



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 PM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 28, 2021 in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following attended:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor
Ms. Judy Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

In addition, approximately 21 attendees, including 8 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland called the Village Council meeting to order.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

John Kinyon, Sr. Pastor of Redeemer Church, Southern Pine, NC, offered the invocation and Mayor John Strickland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Reports:

Village Manager

- Mr. Jeff Sanborn reported that Carlton Cole, VOP Fire Department Chief, has been appointed to the Moore County Fire Commission. We are excited about having a Pinehurst voice on that commission.

Village Council

- Mayor Strickland stated that he is attending a special event at Fort Bragg tomorrow, which included area Mayors and other elected officials from Moore County and surrounding counties. He stated the purpose of the event was to receive general briefings and tour the facilities. Mayor Strickland encouraged the community to continue to be cautious in the weeks ahead amid the continued Covid-19 pandemic.
- Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that the Triangle J met and updated that Southern Pines is working with the Target location and the Y is looking for a place in Southern Pines. She also noted that there were 2 break-through cases on her street of Covid, so she advised the community to be careful and safe.
- Councilmember Drum stated that at the Triangle meeting there was information about working together as three cities to build a multi-modal plan that would connect all three cities together. This would be a concept to get a study done and the Tri-City group would be a great group to handle the project.
- Councilmember Boesch stated she is appreciative of what James Walker Tufts did to establish Pinehurst and his vision which provided us all the beautiful long-leaf pines.

- Councilmember Hogeman stated the Pinehurst Business Partners continue to look forward to working with the Village and she thanked Jill Lazusky for her presentation on the Shops Small Thanksgiving week promotion.

4. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

All items listed below are considered routine or have been discussed at length in previous meetings and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held unless requested by a member of the Village Council.

- Approval of Village Council Meeting Minutes.
 - September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - September 14, 2021 Work Session
 - September 20, 2021 Special Meeting - CLS

End of Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Drum, seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved the Consent agenda by a vote of 5-0.

5. Discuss and Consider Renewal of Uniform Rental Service Agreement for the Village of Pinehurst.

Village Manager Sanborn stated we have an annual contract that supports some departments across the village. Brooke Hunter, Finance Director, reported the Village utilizes uniform rental services in Public Services, Fleet, Harness Track, and Buildings & Grounds departments. Also included in this agreement are facilities service items such as door mats, soaps, hand sanitizers, mops, air fresheners, shop towels, etc. She stated staff are requesting renewal of our current five-year contract with UniFirst, which is set to expire in September 2021.

Ms. Hunter stated an extensive review process was performed in 2016 that considered uniform quality, service, and cost. Effort was also made to standardize uniform styles and colors across departments. Departments are overall satisfied with the service and quality received from UniFirst over the past five years. Costs have also remained low and in accordance with the Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)) cooperative purchase agreement.

Ms. Hunter stated that based on our satisfaction with the service, quality, and pricing received, we recommend that the Village renew our five-year service agreement with UniFirst Corporation under the Sourcewell cooperative purchase contract. This contract was competitively bid by Sourcewell, and the Village is allowed under state law to utilize cooperative purchasing contracts. These contracts offer lower prices due to the buying power of a much larger group and offer greater contract protections that have proven to improve service delivery.

Ms. Hunter stated the estimated cost for the first year of service under the proposed renewed contract with UniFirst is \$25,500. We negotiated a 2% annual price increase as noted in the attached contract addendum. The 2% annual increase results in an estimated total contract commitment of \$133,000 over the five-year term.

Ms. Hunter stated that to approve the new contract, we will need a motion authorizing the Village Manager to enter into the attached Customer Service Agreement with UniFirst Corporation for the provision of uniform rental services.

Councilmember Boesch asked what if there are fluctuations in the items, we need over the next five years? Ms. Hunter stated this is per unit basis so if we add people it would be 2% increase on each individual item.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously approved to authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute the renewal of the five-year service contract with UniFirst Corporation for the provision of uniform rental service by a vote of 5-0.

6. Discuss and Consider United Way Sign Request.

Mayor Strickland stated he met with a United Way representative about 10 days prior to this meeting, which resulted in United Way requesting placement of two temporary signs in our community in support of their annual campaign. He stated this is a great opportunity for United Way to showcase its support for our community and provide the community with information on how to

contact them. Mayor Strickland stated some comments would be that if we can do this, where would the signs be placed, and is this something the council would wish to support.

Darryn Burich, Planning & Inspections Director quoted the PDO comments – Specific definition of Special Events – and discussion was around where this fundraising event qualifies as a special event. Discussion also centered around location and signage size. Mr. Burich stated per our ordinance, the allowable size is 4 square feet. Mayor Strickland stated he did not want to see the signage placed on the Village Green and the location near the Hospital would be better suited for a discussion with the Hospital directly.

Mayor Strickland asked if Council wants to make an exception to our ordinance and allow this approval of a term of one year. Village Manager Sanborn said the exception could be approved by the Village Manager and he will take guidance by the Council. Councilmember Hogeman said if we did grant an exception and we allowed these signs to go up would that set a precedence to all non-profits and charities to be allowed to request this. Discussion ensued on how United Way's partnership with multiple Moore County establishments might distinguish this request from others. Councilmember Drum stated he does feel United Way is unique and creates a bridge to help the community and he would like to see Council be able to approve it.

Councilmember Boesch stated the issue seems to be on the location of the signs and Mayor Pro Tem Davis reported she is not in favor of placement anywhere in the Historic district. Mr. Sanborn and Mr. Burich will continue to go back to the table with United Way and decide on whether it can be approved.

7. Discuss and Consider Revisions to the Historic District Guidelines.

Alex Cameron, Senior Planner, stated The HPC conducted a work session on June 17th and discussed making some necessary and editorial changes to the current Historic District Guidelines. Most of the proposed revisions change any reference to the term "Guidelines" to "Standards" which is consistent with the recent changes to the North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160D. Other changes are minor and editorial in nature with very few changes to the actual standards. The proposed changes are provided as an attachment to this agenda item with changes in red, strikethrough for deletions and underline for additions.

Mr. Cameron stated following action by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) during their regular meeting on September 23rd, staff will now provide Council with the recommended changes approved by the HPC. Mayor Strickland asked Mr. Cameron if there was any change on this document compared to the document produced previously and presented to Council. Mr. Cameron noted that the HPC is trying to make the process move more quickly and less expensively for our citizens. He noted they agree that they are ready for clarifications and grammatical changes and 160D compliance changes.

Mayor Pro Tem said this is a body of work that gets us into compliance and this document will not change so there is no reason for us to wait to act on these current changes.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously approved the proposed amendments to the Local Historic District Guidelines as set forth in the staff report from Alex Cameron, Senior Planner, dated September 23, 2021 by a vote of 5-0.

8. Other Business.

Councilmember Boesch stated she received a message stated that Village Council needs to do a better job at communicating what they are doing to the public. She stated after further conversations with the individual, she felt she showed that the Village Council is very proactive and goes above and beyond to keep the community aware. Mayor Strickland reminded those listening to the meeting that they can reach out to Village Hall with questions, and they can sign on to our E-newsletters and MyVop.

Councilmember Hogeman asked if the Village has a policy in place on request to name something in honor of a person, such as a past Mayor. Mr. Sanborn stated we do not have a policy per se, but it can be up for discussion.

9. Comments from Attendees.

- Dave and Kathy Lewk of Chatham Lane thanked the Mayor for answering her email. She stated they live in number 6 adjacent to lot 5, which she states is incongruous with Pinehurst. She stated they raised their children in small towns in Indiana, where they had strict codes, in a town of about 13000. She stated a contractor who doesn't live here and pays taxes

here has left a hole where mosquitos swarm on a lot across the street. She asked councilmembers to consider some of the problems with this lot and investigate why no actions can be taken. She asked what can Planning do to stop this clear cutting in No. 6 as we get to the end of usable lots? Mayor Strickland stated Council was made aware of this lot in the summer and he took some photos at that time and shared them with staff. He noted that we are guided now by different regulations than what we were in the 70s, 80, and 90s and we agree that we would like to stop this practice, but our hands are tied. Darryn Burich, Planning Directed stated that on the RCW process, every building permit that comes in must have a letter and approval before they can be awarded. He stated that on this case, what was happening was it was considered an active construction site, but now the builder has withdrawn the permit request. He stated he has been in contact with the owners and their legal in the effort to remedy the situation.

- David Herring, 40 Pinewild Drive, formerly lived across from the lot– stated he is also concerned with the safety of the same area as it pertains to children.
- Collette Kolinsky said for 7 years she has been trying to do something about this. She said if you are concerned about these issues, you need to know who you are electing to office.

10. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting by a vote of 5-0 at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Chance,
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