



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF AUGUST 8, 2023
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 PM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 6:11 p.m., Tuesday, August 8, 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 C. Strickland, Mayor
Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Jeff Morgan, Councilmember
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Kelly Chance, Village Clerk
Mr. Michael Newman, Village Attorney

And approximately 9 attendees, including 7 staff and 1 press

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland called the Village Council meeting to order.

2. Discuss New Sod for Tufts' Park. Moved to Agenda Item 3

Mr. Batton reported staff planned to use funds in the FY24 budget for patching bare areas in Tufts' Park with sod. He stated after looking at the new sod in Joyce's Meadow, it is the consensus that we should consider sodding all of Tuft's Park ahead of the US Open. He noted that to sod the entire park we would need a budget amendment of \$30,000.

Mr. Batton stated that if Council concurs this is a good investment for downtown, we will bring an amendment to the first meeting in September and lay the sod as soon as possible after Labor Day weekend. He noted that if not, we would proceed with patching sod in the bare areas.

Mr. Batton reported the primary conflict in September would be with the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. He stated the intent would be to shift the Market back into the wood line in Village Green, just beyond the turf in Tufts' Park. He noted the Market runs until October 1 so this shift would be for a maximum of 2 to 3 weeks. He stated he did speak to the Market representatives, and they are comfortable shifting into the tree line if we proceed.

Council consensus was to patch the bald areas and trim back the trees in those areas as much as feasible.

3. Parks and Recreation DRAFT Comprehensive Master Plan Update Presentation. Moved to Agenda Item 2

Mr. Mark Wagner reported that consultants with the John R. McAdams Company will present an update of the draft Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, which will include results from the public input process and recommendations within the

plan for the next ten-year period. He stated staff and consultants are seeking input from Council tonight, with the intent to bring the final master plan document back on September 12th, seeking Council adoption of the plan.

Jennifer Beedle, Park Planner with McAdams presented an update and refresh on the Planning Process of how their company arrived at their recommendations. She stated the Parks and Receptions Master Plan will allow Village Council to achieve the goals they have for the community. She noted this will provide a 10-year work plan for Pinehurst Parks and Recreation staff. She noted during the community engagement period they were able to reach approximately 500 residents in various forms.

Ms. Beedle reported the process involved included performing an initial assessment of the Village's Park system and then engaging the community through various avenues to gauge what they would like to see more/less of in the Village. She presented McAdams' findings of their community needs survey with focus lying on what they deemed Village resident's unmet needs. She reported the residents placed high priority on paved walking trails, pickleball courts, and athletic fields, as well as more indoor and outdoor programs, and special events & festivals. She noted perceived prioritization based on their data marked regional trails and Greenways connectivity as the most pressing. She stated next was promoting health & wellness programming, followed by ensuring affordability to users.

Ms. Beedle presented some options that Council could consider, including parkland and facility expansions, and requested Council provide feedback over the next few weeks in anticipation of completing a final draft for presentation at a future date. Councilmembers provided feedback on conflicting data within the plan, and Mark Wagner, Parks and Recreation Director, provided some clarification that some items and activities listed as recommendations, are already in progress. Mr. Wagner will collect suggestions and further feedback from Council and report out to Ms. Beedle within the next couple of weeks.

4. Other Work Session Business

Mayor John Strickland provided an update on the planned renaming of the Village Hall Council Conference Room and Council discussed developing a Resolution in support of increasing Interbasin allowable water transfers and sending it to our Local Representatives. He noted this is in answer to a recent request from Moore County asking the Village to support this effort.

5. Potential Future Agenda Items

No potential

6. Motion to recess the Work Session and enter a Closed Session

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved at 8:00 PM to recess the work session and enter a closed session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease, by a vote of 4-0.

7. Closed Session

A Closed Session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

8. Motion to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session at 8:38 pm, by a vote of 4-0.

9. Adjournment.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the work session at 8:40 p.m., by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Chance

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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