



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF MAY 12, 2020
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING

The Pinehurst Village Council held a work session at 6:04 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2020 remotely, via Zoom. Assembly Hall, located at Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina was open to the public to view the remote meeting.

The following were in remote attendance:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor
Ms. Judy Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Treasurer
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Beth Dunn, Village Clerk

And approximately 4 attendees, including 4 staff.

Excused Absence: Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Discuss Library Needs Assessment.

Natalie, Hawkins, Assistant Village Manager, presented a draft document that she and the consultant have prepared, which includes background information on the Library Needs Assessment. Ms. Hawkins explained the document contains an overview of the current library services, benchmark comparisons, and best practices. The intent of the document is to inform residents about some of the background as how we have got here and where we are now in the process. Ms. Hawkins asked if Council wanted to include results from the public input received to date. Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated she feels that information should be included. Mayor Strickland asked what those results would look like in the report. Ms. Hawkins explained those results could be presented at a high level overview and include the methods used and the number of participants.

Ms. Hawkins reviewed the draft document with Council to make sure the information needed was included. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager, stated all the information in the document, Ms. Hawkins has prepared, is very useful for the public to make a decision as to what they would be willing to pay for library services. Mayor Strickland asked if we could get clarification on the number of visitors reported for 2019 and the number of new library members reported each month. Councilmember Hogeman suggested adding the financial information for the Southern Pines Library. Council discussed the benchmark groups to compare to library services to. Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that adding the tax rate of other benchmark groups would be helpful. Ms. Hawkins said she will continue to work on the document and bring back to Council at their next meeting, May 26th. Mr. Sanborn noted it would be helpful if Council could go ahead and send their comments back on the draft ETC survey so when Ms. Hawkins returns at the next Council meeting we can wrap up to send to ETC to prepare.

3. Other Work Session Business.

- Mayor Strickland stated he would like to look at what we can do to help our local businesses that have been economically impacted by the pandemic. Councilmember Boesch suggested putting more picnic tables out on the Village Green where citizens can order take out, that would promote citizens going into town. Mayor Pro Tem Davis said someone recommend to her closing a street to provide outdoor seating. Mayor Strickland stated the first step would be to develop a better communication system with the businesses. Councilmember Boesch, Councilmember Hogeman, and Assistant Manager Jeff Batton will get together and brainstorm some ideas.
- Mayor Strickland suggested a few Councilmembers meet with the recommended appointees for the Historic Preservation Commission prior to the May 26th Council meeting. Councilmember Boesch and Hogeman stated they would meet with David Herring and Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Mayor Strickland will meet with Anne Lucey.

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

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Council unanimously approved to recess the work session and enter into a closed session, pursuant to Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the Village Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the Village Attorney and the Village Council., by a vote of 4-0.

5. Motion to Adjourn the Closed Session and Re-enter the Work Session.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the closed session and re-enter the work session, by a vote of 4-0.

6. Adjournment.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the work session by a vote of 4-0 at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Dunn,
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