



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF JUNE 27, 2023
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 PM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 6:03 p.m., Tuesday, June 27, 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. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Administrative Specialist

And approximately 2 attendees, including 2 staff and 1 press

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland called the Village Council meeting to order.

2. Update and discussion on Downtown Amenity Plan.

Mr. Batton and Mr. Apke gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the completed, in process, and under consideration items of the Downtown Amenity Plan.

Items completed: Lampposts & Flagpole Painted, Landscape Renovation, Parking Wayfinding Signs, and Benches Painted.

Items in process: Trash Receptacles (waiting on samples), Planters (on order), Brick Curbing Replacement (teardrop beds in front of Department Store building, quote in-hand), Bollards (looking at options, waiting on samples), Additional Benches Received (waiting on remaining bench slats), Asphalt Resurfacing (Chinquapin, Cherokee, Market, Everett, Village Green West; process from July 02, 2023 to November 09, 2023 [coincides with NCDOT road work and Downtown business parking lot work]), Addition of 7 Car or 13 Golf Cart Parking Spaces (along the side of the Theatre building, public property, surveys being done), All-Way-Stop at the intersection of Chinquapin Rd. and Magnolia Rd., and Stormwater Improvement (along Chinquapin and Magnolia to Dogwood).

Items under consideration: Sidewalk Widening on Chinquapin Rd., Sidewalk on West Side of Market Square (loss of 5 parallel parking spaces), and Golf Cart Parking Expansion (Market, Chinquapin, Cherokee; 3 cart parking spaces within a single car parking space; gain 12 cart parking spaces for the loss of 4 car parking spaces).

Councilmembers, Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Batton, and Mr. Apke discussed the financial, scheduling, and quality of life considerations for the

Village, local businesses, and residents which impact the implementation of the Downtown Amenity Plan items.

It was determined a combination of car, golf cart, and some landscaping would be looked at along the side of the Theatre building.

It was determined pulling back the landscaping by 1 to 2 feet along Chinquapin Rd. would be the best approach to widening the sidewalk in front of the real estate office only.

It was determined the loss of 5 parking spaces to install a sidewalk on the west side of Market Square would not be beneficial and research on the installation of a bollard or curbing to help with traffic flow / congestion in the area would be done.

It was determined to only transition a couple car parking spaces to golf cart parking spaces to ease into the golf cart parking expansion item and to look at re-stripping all parking areas downtown to address the lack of ADA compliant parking spaces.

Councilmember Boesch asked if a species of grass could be planted in Village Green that would withstand heavy use better due to the current grass looking very bare. Mr. Batton stated there are species of grass specifically grown for heavy use areas but there are other considerations such as lack of light or fertilization that impact the growth of grass. Mr. Batton stated this issue will be looked into.

3. Update on Stormwater Management and Master Plan.

Mr. Apke provided a handout to Council members on the Stormwater Management and Master Plan, which summarized the timelines and processes for each of the two phases of implementing the plan. McGill and Associates have been contracted by the Village to complete a Stormwater Management and Master Plan. A very comprehensive presentation will be given to Council in the near future (late July – August 2023).

Councilmember Hogeman asked whether design to meet 25-year storm requirements would be used instead of 10-year storm requirements. Mr. Apke stated the 25-year storm requirements were part of the design elements.

Councilmember Pizzella verified with Mr. Apke that the presentation will be advertised to residents so those interested may attend.

4. Discussion regarding naming the Council Conference Room in honor of Former Council member and Mayor Ginsey Fallon.

Mr. Sanborn reviewed the memo submitted by Mr. Doug Willardson recommending the naming of the Council Conference Room in honor of Ms. Ginsey Fallon, former Council member and Mayor, and stated this honor is in line with the policy recently adopted.

Mayor Strickland gave a brief background on the intention behind honoring Ms. Fallon.

All Councilmembers expressed support for naming the Council Conference Room in honor of Ms. Fallon.

It was determined honoring Ms. Fallon would be done by placing the wooden American Flag that had belonged to Ms. Fallon and was donated to the Village after Ms. Fallon's passing inside the Council Conference Room, changing the room's door sign, and having an acknowledgement or proclamation at an upcoming Council meeting.

5. Discussion on S-Line Passenger Rail Service

Mr. Sanborn provided background on the S-Line project restoring passenger rail service to the Pinehurst area, reviewed a draft copy of the endorsement letter to be sent to Secretary Buttigieg, a map of the existing rail lines and proposed S-Line project, the potential benefits and transportation solutions the rail service would provide to the community of Pinehurst, the S-Line project being named after the Seaboard Coast Line railroad company, the timeline for the project, and the building of a railcar manufacturing plant in nearby Lexington, NC.

All Councilmembers expressed support for the S-Line project and sending the letter of endorsement to Secretary Buttigieg.

6. Other Work Session Business

Mayor Strickland stated that the Dornoch Town Council in Scotland had passed a similar resolution to 23-25 creating a co-operative liaison of mutual benevolence agreement between Dornoch, Scotland and Pinehurst.

Councilmember Hogeman provided background on Moore County's plan to expand water and sewer service to other communities within the County; and discussed the location of existing treatment facilities, the need to upgrade or construct new treatment facilities / stations, the need to upgrade or install infrastructure, where to source water from and return water to, the need for an accurate growth and future use estimate, the need to research the impact expansion would have on the Pinehurst community, and the need for the local municipalities to have representation on the Moore County steering committee established to oversee the expansion plans.

7. Potential Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Boesch asked if Mr. Kevin Brewer, Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, would be able to come before Council to give an update on the Tree Survey. Mr. Sanborn and Mr. Batton both agreed Mr. Brewer would be able to provide Council with an update.

Councilmember Pizzella asked if an agenda could be put together for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) for the September 2023 NAC meeting with information on all of the Downtown Amenity Plan items / events.

Councilmember Pizzella verified term limits are in place for Advisory Board members.

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

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Councilmember Pizzella, Council unanimously approved at 08:11 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 5-0.

9. 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.

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

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session at 8:41 p.m., by a vote of 5-0.

11. Adjournment.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the work session at 8:41 p.m., by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou,
Administrative Specialist

*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*