



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF MARCH 9, 2021
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING

The Pinehurst Village Council held a work session at 7:16 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina and via the electronic meeting platform ZOOM. The meeting was streamed in real time on the Village's website.

The follow were in remote attendance:

Ms. Judy Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey Sanborn, Village Manager
Mr. Mike Newman, Village Attorney

The following were in attendance in Assembly Hall:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor
Ms. Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

And approximately 3 attendees, including 3 staff and 0 press.

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Discuss Local Bill Request.

Mayor Strickland explained that on February 23rd, some received a letter from Senator McGinnis's office indicating submission of local bills for state senate was due to be in place by February 25th. We chose not to do anything about that deadline because we had a meeting prearranged with Representative Boles. At that meeting we did talk about some local bills ideas. We were made aware that the House had a deadline is different so we decided upon that route. We were told by a representative of Boles office, if you submit a placeholder to the senate, it provides some time to work on the bill language. If you submit to the house you have to supply more information unlike the Senate procedure. Jeff and I met and discussed some of the issues we wanted to put in the bill. Judy read through it and supplied some comments. Deadline to submit is March 25th for a rough draft to Jamie Boles office. We have access to a bill writing group which exists in State government who writes the bill to specific terms. We want to look at the commentary between what we currently have and add some input and submit it this week to have time to get it to those who will put it into the correct wording. There is an element to supporting the states commitment to the USGA and the benefit it will bring to the state of NC. Things we might do here will help support this from a local standpoint. Hope is to submit a placeholder bill. Let's reflect over the next couple of days to look over it. Village Attorney Mike Newman stated he had not further details to add.

Councilmember Boesch asked if the conversations with Senator McGinnis and Representative Boles led to what our local delegates might be willing to give us. Mayor Strickland stated that something around transportation might take place, but nothing concrete at the moment. Jeff suggests sending to a local bill writer and see what we come up with around language and might actually be presentable and approvable. Mayor Strickland said it will likely not come about this year, but hopefully will in a year from now. Mayor Pro Tem Judy stated that transportation upgrades on 5 would be beneficial and definitely in alignment with

Pinehurst needs with the USGA coming. Councilmember Drum said basically everything we have planned to do, we just do it. Maybe just work as a state to accelerate it. With the growth in the State of NC, and the likelihood of future big events, this just seems like a natural step. We need to be successful.

Councilmember Boesch stated we have never had so many major golf events and it is best to ask for help now before it is too late. Councilmember Drum said if our state delegation was involved it would be easier to get USGA impacts projects done. If we were working on that together we would be more successful instead of just looking for money. They do want us to be successful and a mutual agreement would be helpful. We want to be the best Stewarts and make sure everything we do is for the benefit of our community. Mayor Strickland said Councilmember Hogeman had an idea of a preamble. She explained that we are doing the work in the village in the context of making things better on the regional front and so it starts with the Village.

Councilmember Drum stated we must show that this is bigger than us! Village Manager Sanborn said there is more at stake with our traffic because USGA has come with this commitment for an anchor site and we want this to be a long term commitment after the 5 hosted US opens. Councilmember Drum said his is different than just the singular US opens we have held in the past. Our traffic patterns are different now and the expectations are higher for us as "the home of American Golf".

Mayor Strickland stated that he would share some information of some local bill examples with the rest of council some information he received from Representative Bole's office. So we will reflect on this and Jeff and I will get back with you in a few days with some more ideas and direction.

3. Other Work Session Business.

- Mayor Strickland stated that in 2022 it is Olmstead Villages 200th and Donald Ross's 150th Celebrations. Councilmember Boesch and Mayor Strickland had a conversation with Paul Dunn and wanted the council to be aware of these. Councilmember Boesch and Mayor Strickland had a talk with the NPS Consulting Study consultant as well. Councilmember Boesch said she just wanted to note that the Olmstead Committee kept pointing out that beauty was something really pushed. This really tied in with the National Park Service and we really need to see how we can use the consultant on some potential projects we have going on in the village. Mayor Strickland said we might want to work with Tufts archives to see if there was anything discussed with the Olmstead. We need to be mindful to work with the National Park Service and the Olmstead Society.
- Village Manager Sanborn reports that data DHHS site shows the same as October really and we were doing in person meetings then. Staff has had first shot and by the time the next meeting we will have the 2nd shot. So it should be okay the to begin meeting in-person at our 1st Meeting of April subject to any unforeseen problems
- Mayor Strickland said we will continue to work on the Occupancy Tax and he said he spoke with Rodney Ferrell and Aberdeen agrees that it needs increased by 3% and he says move forward and made it clear they do want a part of the monies and this is the same for Southern Pines. Mayor Strickland said he will talk further with Councilmember Hogeman on her views.

4. Potential Future Agenda Items.

- Councilmember Hogeman said she would like us to add Focus Area 5 to our future agenda discussions.
- Mayor Strickland said we will continue to work on the local bills

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

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved to recess the work session and enter into a closed session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(5)(i) 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 (i) 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.

6. Closed Session.

Council held a closed session to discuss the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

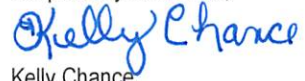
7. Motion to adjourn the Closed Session and Re-enter the Work Session.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously to adjourn the closed session and re-enter the work session, by a vote of 5-0.

8. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the work session, by a vote 5-0, at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Chance,
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