



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF MARCH 12, 2019
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session at 5:20 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Ms. Nancy Roy Fiorillo, Mayor
Mr. John Bouldry, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Judy Davis, Treasurer
Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember
Mr. Jack Farrell, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Beth Dunn, Village Clerk

And approximately 10 attendees, including 4 staff and 1 press.

1. Discuss Financial Impacts of Tipping Fee Increases for Solid Waste Services.

Mike Apke, explained the Village pays Moore County tipping fees for dumping recyclables, yard debris and trash. Tipping fees for recycling increased significantly from \$25 to \$100 on 12/3/18. They also received a letter from the County indicating tipping fee increases for the next fiscal year, FY 20, for trash, yard debris and recyclables. In FY 18 our expenditures for solid waste tipping fees were \$254,416 and in FY 20 they are projecting a substantial increase to \$433,520. Currently the Village is seeing less tonnage for recyclables, mostly due to the fact that we can no longer allow glass in our recyclables because our recycling vendor will not accept it.

Councilmember Davis asked if the County was just passing their cost to us. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager posed an hypothetical question to Mr. Batton, what would happen if the Village no longer picked up trash and residents had to take their trash to the County convenient sites or landfill. Mr. Batton stated if the Village elected not to provide curbside pickup for trash or recycling then residents would take their trash to the County landfill or convenient sites for free, as they are County residents and already pay County taxes. Councilmember Davis stated it sounds like double dipping on tipping. Mr. Sanborn stated it seems like that the County keeps increasing tipping fees to balance their books and the weight is on municipalities. Councilmember Drum suggested bringing this issue to neighboring cities.

Jeff Batton explained he has been talking with Pratt, the recycling vendor, and hopes to meet with them, the Town of Aberdeen and the County to discuss an option to reduce the tipping fee for recyclables. Pratt agreed to eliminate their processing fee of \$60 if we can keep the contamination levels down below the threshold of 10%. However, our recyclables are comingled with the Town of Aberdeen's so they would be required to manage their contamination as well. Mayor Pro Tem Bouldry asked is there is a good measure to know how close we are to meeting that threshold. Mr. Batton stated at the last audit, in January, Pinehurst was at 10% contamination and Aberdeen was around 20%. These numbers are considerably lower than the levels in December.

Councilmember Drum asked if the Village has ever looked at going outside the County for solid waste like Southern Pines. Mr. Batton stated they run the numbers at the end of every fiscal year and they are consistently lower than a private contractor.

2. Discuss Status of Updates to the Historic District Guidelines.

Natalie Hawkins, Assistant Village Manager explained that on February 28, 2019, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) passed a motion to forward the recommended Village of Pinehurst Historic District Guidelines to the Village Council for their

consideration. Ms. Hawkins stated that Molly Gwinn, Chair of the HPC, plans to be available to discuss the revised Guidelines with Council at their first meeting April and also discuss the process for approval. Mayor Nancy Fiorillo asked for a list of major changes for the next meeting. Council came to a co-census that they will have a joint work session with the HPC on April 9th to discuss the draft guidelines.

3. Discussion on NCDOT Highway 5 Improvements.

Natalie Hawkins, Assistant Village Manager, stated she members of staff and the Council attended the NCDOT meeting in Aberdeen. The take way that indicated that they are looking for some formal feedback for the transportation consultants. Pedestrian facilities are not included in this project, however they could be included on a 30% cost shared basis. Staff ran the numbers on the cost of a 5 ft. sidewalk from Blake St. to Dawkins, and the cost would be around \$25,000 to 30,000 for the Village's share. The numbers were ran to install the sidewalk from Trotter to Montecillo would be around \$55,000 to \$60,000. Council came to a co-census that they would like to engage the NCDOT on cost sharing for a sidewalk in the proposed highway improvements.

Ms. Hawkins explained the second item for Council to discuss is whether to upgrade the traffic lights, within this project area, to the green decorative arm posts. One new stop light will be added at the intersection of Linden Road and Highway 5. Ms. Hawkins stated since this traffic light will be a new light, NCDOT will pay a large portion of the cost, Pinehurst would just be responsible for the upgrade. Council came to a con-census to ask the NCDOT for an estimate to upgrade the new traffic light at Linden and the existing light at Blake Road.

4. Update on Comprehensive Long Range Plan.

Natalie Hawkins, Assistant Manager, explained that after the February 26th Council meeting, she followed up again with our consultants, Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative, to determine additional costs associated with an expanded scenario planning process and modifying the process to allow public input on all of the alternative scenarios, as the consultants have refined the choice areas and have identified 15 scenarios.

Ms. Hawkins explained that a few weeks ago, staff proposed the consultants include all of the scenarios in the draft plan and change the agreed upon process under the terms of our contract to reflect this. The consultants have had an opportunity to confirm the costs associated with this change, which are significant. Staff proposed the following process as a way to ensure the community is able to provide their input on the alternative scenario planning choices and that the presentation at the Open House is truly a draft plan:

The consultants prepare a draft plan that includes and describes the impacts of ALL the scenarios contemplated. Staff would review the plan before the Open House for scrivener errors only. The community would provide their input on the draft plan and indicate their preferred scenarios. The consultants would incorporate public input and prepare a revised draft plan for the P&Z Board and Village Council to consider. The P&Z Board and Council would provide their input and our consultants would prepare a final plan for Council adoption.

Ms. Hawkins stated that she previously indicated that she did not think the process change described above would cost more than the \$18,000 quoted for additional public input sessions. However, after hearing from our consultants and reviewing the detailed estimate of fully preparing 15 scenarios instead of the 3 we contracted for, the estimated cost of this change would be approximately \$35,000. The unit cost per scenario is roughly \$2,900 and includes everything from initial concept to full layout in the draft document for the proposed Open House. This is a proposed format for sharing with the community that may help articulate the scenario planning concept and the effort involved.

Ms. Hawkins also stated she also received an estimate to hold a two-day Open House where our consultants seek feedback on the 15 scenarios (versus the contracted single presentation) and that cost is approximately \$8,500. When combined with the proposed additional cost of \$20,000 for more illustrations, which Council approved at the February 26th meeting, we would need a change order of \$63,500 to proceed with the previously discussed process changes. Staff believes these funds can be absorbed within the existing Planning Department budget given lapsed salaries and contingency and the Village Manager could reallocate the existing department budget to cover the incremental cost.

Ms. Hawkins explained ways to potentially reduce some of this cost could include eliminating some choice areas, eliminating scenarios evaluated, or reducing the additional amount allocated for illustrations. Alternatively, we could proceed as initially planned and allow staff and the consultants to evaluate and recommend preferred scenarios for inclusion in the draft plan based on all of the input received thus far and their professional expertise.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Farrell, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously approved to authorize the Mayor or her designee to amend the Long Range Comprehensive Plan contract with Town Planning & Urban Design Collaborative in an amount not to exceed \$63,500 by a vote of 5-0.

5. Work Session Business

No additional work session business was discussed.

6. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bouldry, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session by a vote of 5-0 at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Dunn,
Village Clerk

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