation on the Council-Manager form of government, discussing the roles of the governing body, and the merits of a professionalized government.

No action was taken by City Council.

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Reports and Other Business

February 2026 Strategic Performance Report

City Manager Hawthorne referred City Council and attendees to the *February 2026 Strategic Performance Report*, stating that he would refrain from reciting the document's contents "given the lateness of the hour." The City Manager also provided City Council with an update on legislation moving through the State General Assembly affecting property taxation.

Mayor

Mayor Hall announced the next 'Coffee at City Hall' event would take place February 27, 2026 from 8:30-9:30AM. The Mayor added that City Clerk Dagenhard had begun "putting feelers out" on resident Facebook pages in preparation for the launch of an official City-run informational page. The Mayor also spoke to the agenda of the upcoming City Council Planning Retreat, wherein they would discuss City Council priorities, including the merits of a conservancy and arts organization.

City Council

Mayor pro tem Goldberg expressed concern regarding the legislation referenced by the City Manager—SB 332 and HB116. Mr. Goldberg also repeated his interest in development of an environmental conservancy in Pine Lake ahead of his planned meeting with the Southfork River Alliance.

Council Member Kohler urged residents to view the 2021 Comprehensive Plan, as well as the February Strategic Performance Report, praising the latter document. Ms. Kohler also added their opinion that the "City Council/Staff Orientation" (published on the City's YouTube channel) should be watched in its entirety, cautioning over-distillation of information.

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Council Member Lowers motioned to adjourn the Work Session at 9:48PM.

Ned Dagenhard, City Clerk

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**CITY OF PINE LAKE
SPRING PLANNING RETREAT
MINUTES
February 16, 2026 at 12:30PM
GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
201 Pryor Street, Atlanta, GA 30303**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:30PM.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, 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, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, City Clerk Ned Dagenhard, and Finance Associate Stephen Mayer; as well as GMA Facilitators Michael McPherson and Pete Pyrzenski.

Planning Retreat

City Council and Staff discussed development of strategic priorities, and sustainability of the organization.

No action was taken by City Council.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32PM.



COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM (CAM)

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Stanley D Hawthorne, City Manager *Stanley Hawthorne*

DATE: February 24, 2026

TITLE: Women's History Month Recognition and Co-sponsorship of Women's History Series

RECOMMENDATION

Approve resolution confirming the City's support and sponsorship of Women's History Month programming.

BACKGROUND

The City has previously contracted with the Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors (PLAIN) for the upkeep and management of the Beach House and Clubhouse owned by the City for no-cost events of collective public benefit. PLAIN is involved in planning and hosting events to celebrate Women's History Month including a series of lectures and public events to be held at the Beach House involving presentations and discussions of the impact of women on the history of Georgia and the United States.

These programs will bring benefit to the City including to increase the awareness of the larger community about the important role and place that women have played. The sponsorship and in-kind contribution to these events and this series reflects a present value by increasing the visibility and recognition of the City, providing for the health and welfare of neighbors and visitors to the City.

RESOURCE IMPACT

Costs are negligible and primarily composed of in-kind services.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution
Sponsorship Request

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PINE LAKE TO CONFIRM THE CITY'S SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING, TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN TO THE HISTORY OF PINE LAKE, TO AUTHORIZE USE OF CITY FACILITIES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ASSETS TO PROTECT CITY PROPERTY AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ATTENDEES AND RESIDENTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, The City has previously contracted with the Pine Lake Association of Involved Neighbors ("PLAIN") for the upkeep and management of the Club House owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, PLAIN is involved in planning and hosting events to celebrate Women's History Month in the City of Pine Lake; and

WHEREAS, There will be a series of lectures and public events held at the Clubhouse involving presentations and discussions of the impact of women on the history of Georgia and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The City Council acknowledges the important role and leadership provided by Women to the City, including but not limited to the eight years of dedicated service women provided to the City during which only women were in leadership roles for the City as elected officials, City Clerk, City Attorney, Municipal Court judge, and Municipal Court solicitor; and

WHEREAS, The City Council acknowledges and agrees that Women's History is Our History; and

WHEREAS, The City Council acknowledges and accepts the substantial benefits these programs will bring to the City, to include but not limited to, increasing the awareness of the larger community (to include DeKalb County, our sister DeKalb cities, and the Metropolitan Atlanta area) about the important role and place that women have played in our mutual history; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council understand and expressly find that the sponsorship and in-kind contributions to these events and this series reflects a present value and benefit to the City by increasing the visibility and recognition of the City, providing for the health and welfare of the citizens and visitors to the city, and does not qualify as a gift or gratuity under Art. III, Sec. 6, para. vi(a) of the Georgia Constitution,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the City of Pine Lake, Georgia, in an open and public meeting, that the City shall be a named sponsor of the Women's History programming provided by PLAIN or others, that the City shall provide the meeting space without charge, and that police services if deemed necessary by the Chief of

Police shall be afforded for crowd control, security, and safety purposes, in accordance with the authority of the Charter of the City of Pine Lake, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that his resolution is effective immediately upon the Mayor's signature and the City Clerk is authorized, in consultation with the City Attorney, to make any changes or modifications to this Resolution as may be necessary to give full effect to the intent of the City Council.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Pine Lake, this 24th day of February, 2026.

BRANDY HALL
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

NED DAGENHARD
City Clerk

CHRISTOPHER D. BALCH
City Attorney

From: [Stanley Hawthorne](#)
To: [Melanie Hammet](#); [Brandy Hall](#); [Jeff Goldberg](#); [Thomas Torrent](#); [Jane Lowers](#); [Stephanie Kohler](#); [Deborah Hull](#); [Governing Authority 2026](#)
Cc: [Ned Dagenhard](#)
Subject: Re: Supporting "Our History Is Now: Voices Carry" in Pine Lake & DeKalb
Date: Monday, January 26, 2026 1:21:29 PM

Good day, Melanie, and to everyone,

We will add this request to the February Business Meeting agenda of the City Council, as considered and approved last year during the same time frame.

Stanley

From: Melanie Hammet <hammet@mindspring.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 1:05 PM
To: Brandy Hall <brandyhall@pinelakega.net>; Jeff Goldberg <jeffgoldberg@pinelakega.net>; Thomas Torrent <thomastorrent@pinelakega.net>; Jane Lowers <janelowers@pinelakega.net>; Stephanie Kohler <stephaniekohler@pinelakega.net>; Deborah Hull <deborahhull@pinelakega.net>
Cc: Stanley Hawthorne <stanleyhawthorne@pinelakega.net>
Subject: Supporting "Our History Is Now: Voices Carry" in Pine Lake & DeKalb

Good Morning Mayor and Councilmembers,

I'm writing to invite the City of Pine Lake to be an official community sponsor of the upcoming March series, "**Our History Is Now — Voices Carry.**" As was true last year, this series is free to the public.

Given that the venue is the City's Beach House — along with the use of surrounding streets, parking, and public safety coordination — Pine Lake is already serving as a foundational partner. My goal, once again, is simply to make that partnership visible and clearly acknowledged.

The series will take place on the Friday evenings throughout March (except for March 6) and centers on the stories, leadership, and lived experiences of women of impact, with a special focus this year on immigrant and refugee women whose work strengthens communities locally and globally. Each evening highlights personal history as living civic memory — connecting past, present, and future through storytelling and dialogue.

This year's featured speakers include:

Doris Mukangu (Kenya)

Founder & Director, Amani Women's Center (Atlanta/Ghana)

Han Pham (Viet Nam)

Executive Director, Her Term

Last year's inaugural series received strong local participation and regional visibility, including coverage by 11Alive's Faith Jesse:

<https://www.11alive.com/video/news/politics/voice-of-the-voter-former-mayor-of-pine-lake-melanie-hammet-interview/85-aad96736-e898-4e72-a62f-eebbf966db36>

Hosting this series in Pine Lake's Beach House creates an intimate, community-centered environment where shared histories feel personal and accessible. It reflects Pine Lake's ongoing commitment to arts, civic dialogue, and inclusive public programming.

All of which is to say — I would welcome the opportunity to formally credit the City as a sponsor and partner in this work.

Thank you for your continued support of Pine Lake's creative and community-driven initiatives.

With great appreciation,

Melanie Hammet

Mayor Emeritus, City of Pine Lake

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Jump off the cliff and build your wings on the way down.
-Ray Bradbury

City of Pine Lake, GA

Native Plants Appropriate we will be considering for Both Riprap Crevices & Waterside Edges based on the micro-climates

EMERGENT / SHALLOW-WATER PLANTS

(Plants that tolerate wet feet and can root between rocks with intermittent inundation)

- Pickerelweed (*Pontederia cordata*) Excellent for lake edges and wet pockets in riprap) Tolerates standing water and stabilizes soil.
- Broadleaf Arrowhead / Duck Potato (*Sagittaria latifolia*) (Grows in shallow water or saturated soils; tuberous roots anchor well in crevices).
- Soft Rush (*Juncus effusus*) Georgia native, thrives in wet soils and grows upright through rock gaps; strong root mats.

Listed in Georgia water-edge plant guidance.

- Blue Flag Iris (*Iris virginica*) Emergent iris ideal for naturalizing shorelines; tolerates fluctuating water levels.
- Lizard's Tail (*Saururus cernuus*) Excellent for shaded or partly sunny lake margins; spreads in wet soils.

SEDGES, RUSHES & GRASSES (Great for Riprap Stabilization)

- Fox Sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*)
- Moist-soil specialist; forms dense clumps that trap sediment.
- Woolgrass (*Scirpus cyperinus*) Deep, fibrous roots ideal for erosion control; tolerates seasonal flooding.
- Softstem Bulrush (*Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*) Emergent species common along pond/lake edges; grows well in pockets among rock.

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS / POLLINATOR PLANTS (Suitable for the upper riprap zone and moist shorelines)

- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) Thrives in persistently moist soils near water; visually striking and widely available.
- Blue Mistflower (*Conoclinium coelestinum*) Handles moist soils well, spreads between rocks.

- Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) Prefers wet soils; excellent wildlife and pollinator value.
- Southern Blue Flag (*Iris virginica*)

Repeated here due to strong suitability for both rock crevices and lake edges.

SHRUBS FOR UPPER RIPRAP / BUFFER AREAS

(Only appropriate where you have $\geq 12-18''$ soil pockets behind riprap)

- Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

These species have the best proven establishment in rocky substrates within the Atlanta Region. All are native, tolerate fluctuating water levels, and have fibrous or tuberous root systems ideal for grabbing hold in stone voids.

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- Broadleaf Arrowhead (*Sagittaria latifolia*)
- Soft Rush (*Juncus effusus*)
- Fox Sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*)
- Softstem Bulrush (*Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani*)
- Blue Flag Iris (*Iris virginica*)

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS / POLLINATOR PLANTS

(Suitable for the upper riprap zone and moist shorelines)

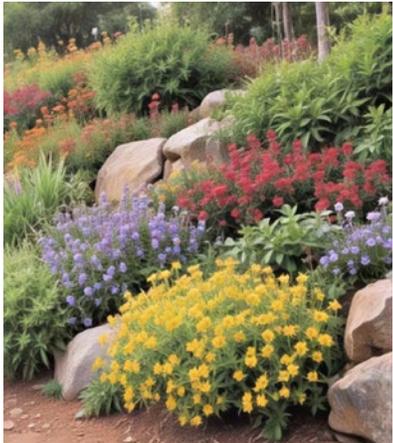
- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) (Shade, moist soils)
- Blue Mistflower (*Conoclinium coelestinum*) Handles moist soils well; spreads between rocks
- Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- Southern Blue Flag (*Iris virginica*)

SHRUBS FOR UPPER RIPRAP / BUFFER AREAS

(Only appropriate where you have $\geq 12-18''$ soil pockets behind riprap)

- Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)
- Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) (Use only where the roots do not compromise the lake's structure)

Examples Perennial and Aquatic Planting for Pine Lake



February 13, 2026
transmitted via email

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**Task Order 05 Proposal Lake Embankment Landscape Plan
On-Call Engineering Services for City of Pine Lake**

Dear Mr. Kendrick:

AECOM appreciates the opportunity to submit this proposal to develop a landscape plan for the upstream side of the lake embankment. Our understanding is that the goal of this landscape plan is to address the aesthetics of the exposed rip-rap recently placed on the upstream side of the embankment which was needed for stabilization.

AECOM will develop conceptual options and detailed landscape plans and specifications for the upstream side of the lake embankment. We intend to recommend native plant species appropriate for this type of context so the landscape planting does not compromise the lake riprap and structural fill associated with the lake embankment / dam.

1 Scope

A. Task 1 – Plan Development

- Project kick-off meeting and site visit
- Landscape conceptual options (2 options)
 - Conceptual rendering
 - Growth phasing of individual option
 - Conceptual cost estimate
- One presentation of conceptual option to the city (virtual meeting)
- Construction plans
 - Landscape construction plans, details and specifications
 - Construction cost estimate

B. Task 2 – Inspection of Completed Works

- One site visit to inspect completed work by the contractor
- Submit inspection memo

2 Deliverables

A. Task 1 – Plan Development

- Kick-off meeting minutes
- Conceptual plans for 2 options and their associated cost estimates
- Concept plans presentation meeting notes
- Construction plans, specifications and cost estimate

B. Task 2 – Inspection of completed works

- Inspection memo

3 Meetings

The following meetings have been considered in our proposal:

- In-person kick-off meeting
- Virtual meeting to present conceptual plans

4 Schedule

It is our understanding that the city intends to complete this project during this current year's planting season. AECOM anticipates approximately 30 days, to complete the concept and the construction plans for the preferred concept once provided a Notice to Proceed. This schedule does not include time associated for the city's review and provide approval of the preferred concept plan, schedule date for the presentation nor the completion of the construction activities. The duration of events is approximate only and does not include weekends and is subject to change pending any unforeseen circumstances.

| No. | Phase | Duration (Business Days) |
|-----|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | Task 1 – Plan Development | 30 |
| a | Conceptual plans (2 options) | 14 |
| b | Presentation slides for conceptual plans | 1 |
| c | Construction plans, specifications and cost estimate | 15 |
| 2 | Task 2 – Inspection of Completed Works | 3 |
| a | Site visit to inspect completed works | 1 |
| b | Prepare inspection report | 2 |

5 Proposed Fee

AECOM's effort for this Task Order 05 for proposed scope of services is:

| Task | PM | SR. L. Arch. | ENG II | Admin Assit | Total |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | \$226 | \$234 | \$135 | \$105 | |
| General | | | | | |
| Project Management | 4 | | | 2 | 6 |
| Subtotal Hours | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Subtotal Cost | \$904 | 0 | 0 | \$210 | \$1,114 |
| Task 1 - Plan Development | | | | | |
| Project kick-off meeting and site visit | 1 | 3 | 3 | | 7 |
| Concept renderings, cost estimate and growth phasing (2 options only) | | 2 | 16 | | 18 |
| Presentation of concept rendering (virtual meeting) | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 4 |
| Landscape construction plans | | 2 | 78 | | 80 |
| Landscape specifications | | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| Construction cost estimate | | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| Subtotal Hours | 2 | 10 | 103 | 0 | 115 |
| Subtotal Cost | \$452 | \$2,340 | \$13,905 | \$0 | \$16,697 |
| Task 2 - Inspection of Completed Works | | | | | |
| Site visit for inspection of completed works (1 site visit) | | 4 | 4 | | 8 |
| Inspection report | | 1 | 4 | | 5 |
| Subtotal Hours | 0 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 13 |
| Subtotal Cost | \$0 | \$1,170 | \$1,080 | \$0 | \$2,250 |
| Total Hours | 6 | 15 | 111 | 2 | 134 |
| Total Cost | \$1,356 | \$3,510 | \$14,985 | \$210 | \$20,061 |

This work will be performed on a time and materials basis in accordance with the terms and conditions of AECOM's consulting services agreement. AECOM will not exceed the estimated total fee without prior authorization from the city.

6 Exclusions

The following is excluded from our scope of services:

- Survey and field investigation
- Permitting and coordination with USACE and EPD
- Irrigation design for proposed landscape
- Slope and stability analysis of the Dam
- Construction management and administration services
- Formal presentations and community involvement as well as public surveys
- Additional renderings and graphics above and beyond the scope

If you should have any questions during your review of this proposal, or if you desire additional information, please contact me at 404.295.6087 (tina.houston@aecom.com) or Shahid Jamil at 404.330.7068 (shahid.jamil@aecom.com).

Sincerely,



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