

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
ACTION ITEM REPORT
September 30, 2025 at 6:00PM
Courthouse & Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA 30072**

Call to Order: Mayor Hall called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Present: Mayor Brandy Hall, Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, Council Members Jeff Goldberg, Tom Ramsey, Thomas Torrent, and Augusta Woods. Also present were City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, City Attorney Chris Balch, Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green, Public Works Director Bernard Kendrick, and Acting City Clerk Ned Dagenhard. Finance Director Danny Lamonte was not in attendance.

Adoption of the Agenda of the Day

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

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux moved to amend the Minutes from the September 24, 2025 City Council Fall Planning Retreat, correcting the line, "...2024 annexation..." to read, "...2017 preliminary study for annexation..."; Council Member Woods seconded.

No further discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote to approve the Minutes, as amended.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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Public Comment

NOTE: At the request of the City Manager, an abridgement of the two public comment sections from the September 30th Regular Meeting has been included in this Action Item Report for the purposes of accountability to the public, as well as good-faith notification of staff response to resident inquiries.

As always, complete public comment forms may be viewed at City Hall, and copies may be requested through the City Clerk's Office.

Residents Kathie deNobriga, Charlie Donovan, Wendy Keith-Ott, Kathleen Lower, Eva Sotus, Tommie Storms, Jean Vigodsky, and Barbara Whitlow—as well as frequent visitor of Pine Lake, Mira Alibasic—each presented a public comment. Topics varied, and included the following: water level and flow continuity in the Lake and Wetlands; expressions of thanks regarding the upcoming *LakeFest* event, as well as notes of preparation (i.e. landscaping and custodial servicing of the recreation areas); concern regarding the proportion of City revenue sourced from real residential property taxes; vegetation management; removal of debris left by City contractors; public art installation; “town hall” style meetings; capital improvements.

STAFF FOLLOW-UP:

*PUBLIC WORKS – Ahead of the **October 14th Work Session**, **Public Works Director Kendrick**—in concert with the City’s engineer-of-record, **AECOM**—is expected to present a proposal regarding repair and long-term maintenance of the failed wetlands mechanism, capacity management of the lake, and ongoing inspection of the dam.*

***Director Kendrick** will discuss a timeline for management of vegetation along the Lake berm, which has previously been anticipated for late-Fall (outside of the growing season) to ensure efforts are cost effective.*

*Additionally, **Director Kendrick** is expected to oversee any preparatory efforts ahead of “LakeFest,” as reflected in the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pine Lake and Pine LakeFest, Inc.*

***Director Kendrick** will be reviewing completed and ongoing capital projects to ensure all improvements meet the Governing Authority and Administration’s functional and aesthetic expectations.*

***Director Kendrick** will confer with **City Manager Hawthorne** and **City Attorney Balch** regarding removal of the construction fence abandoned by a vegetation management contractor.*

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ADMINISTRATION – *City Manager Hawthorne, City Attorney Balch, and the Governing Authority will continue ongoing discussions regarding downtown development initiatives, which currently include a proposed Development Authority, public art installation, and investigation of available economic development tools. These initiatives—discussed at length as recently as the September 24th Fall Planning Retreat—reflect the Pine Lake Municipal Government strategic priority of reducing the proportion of City revenue received through real property taxes by enhancing the City’s commercial corridor.*

The Governing Authority is expected to confer with City Manager Hawthorne and Acting City Clerk Dagenhard regarding scheduling of a town hall style meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Resolution R-2025-59, Authorizing Engagement with Sumter Local Government Consulting for Finance Director Services

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2025-59; Mayor pro tem Bordeaux seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

STAFF FOLLOW-UP: City Manager Hawthorne and Acting City Clerk Dagenhard are expected to proceed with onboarding procedures for the incoming Finance Director, Paul Salvatore. Additionally, outgoing Finance Director Lamonte is expected to work with Mr. Salvatore to ensure transfer of access to any City owned bank account portals and financial management software no later than Wednesday, October 15th.

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Old Business

1. Resolution R-2025-60, Rejection of Proposal for Property Tax Relief Study by Carl Vinson Institute of Government

Council Member Ramsey moved to adopt Resolution R-2025-60; Mayor pro tem Bordeaux seconded.

A discussion took place.

Council Member Torrent moved to amend Resolution R-2025-60, separating into two actions (henceforth R-2025-60(a) and R-2025-60(b): 1) rejection of the proposal for property tax relief study by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, and 2) authorization of the City Manager to publish a request for proposal (RFP) for a property tax relief fiscal impact study; Council Member Goldberg seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux moved to adopt Resolution R-2025-60(a); Council Member Goldberg seconded.

No discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Council Member Torrent moved to authorize the creation and adoption of a resolution for purposes of publishing a new Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain proposals for a study on the fiscal impact of a senior citizen tax relief, that the resolution be prepared after the vote, and that the mayor be authorized to sign that resolution after it has been circulated by the City Attorney to the rest of the Council, and all Council agree that the document aligns with the intent of their vote, as they voted yea or nay, vis-à-vis adoption of the resolution; Council Member Goldberg seconded.

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Mayor Hall called for a vote.

Council Members Goldberg, Ramsey, and Torrent voted in favor; Mayor pro tem Bordeaux and Council Member Woods voted against; no members abstained.

The motion carried.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **City Manager Hawthorne**, with any requested assistance from **Acting City Clerk Dagenhard**, is expected to notify the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the Governing Authority's rejection of their tax relief fiscal impact study proposal.*

*Following appropriation discussions by the City Council (potentially in development of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget), **City Manager Hawthorne** is expected to proceed with publication of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a senior tax relief fiscal impact study.*

2. Resolution R-2025-61, Employee Group Health Insurance Renewal

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux moved to adopt Resolution R-2025-61; Council Member Woods seconded.

A discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, and Council Members Goldberg and Woods voted in favor of the motion; Council Members Ramsey and Torrent voted against; no members abstained.

The motion carried.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **Acting City Clerk Dagenhard** is expected to notify Landmark Insurance of the Governing Authority's acceptance of the proposal submitted by Anthem (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) for the October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026 term.*

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New Business

1. Resolution R-2025-62, 2025 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Resurfacing Project

Council Member Torrent moved to adopt Resolution R-2025-62; Council Member Goldberg seconded

A discussion took place.

Mayor Hall called for a vote.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

*STAFF FOLLOW-UP: **Public Works Director Kendrick** is expected to proceed with notifying approved contractors of the Governing Authority's approval of the initial street paving project phase. Additionally, **Director Kendrick** is expected to proceed with scheduling of all paving work in concert with **Chief of Police Y'Hudah-Green** and **Acting City Clerk Dagenhard** to ensure limited impedance of regular traffic, and proper public notification.*

Adjournment

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