



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF OCTOBER 10, 2023
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 PM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 05:53 PM, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The following were in attendance in Assembly Hall:

Mr. John Strickland, Mayor
Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Jeff Morgan, Councilmember
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Mr. Tom Hennie, Councilmember
Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk
Ms. Lori Hercules, IT Technician

And approximately 20 attendees, including 4 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland called the Village Council meeting to order.

2. Discussion with the Given/Tufts Foundation

Mr. Stuart Mills and Mr. Gavin Mathis of the Given/Tufts Foundation reviewed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the history of the Foundation, the Foundation's current partnership with the Village, the Foundation's current endowment and fundraising activities, a timeline of the process followed by the Village and the Foundation to reach the current organizational structure, the Library!Q: Recommended Library Size, Survey Results, Growing Population, Print Volumes per Capita compared to other communities in North Carolina, Public School Libraries Book Titles per Student, Southern Pines Library Statistics / Data, Adoption of New Village Services, the Village's Cultural Resources, Proposed Capital Campaign, and Recommendations from the Given/Tufts Foundation.

Council, Mr. Mills, Mr. Mathis, Mr. Sanborn, and Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager, discussed Council previously agreeing on site option #3 for the proposed new library, the proposed timeline for development of the new library site and renovations of the current archives site, the Foundation's willingness to lead a capital campaign to raise funds and the process for undertaking a capital campaign, funding sources for the proposed projects, the wants / needs of the Community, the mission of the Foundation, the required endowment from the Foundation to the Village, operation of The Roast Office, The Roast Office being made available for events not associated with the Library by the Owner of the building The Roast Office is located in, the Foundation hiring an administrator for fundraising and using Capital of Winston Salem for the capital campaign, collaboration of the Archives and USGA being under the purview of the Village, possible collaboration with Dornoch (Scotland) to share materials from and for the Archives (also under the purview of the Village), the Foundations request to delay a final decision on the proposed project until after a

Feasibility Study has been conducted (estimated completion of early 2024), the estimated amount of capital that could be raised through a capital campaign, the amount of capital needed to complete the proposed project, the digital nature of the Village community with a high percentage of the population having access to internet connections at home, the need to plan for expansion of the Library site and services in the future, the percentage of the Village population willing to pay a higher tax rate to fund the proposed project, the makeup of the Village population and potential population growth, the need to consider the wants of the Village's population, the scope of the Foundation's proposed capital campaign, the pros / cons of each site and size option, using any proceeds from a capital campaign to enhance or expand the proposed new library services and facilities at site option #3, libraries being generational gifts and predominantly municipal (not private), communities having services available that are not used by every resident every day (such as the Fire department) and libraries being one of those types of services, libraries providing the opportunity for residents to learn skill sets that will impact their lives and careers, the importance of having the resources of a library for those residents who are struggling with literacy issues, how a library enhances the Village's community, literacy rates of children in Moore County, and the Foundation continuing to support the operation of the library in the future.

Council debated cost and expansion options for sites #1 and #3, and how any capital raised by the Foundation would be applied toward development of each site option. Council further debated the feasibility of developing site option #1 compared to developing site option #3, the allocation of funding received from the Foundation, and whether tying the funds to the costs of construction versus allowing funds to be allocated to improvement of services would harm the Foundation's capital campaign.

Upon a motion by Mayor Strickland, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council approved continued endorsement of the development of option #3 for the location of the Given Library with the understanding that any and all funds raised by the Given / Tufts Foundation will go to the enhancement of option #3 as that building is developed. Approved by a vote of 4-1 with Councilmember Morgan being the dissenting vote.

3. Other Business

Mayor Strickland asked that an update on the question of broadband within the Village be given to Council at a future Work Session meeting.

Mr. Sanborn stated both Aberdeen and Southern Pines had voted to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO). Mr. Sanborn further stated these results would be shared at the next SMPO meeting on October 19, 2023.

4. Motion to Recess the Work Session and Enter a Closed Session

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved at 07:45 PM to recess the work session and enter a closed session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee by a vote of 5-0.

5. Closed Session

Council will hold a closed session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

6. Motion to Adjourn the Closed Session and Re-Enter the Work Session

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session at 08:00 PM, by a vote of 5-0.

7. Adjournment.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session at 08:05 PM, by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou
Village Clerk

A videotape of this meeting is located on the Village website: www.vopnc.org

Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community, which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement