

CITY OF PINE LAKE
ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 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, and Jean Bordeaux; and Committee members Calvin Burgamy, and Shirley Kinsey. Committee members Dill Beckman and George Chidi were not present. Also present was a citizen observer.

Vice Chair Woods gave an account of the meeting she, Mayor Hammet, and Councilor Bordeaux had with Ted Baggett, Associate Director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia, whose expertise centers on annexation, intergovernmental relations, and local government operations. The Committee discussed Mr. Baggett's comments and advice, most salient of which was his observation that, because of Pine Lake's small size, it might be more efficacious to use land parcels rather than census blocks as the identification methodology for an annexation map.

Councilor Bordeaux presented revised draft annexation maps, and the Committee reviewed and discussed them. The expressed sense of the Committee was that smaller, interim-step, phased annexations were the more prudent approach. Accordingly, the Committee favored the revised annexation maps that showed annexation occurring in three phases over a period of years.

Chair Holder then led a discussion of strategies to be pursued, in light of the revised thinking concerning phased annexations. Those strategies included: pursuing annexation in phased steps; (2) reworking the 1-2-3 phased annexation maps, specifically adding the Shepard's Walk commercial area to the phase 1 annexation; (3) revision and refinement of budget estimates for the phase 1 annexation; (4) calculation of the estimated millage rate for the phase 1 annexation; and (5) consultation with the Police Chief regarding the phase 1 annexation map and the budget estimate implications of adding third-shift duty coverage for the Police Department.

Mr. Burgamy briefed the Committee on his review of other cities' annexation reports. He also delivered a draft table of contents for a Pine Lake annexation report.

The Committee discussed the advisability of meetings respectively with State Senator Steve Henson, Dekalb County Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, and Dekalb County CEO Michael Thurman. Mayor Hammet stated that she would pursue such meetings, emphasizing the prospects of gained experience in management of commercial properties through phased annexation and of expansion of Pine Lake's good service record in environmental management.

The Committee set the next Committee meeting date for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. There being no further matters to take up presently, the meeting was adjourned.

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