

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2017
6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tonja Holder at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Melanie Hammet; Council members Tonja Holder, Augusta Woods, Jean Bordeaux, and Megan Pulsts; and Committee members Calvin Burgamy, George Chidi, and Shirley Kinsey. Committee member Dill Beckman was not present. Also present were several citizen observers. Ms. Kinsey agreed to prepare minutes for the meeting.

Chair Holder gave an account of the meeting she and Vice Chair Augusta Woods had with City Administrator Valerie Caldwell. The meeting pertained to sources of and methodologies for determining expense estimates attendant to the areas tentatively proposed for annexation.

Ms. Holder then presented an overview and explanation of the current draft of the projected budget estimates for the City and for the areas tentatively proposed for annexation. She noted the specific areas in which additional personnel resources and equipment and materials would be added. The Mayor requested that the draft budget estimates be revised to add line-item expenses for green space acquisition and maintenance and for expanded arts programs. The Committee members then discussed the expense estimates in detail, followed by a discussion of the revenue estimates.

The Committee discussed the City's currently outstanding debt and the possible need for incurring new debt. Mr. Chidi requested confirmation of the amount of the constitutional debt limit on local governments, and Ms. Kinsey undertook to confirm that limitation.

The Committee discussed the impact of potential annexation on the City millage rate. The millage rates of Dekalb County and comparable municipalities were also discussed.

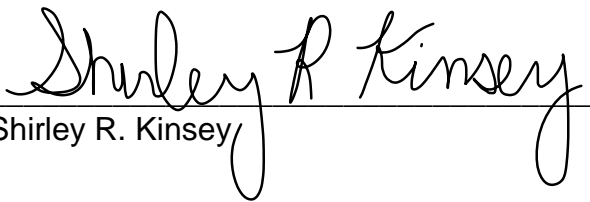
The Committee discussed the currently-proposed annexation map, and Councilor Bordeaux undertook to send the current draft map to the Committee members. The Committee then raised the question as to the meaning of adoption of a proposed annexation map by the City Council. Mayor Hammet and Councilor Pulsts advised that they are in the process of holding meetings with persons who have the experience and expertise to answer this question.

The Committee discussed outreach to the communities within the proposed annexation areas. Mr. Chidi undertook to develop a list of names of persons living in these areas with whom Committee members and City leaders could start conversation.

The Committee members concurred in the view that the process forward for the Committee should involve future refinement of the draft budget estimates, with Committee members sending notes and suggestions to Chair Holder; planning of the organization

and structure for the Committee's written annexation report to the City Council; and the determination of criteria for "acceptability" of annexation, including but not limited to the ability to balance the City budget post-annexation, a debt level post-annexation within the constitutionally-mandated limit, and the budgeting of the "Pine Lake Brand" items of public safety, the arts, and nature. Mr. Burgamy advised that he had reviewed several annexation reports of other municipalities and that he would undertake to devise the first draft of the structure of an annexation report.

The Committee set the next Committee meeting date for Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. There being no further matters to take up presently, the meeting was adjourned.


Shirley R. Kinsey