

**MINUTES OF
VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION
MAY 14, 2015**

**395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:00 P.M.**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Budget Work Session at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the Council Conference Room of the Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Ms. Nancy Roy Fiorillo, Mayor
Mr. John R. Cashion, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mr. Clark H. Campbell, Councilmember
Ms. Claire L. Phillips, Councilmember
Mr. John C. Strickland, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey Batton, Interim Village Manager
Ms. Lauren Craig, Village Clerk
Ms. Natalie Dean, Assistant Village Manager
Mr. John Frye, Director of Financial Services

And approximately 6 attendees, including 3 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Nancy Roy Fiorillo called the meeting to order.

2. Discussion of the Recommended FY 2016 Strategic Operating Plan

Interim Manager Jeff Batton introduced the continued discussion on the recommended FY 2016 Strategic Operating Plan (SOP).

I. Review FY 2016 BSC goals, objectives, and KPIs

Assistant Manager Natalie Dean noted in 2014, the Village Council adopted a Balanced Scorecard (BSC) model to help prioritize funding to provide services at a certain level. She shared the four perspectives and noted the SOP is directly linked to the BSC goals and objectives. Ms. Dean shared the impact that a change of services could make on the BSC.

II. Discussion Items

John Frye, Director of Financial Services, shared an analysis of the unassigned fund balance as a percentage of expenditures. Mr. Frye noted this chart includes historical data and projections depending on the tax rates discussed and how these compare to the peer group average. Ms. Frye also shared five year projections based on the revenue neutral rate of \$0.30, the modified rate of \$0.29, and the current rate of \$0.28.

Council held a discussion about options for the tax rate and the services that would be affected in the long-term and about how to close the gap to balance the budget. Council held a discussion about the sale of the Juniper Lake Road property and how the decision on whether or not to sell it this year would affect the FY 2016 SOP. Staff noted the plan to bring the options for the disposal of the property to the May 26 meeting.

Council determined to set the tax rate at \$0.29 for two years and in 2018 change it to \$0.30 in the five year plan. Council directed staff to work in operations, capital, and fund balance to come up with a five year plan to balance the budget and bring it back to Council.

Council and staff discussed the idea of having the splash pad in Cannon Park rather than Wicker Park.

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Council held a discussion about the DFI study and formed a consensus to leave the funding in for DFI and to hear what they have to present at the June 2 Work Session. Council formed a consensus to remove the funds dedicated to the Pinehurst Business Partners in the budget. Council directed staff to review the Public Services redevelopment budget and consider recommended modifications.

Council discussed greenways and sidewalks and formed a consensus to add a sidewalk in Wicker Park from the Pergola Garden to the Timmel Pavilion in FY 2016.

Audience member, Jack Farrell, shared that he agreed with the solution that Council formed regarding the tax rate and that it is a positive message to the general public rather than keeping the fund balance levels so high.

3. Adjournment.

At approximately 5:27 pm Councilmember Cashion moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Strickland and passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lauren Craig,
Village Clerk