

**CITY OF PINE LAKE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA
May 24, 2022, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA**

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Council consideration of the modification of terms for beach and lake reopening – hours of use – for approval.

From Current

- Morning Session: 6:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- Afternoon Session: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

To

- Morning Session: Dawn – 12:00 Noon
- Afternoon Session: 3:00 PM – Dusk

Adjournment



Memo

To: Mayor and City Council
From: ChaQuias Thornton, City Administrator
Date: May 19, 2022
Re: Modification of Terms for Beach/Lake Reopening – Hours of Use

New Business Item A. – 05/24/2022 Special Called Meeting of Mayor and Council

In response to public safety concerns submitted to Council by Chief Green on 05/18/2022 and centered around beach/lake closure policies currently set at 9:00pm, Mayor Hammet has issued the call for a special called meeting of Mayor and Council to be held on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 at 7pm. The purpose of the meeting is to consider beach/lake hours of use policy for approval. The meeting will be held at the courthouse/council chambers located at 459 Pine Drive. Chief Green's concerns were submitted after observing beach/lake conditions at/beyond dark.

Mayor Hammet approved issuance of a special called meeting to consider the matter with the understanding that "We need to get the information prepared in advance of our June 2 opening with enough lead time for signage and public notification" – in the instance that Council approves the modification of hours.

The following are points to consider as Council prepares for the 05/24/2022 meeting discussion and policy decision:

Chief Green's request (as a bare minimum) is to consider a reconsideration of policy moving from beach/lake opening at 6am and closure at 9pm to beach/lake opening at dawn and closing at dusk. Please see Chief Green's initial email request highlighted below.

Public Safety Concerns:

- Sunset hours before the 9pm closing time enacted by recent policy.
- Inability to identify bodies in and to safely supervise the exit of bodies out of the water at dark/beyond dark.

Operational Concerns:

Shift coverage change is scheduled for 10pm each evening. With a 9pm* closing, officers have the task of clearing the water, clearing the beach, ensuring the safety of clearing, and completing other service duties as follows by 10pm:

- complete report submissions
- gas up public safety units
- complete final tours of the city
- stand by as our business owners walk safely to their vehicles

*When dusk happens after 9pm, the window for the completion of duties is tightened all the more.

On the following pages are some photographs that Chief Green provided when making her request to Council.

Please do feel free to present any questions, concerns, and/or comments regarding.

CMThornton

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