

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
SUMMARY ACTION AGENDA**

March 30, 2021

7:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

Call to Order - at 7:00 pm by Mayor Melanie Hammet.

Present – Mayor Melanie Hammet, Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, and Council members Brandy Beavers, Tracey Brantley, Brandy Hall and Augusta Woods. Also present were Acting City Administrator Peggy Merriss, Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner, City Attorney Susan Moore and Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green.

Adoption of Agenda

Acting City Administrator stated that revisions had been made to the March 9, 2021 minutes to incorporate comments from Council member Beavers regarding the opening of the playground and under reports and business to correct attribution of a public comment from Tom Ramsey to Alan Gordon.

On a motion by Council member Beavers, second by Council member Hall and all present voting “aye,” the agenda was adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Adoption of the Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2021; the Special Called Meeting of March 16, 2021; and the Town Hall Meeting of March 18, 2021.

On a motion by Council member Hall, second by Mayor pro tem Bordeaux, and all council members voting “aye,” the minutes were adopted as amended to revise the March 9th meeting minutes to incorporate comments from Council member Beavers regarding the opening of the playground and under reports and business to correct attribution of a public comment from Tom Ramsey to Alan Gordon.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Pandemic Report – Mayor Hammet

Mayor Hammet provided a synopsis of the March 30th weekly Georgia Mayors’ call and stated that the United States was one year into the declared pandemic and that the national vaccine rate is approximate three million per day. Mayor Hammet reported that Georgia ranks 47th in the United States with persons receiving the vaccine and is also has the highest case rate in the country.

The Mayor stated that a fourth surge of the Covid-19 virus is underway and that we must continue to be cautious by practicing social distancing, wearing a mask, and washing hands. Mayor Hammet said that there is great concern with spring break activities occurring and more on the way that the virus will continue to spread.

Ordinance 2021-01

Ordinance O-2021-01 encourages the issuance of citations instead of arrest for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana when it is the sole non-traffic offense.

Discussion was held among Council members and the City Attorney regarding various modifications to the proposed ordinance.

After discussion was completed, Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux moved; and with a second from Council member Hall, and all voting “aye”, the ordinance was amended as recommended by City Attorney Moore for section (c) to read:

“(c) No person shall be arrested solely of violating this ordinance or be punished by confinement for any period of time and no additional time served should be added for violation of this ordinance if arrested or cited for another offense.”

Council member Hall moved with a second from Council member Brantley, and all voting “aye”, Ordinance O-2021-01 was approved as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. R-06-2021

A resolution of the Mayor and Council expressing condemnation of hate crime and discrimination targeting members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

On motion by Mayor Pro tem Bordeaux and second by Council member Woods, **Resolution No. R-06-2021** was approved unanimously.

REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments

Resident Calvin Burgamy 4568 Dahlia Drive raised questions about the wording in Ordinance O-2021-01 regarding possession of marijuana. He then asked when the beach would open with social distancing and stated that Council was doing a good job except for the marijuana ordinance.

Resident Tina Kite commented that she would like for Mayor and Council to consider reopening the beach if only for the mornings for swimming.

Resident Stephanie Morals commented that she supports the opening of the beach and suggested taking down the hostile signage that is often confusing.

Resident Irene Turner commented on reopening the beach and walking trail and said that it makes sense to open the trail for walking during the pandemic with social distancing.

Mayor and City Council

Council member Beavers commented that she has been getting requests to open the beach and that many residents say that the signage along the trails is hostile.

Mayor Hammet thanked the Council and former Council member Megan Pulsts on their work on Ordinance O-2021-01.

The Mayor also commented that the city must work through how to open and keep the beach safe whenever it reopens.

Chief Green stated that she has not received any negative complaints regarding reopening the playground.

Adjournment.

On motion by Council member Brantley, second by Council member Hall, adjournment was approved unanimously at 8:00 pm.