

**MINUTES OF
VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MARCH 3, 2015**

**395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 P.M.**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 in the Council Conference Room of the Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Mr. Clark H. Campbell, Councilmember
Mr. John R. Cashion, Mayor Pro-Tem
Ms. Claire L. Phillips, Councilmember
Mr. John C. Strickland, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey H. Batton, Interim Village Manager
Ms. Lauren M. Craig, Village Clerk

Excused absence: Ms. Nancy Roy Fiorillo, Mayor

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

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pro Tem John Cashion called the meeting to order.

2. Village Council's work session discussion.

Council held a discussion on the following items:

- Discussion on Fence Waivers:
 - Interim Manager, Jeff Batton, introduced the discussion to obtain direction from the Village Council on fence waiver regulations included in the Pinehurst Development Ordinance (PDO). Kevin Reed, Director of Planning and Inspections, explained the options for Council to consider. Upon discussion, the Village Council supported changing the regulations in the PDO as they were prior to the rewrite and to keep height and location issues for fences with the Planning and Zoning board. Staff noted in order to make this change, an ordinance amending the PDO will be drafted and placed on a Planning and Zoning board agenda followed by an upcoming Village Council agenda.
- 300 Feet Sewer Tie-on Requirement:
 - Interim Manager, Jeff Batton, introduced the discussion item regarding the way sewer tie on requirements are measured. Councilmember Campbell noted the need to change the measurement of "as the crow flies" due to unreasonable uses. Kevin Reed, Director of Planning and Inspections, shared his research and history from the plumbing code for where this originated. Council held a discussion about this and requested that staff to draft an option(s) to define a recommended distance and to make the measurement via the right-of-way and bringing it back to Council.
- Hwy 5 Intersection Improvements at Barrett/McCaskill Roads and at McKenzie Road:
 - Interim Manager, Jeff Batton, shared a handout regarding the improvements to the Highway 5 intersections noting the preliminary cost estimates and the concept drawing. Mr. Batton recommended if Council decides to proceed with any of these improvements, it can be done in the FY 2016 budget using a portion of Powell Bill funds. The suggested improvements for McKenzie Road at Highway 5 included designating a right-in, right-out only island configuration on both the east and west side estimated between \$60,000-70,000 depending on the materials. Barrett and McCaskill intersection modifications include establishing cul-de-sacs and realigning the intersection estimated at approximately \$76,000. Several audience members, who are residents of McKenzie Road, spoke in favor of this project for their road. Council held a discussion about the concepts and determined to start the project in phases with the McKenzie Road project

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improvements first while keeping phase 2 for McCaskill Road and Barrett Road improvements in the budget. Audience member Jeanne Casinella noted the need Pinehurst to study traffic throughout the Village.

- Village Hall Parking Lot:
 - Interim Manager, Jeff Batton, shared an updated concept plan from McGill Associates for the Village-owned land across the street from Village Hall to create additional parking spaces. McGill Associates suggested paving the parking entrance ramp area due to the slope, creating 16 additional parking spaces. The parking surface could be gravel or asphalt. Council held a discussion about this proposal and it was noted that the landscaping proposal by the CAC was on hold until the decision was made with this parking plan. Mr. Batton noted this would be a budget item requested in FY 2016 if Council determines to pursue this project. Council indicated it would like the item to be in the budget if possible, as a gravel surface.
- Splash Pad:
 - Council inquired about the splash pad project and staff confirmed this was in the CIP for \$280,000. Council determined to continue with this plan for now and discussed the possibility to defer payment in escrow for the library for one year or to spread out the payment over three years to use it towards the splash pad next year or other capital needs. Council decided to leave the \$300,000 escrow payment in the FY 2016 budget but would keep spreading the payments out as an option based on funding needs for Village projects. Staff determined to look into these options further.
- Forum on Property Owner Rights:
 - Councilmember Phillips suggested holding a forum on what private property owners' rights are, how the state views this, and have legal professionals there to give a perspective. Jeff Batton noted he shared this idea with Melissa Swarbrick from the Pinehurst Civic Group but noted they have held a similar discussion in the past and would not want to duplicate this. Council suggested that the Village host this instead.
- St. Andrews Pool/Bretton Woods Pool:
 - Interim Manager, Jeff Batton, updated the group on a discussion held with Pinehurst LLC about the Bretton Woods pool and the St. Andrews pool. Mr. Batton explained that staff is pulling together operating costs regarding the St. Andrews pool to determine what it would take to get this property up to standards as a government owned pool before asking Council to make a decision. The Bretton Woods pool was determined as undesirable due to access being by private road.
- Village Acres Lights:
 - Council inquired about an update on the lights provided in Village Acres and Mr. Batton noted that Bill Keith had not heard any other feedback recently.
- Stage Report:
 - Interim Manager, Jeff Batton, explained that Councilmember Phillips, Mayor Fiorillo, Mark Wagner, and Ashley Hunt worked on a budget item to consider the purchase of a mobile stage for FY 2016. Council briefly discussed the type of stage that is being recommended.
- Village Acres "Old Pool" Site:
 - Councilmember Phillips suggested that a park could be added in Village Acres on the open lot that previously a pool owned by Pinehurst LLC. Mr. Batton shared that staff has reached out to Pinehurst Resort leadership to discuss this further but did not hear back before the meeting.
- Interim Manager, Jeff Batton, noted that staff is working on details for another discussion regarding ongoing fixed costs vs. discretionary expenses and plan to have this ready by March 10.
- Juniper Lake Road Property:
 - Councilmember Campbell shared information on the property owned by the Village of Pinehurst on Juniper Lake Road noting the going rate is approximately \$10,000 per acre and believes the Village should market the property for sale. Councilmember Cashion

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asked if there is any need to use this lot for a future fire station site and staff agreed to look into this further. Councilmember Campbell noted the ability for the Village to sell the Juniper Lake Road property and use the funds to enhance the area around Village Place for future possibilities.

- Parks and Recreation Budget Amendment
 - Interim Manager, Jeff Batton, explained the need to repair the leaks in the Fair Barn skylights and noted this would need a budget amendment. Upon a motion by Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, Council unanimously approved Ordinance 15-04 amending the budget of the Village of Pinhurst to repair skylights at the Fair Barn by a vote of 4-0. (A copy of the ordinance can be found in the Ordinance Book.)

3. Motion to Adjourn.

Councilmember Campbell moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Phillips and carried unanimously. The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren M. Craig
Village Clerk