



Village Council
Minutes for the Work Session of September 24, 2024
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
04:30 p.m.

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 05:35 p.m., Tuesday, September 24, 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. Doug Willardson, Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk
Mr. Paul Conners, IT Specialist
Ms. JoEllen Richter, IT Technician

And approximately 12 attendees in addition to 4 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council Work Session to order at 05:35 p.m.

2. General Business.

A. Discussion on Potential Changes to the Village Nuisance Noise Ordinance

Mr. Willardson; Mr. Glen Webb, Police Chief; and Mr. Alex Cameron, Planning & Inspections Director; reviewed a Nuisance Noise Ordinance PowerPoint presentation containing slides on the Existing Ordinance, How Sound Works, Ambient Sound and Decibel Levels, Calculating Total Decibel Level, a Decibel Level chart, and Decibel Levels Not Included in Other Local Jurisdictions.

Council and Village Staff reviewed the proposed amendments to Section 92.16 of the Pinehurst Municipal Code and agreed to remove ambient noise from noise level calculations; to remove the second and third bullet points of section B.1 General Noise Standards: Permissible Noise Levels relating to construction or maintenance activities and sustained vehicle noise; to change Village Council to Village Manager in sections C.2 Special Exceptions: Permits for Special Events and E.1 Exceptions and Variances: Exceptions; to change shall to may or can and to check with the Village Attorney about adding property

owners as potential violators in section D.2 Enforcement and Compliance: Penalties; to further discuss the acceptable decibel level of noise for different times of day; and to consider how to communicate with residents and non-resident property owners that there has been a change to the ordinance regulating noise.

B. Discussion on Potential Changes to the Village Nuisance Lighting Ordinance

Mr. Willardson; Mr. Glen Webb, Police Chief; and Mr. Alex Cameron, Planning & Inspections Director; reviewed a Nuisance Lighting Ordinance PowerPoint presentation containing slides on the Existing Ordinance, Lumens, Foot Candles, and Ambient Light.

Council and Village Staff reviewed the proposed amendments to Section 92.18 of the Pinehurst Municipal Code and agreed to use foot candles as the light measurement and to change Village Council to Village Manager in section D.1 Exceptions and Variances: Exceptions.

Village Staff stated further work will be done on the amendments to Chapter 92 of the Pinehurst Municipal Code and an updated draft presented to Council at a future meeting.

C. Discussion on Resident-Submitted Traffic Circle Alternative Ideas

Mayor Pizzella stated Councilmember Farrell compiled a list of the top Pinehurst Traffic Circle suggestions submitted to Council. Council discussed each of the suggestions listed, which included additional lane dividers, speed limit reduction and signage within the Circle, rumble strips, earlier signage on approaching roads to help with proper lane selection, changing “Yield” signs to “Merge” signs (and improving sightlines on approach to the Circle), increase of Police presence (with support from County and / or State enforcement agencies), and synchronized traffic lights during peak hours.

Council agreed to present the suggestions to NCDOT for feedback and to open dialogue with NCDOT on viable bypass solutions to reduce the daily volume of vehicles travelling through the Circle and improved approach angles as well.

Council agreed to draft a letter and to have the Village Manager reach out to NCDOT directly via email or phone.

D. Discussion on the Village Council Strategic Planning Process

Mr. Willardson reviewed a proposed timeline and framework for the Strategic Planning Process.

Council agreed to follow the proposed timeline and framework for the Strategic Planning Process as presented.

Council asked for the website to be updated with correct performance data and information, and Council analyzing data in a strategic way with a five-year horizon in mind.

3. Other Business.

Mr. Willardson provided Council with an update on future Council meeting items such as a review of the survey data and Initiative Action Plans (IAPs), consideration of Ordinance 24-18 dealing with

the amendments to Chapter 92 of the Pinehurst Municipal Code, and a Closed Session pursuant to NC GS § 143-318.11(3).

Council and Village Staff agreed to delay the discussion on parking in the Downtown area until after other nuisance issues have been addressed.

Mr. Willardson provided Council with an updated timeline for the work to be completed at the Chinquapin Road and Magnolia Road intersection.

4. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session by a vote of 5-0 at 07:06 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