

CITY OF PINE LAKE
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Council Chambers
459 Pine Drive, Pine Lake, GA

Call to Order: Mayor Melanie Hammet called the Regular Session to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Mayor Melanie Hammet, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Bordeaux, Council Members Tracey Brantley, Nivea Castro, Brandy Hall, and Augusta Woods. Also present were City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, City Attorney Susan Moore, Chief of Police Sarai Y'Hudah-Green, and Assistant City Clerk Ned Dagenhard. Administrative Coordinator Missye Varner was not in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda of the Day

Council Member Hall motioned to adopt the amended agenda; Mayor Pro Tem Bordeaux seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Reenactment of Emergency Ordinance 2023-05(1) in the form of Emergency Ordinance 2023-05(2) – Fishing Moratorium
 - a. Updates from City Departments and Committees Regarding Lake Area Health and Maintenance and the Moratorium that began on 7/15/2023.

Mayor Hammet reiterated the purpose of the moratorium and noted the present expiration date of August 24th. City Manager Miller-Thornton stated that SEED (Stewards of Environmental Education and Design) will be presenting a report on the subject of Lake Health and Maintenance on August 29th. Council Member Hall motioned to approve Emergency Ordinance 2023-05(2); Council Member Brantley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution R-15-2023 – A Resolution Acknowledging DeKalb County's Call for a Referendum on a 1% SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Options Sales and Use Tax); Providing for a Project List of City Projects to Be Covered by the SPLOST; and to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with DeKalb County and its Qualified Cities

Mayor Hammet, City Manager Miller-Thornton, and City Attorney Susan Moore gave a summary of conversations with the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners regarding SPLOST II, specifically the potential for an Intergovernmental Agreement with DeKalb County which would result in a 6yr SPLOST program, based on 2023 ESRI population numbers, and an additional allocation for the County's smallest cities (Pine Lake, Avondale Estates, Lithonia, and Stone Mountain). Additionally, the City Council discussed identifying project categories and attaching percentages of funds to be used for each category. The IGA, project list, and referendum language resolutions are to be finalized, adopted and submitted to DeKalb County for DeKalb's submittal to the appropriate agencies by September 8th. The SPLOST II

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referendum will take place on November 7th. No official action was taken by the City Council.

Staff Reports

ChaQuias Miller- Thornton — City Manager Administration and Public Works

Please refer to [the link](#) to access the City Manager's report dated July 11, 2023. The City Manager reports are on file at City Hall for reviewing. Please email missyevarnerpinelakeqa.net to request a copy or call (404) 999-4931 to schedule an appointment to review the copy on file.

Chief Sarai Y'Hudah-Green — Chief of Police, Public Safety

Please refer to [the link](#) to access the Police/Public Safety report dated July 11, 2023. The Police/Public Safety reports are on file at City Hall for reviewing. Please email missyevarnerpinelakega.net to request a copy or call (404) 999-4931 to schedule an appointment to review the copy on file.

Pine Lake E-blast

Upcoming events:

August Brunch with The Lounge: PLAIN will combine with Pine Lake Lounge in August for a Second Saturday Musical Brunch on August 12th, 11:30-2:30, music starts at noon. \$10 is a suggested donation for the musicians (Ian Hunter Rowland and Preston Woodruff). On the menu for sale ala carte: quiche, croissants, fruit and libations.

Fundraiser for PrideLake: The PrideLake Gayla will be August 26th, from 6-9 pm. Prepaid tickets are \$35, which includes salad, dinner (with a vegan option), beer, wine, soda, water. Seats are limited to 50 due to space and prep needs, so order soon! For more info pridelake@gmail.com or find us at the August 12th Brunch with The Lounge where we will have an information table setup.

Other news:

Call for Volunteer Beach Monitors: Our current beach monitor, Kemarkus is heading off to college. We thank him for his watchful eye and wish him well in his new endeavors. The city has thus far been unable to re-fill this position. If you would be willing to take a shift and sit in the "big chair" please sign up [HERE](#).

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Shifts are 3-6 and 6-9 on Fri, Sat, Sun beginning the weekend of 8/19 and ending the weekend of 9/23.

Qualifying For Elected Office: If you are interested in running for one of the three 2024 open seats (2 council seats; Mayor) please contact City Hall. The qualifying period is August 21 - 23, 2023; City Hall; 8:30am-4:30pm. Forms will be available at City Hall beginning Monday, July 31, 2023. Each of the open seats is for a four-year term.

Ongoing:

Pine Lake City Council Meetings are held the second and last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber / Courthouse at the corner of Forest and Pine.

Food Assistance Available to Pine Lake Neighbors: PLAIN's Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) program assists Pine Lake neighbors in need. If you or someone you know is food insecure or needs other assistance, please call 404 491-0774 and leave a message. A volunteer will call back to discuss needs and help available. All contacts are kept confidential.

Adjournment

Council Member Brantley motioned for adjournment at 7:08pm; Council Member Castro seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Assistant City Clerk