



**Village Council
Minutes for the Work Session of May 28, 2024
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
4:30 p.m.**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 06:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2024, in the Assembly Hall of Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The following were in attendance in Assembly Hall:

Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor
Dr. Jeff Morgan, Councilmember
Ms. Barb Ficklin, Councilmember
Mr. John Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Jack Farrell, Councilmember
Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk
Mr. Paul Conners, IT Technician

And approximately 5 attendees in addition to 5 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council meeting to order at 06:15 p.m.

2. Discuss Possibility of Accepting Royal Oak Townhome Development Roads.

Mr. Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager, and Mr. Mike Apke, Public Services Director, reviewed a memo detailing the history of the development, conditions of the roads, and deviations from Village standards for subdivisions.

Council unanimously determined not to pursue accepting the Royal Oak Townhome development roads unless the Homeowner's Association finds a solution to the right-of-way and utilities deviations and is able to bring the subdivision up to Village standards and codes.

3. Update on the 2024 US Open Preparations.

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the 2024 US Open preparations highlighting Inspections, Public Safety, Downtown Events, Downtown Parking, the Social District, USGA preparations, the upcoming PBS Village of Pinehurst documentary airing on June 11, 2024, a Golf Cart Parking / Public Entrance Gate locations map, and the vopnc.org US Open landing page.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Council unanimously approved adding a Public Comment period for comments on the Royal Oak development to the Work Session agenda prior to the Closed Session by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Tina Coxenwalshaw, Treasurer of the Royal Oak Homeowners' Association, stated homeowners were not informed the community had private roads at the time of purchase and asked if the Village would be able to provide guidance and contractor information to help the HOA in its efforts to bring the community's roads up to Village standards.

Mr. Joe Buescher, President of the Royal Oak Homeowners' Association, expressed optimism that the homeowners in the Royal Oak community will work together to find a way to correct the deviations from the Village standards and thanked the Village for its willingness to provide guidance to the Royal Oak HOA.

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

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, Council unanimously approved to recess the Work Session and enter the Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §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 at 07:08 p.m.

5. Closed Session

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

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session by a vote of 5-0 at 07:26 p.m.

7. Other Business.

Council agreed to consider the following items for future Work Session discussion:

- Short-Term Rentals
- Update / refresh of the vopnc.org website
- Acceptance of the Royal Oak subdivision roads after analysis / research is done into bringing the existing roads up to Village Standards.
- NCDOT plans for the Pinehurst Traffic Circle.

Council agreed to move the Public Comment period from the end to the beginning of Regular Meeting agendas (after Consent Agenda items and "ceremonial" resolutions and before Council business items).

Mr. Sanborn clarified for Council that joint meetings with the Advisory Boards are scheduled on a case-by-case basis and appropriate only when working on special projects such as a Pinehurst Development Ordinance rewrite or an update to the Historic District Standards.

8. Adjournment.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session by a vote of 5-0 at 07:47 p.m.

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