



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF JUNE 28, 2022
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING

The Pinehurst Village Council held a work session at 7:39 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2022, in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor
Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey Morgan, Councilmember
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

And approximately 12 attendees, including 5 staff and 0 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor John Strickland, called the Council work session to order.

2. Discuss and adopt Village Council Rights-of-Way Use Policy.

Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager, stated the Village has a Sidewalk Policy dating back to June 1992. The purpose of the Sidewalk Policy was to "assure pedestrian access to and use of the public rights of way along the streets of Old Town and immediately adjacent areas." Additionally, the Village has a Significant Alterations to the Public Right-Of-Way and Certain Public Spaces Policy. Mr. Willardson stated this policy states that the Village Council has the final determination on matters affecting the Village rights-of-way. The proposed Rights-of-Way (ROW) Use Policy will supersede both of the existing policies.

Mr. Willardson stated the Rights-of-Way (ROW) Use Policy, like the Sidewalk Policy, clarifies that the Village owns the ROW and retains all rights to use and maintain these areas. It delineates the responsibilities of the Village and abutting owners when it comes maintaining the ROW. He noted, in the simplest terms, the Village will maintain public improvements in the ROW, but any private improvements made by abutters are their responsibility to maintain. However, sweeping existing walks and pathways will continue to be the responsibility of the abutters as it is under current policy.

Mr. Willardson stated, additionally, the Village reserves the right to modify private landscaping to enable pedestrian access and use or other roadway improvements. No remuneration or restoration entitlement is required of the Village to abutting property owners when modifying landscaping elements within the ROW.

Mr. Willardson stated, finally, the new ROW policy maintains that Village Council will have the final determination on implementation of Village projects within the public ROW.

Council requested Mr. Willardson send the policy to the Beautification Committee and the Neighborhood Advisory Committee for their review and feedback and bring the policy back to council at the next meeting.

3. Rescind Defunct Council Policies.

Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager, presented Council with existing Council policies, that upon review by staff, were recommended for rescinding. These policies included: a Tree Preservation Policy, Lot Donation Policy, Warren H. Manning Beautification Award Program, Significant Negotiations, Significant Vertical Construction on Village Property, Meeting Room Use, and a Public Right-of-Way Beautification Fund Policy.

Council provided some feedback on the policies and requested Mr. Willardson review these changes and bring the policies back to council at the next meeting.

4. Discuss Amendments to the Pinehurst Development Ordinance (PDO) to Address Short Term Rentals and Neighborhood Quality of Life Improvements.

Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager, and Darryn Burich, Planning and Inspections Director, presented council with some potential revisions to the Pinehurst Development Ordinance (PDO) for discussion regarding short-term rentals as well as residential neighborhood quality of life improvements. The areas of the PDO addressed in the presentation included provisions for permit revocation, table of permitted uses, special requirements for permitted uses, and definitions.

Council discussed amortization, number of tenants per room, and dealing with non-conformities. Mr. Burich stated he will continue to work to refine the amendments based on Council suggestions.

5. Proposed Draft PDO Text Amendment

Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella presented to Council a draft of a PDO text amendment pulled together from input from a few citizens. He noted this was the third version of a preamble and some text amendment. He welcomed input and feedback from other Councilmembers and Councilmember Morgan stated he should not let this cloud his ability to be open-minded when the data from the survey is received. Mr. Morgan stated he realizes there is a lot of pressures that are coming from various citizens, but Council has a responsibility to make sure that we are truly looking at things and what's the best for the village.

6. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the work session, by a vote 5-0, at 8:07 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