

**MINUTES OF
VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

**395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
ASSEMBLY HALL
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 P.M.**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Ms. Nancy Roy Fiorillo, Mayor
Ms. Claire L. Berggren, Councilmember
Mr. John Bouldry, Councilmember
Mr. John R. Cashion, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Lauren M. Craig, Village Clerk

Excused absence: Mr. Clark H. Campbell, Councilmember

And approximately 30 attendees, including 6 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Nancy Roy Fiorillo called the meeting to order.

2. Presentation by Bob Klug and Gene Maples on the Midland Road Corridor Study.

Council welcomed Gene Maples, a resident of Southern Pines ETJ, to give a presentation on alternative options to the Midland Road Corridor Study. Mr. Maples explained he and his group are trying to help people think as creatively as possible regarding the proposed Midland Road corridor plan. Mr. Maples suggested looking at the solutions in phases and to consider things such as lowering the speed limit along Midland Road which would not cost anything out of pocket beyond street signs. Mr. Maples gave a presentation, using Google Earth, to show the entire corridor from Southern Pines to Pinehurst and explained where his committee is proposing alternatives from the original corridor plan.

Audience member Rick Finnin a member and resident of Pinehurst No. 9 explained he generally agrees with the concept regarding this being an iconic road and he would be in favor of a traffic light at Carolina Eye Clinic. He explained he is a cyclist and travels Midland Road on his bike and he suggested widening the sides of the roads along Midland Road.

Audience member Jason Kaufman noted he appreciates the work that Gene Maples did on this. He noted he is working on the Western Connector proposal and it has a lack of creativity. He said citizens are having to do a lot of the alternative studies.

Audience member Jim Kennedy explained he served on the committee with Gene and bought property in this area in the mid-90s. He professionally studied highways and Midland Road caught his eye when they first came to this area.

Audience member Kimberly Daniels Taws explained there are a lot of people who care about this area and she appreciates Council going tree by tree and preserving the look.

Audience member Cindy Lang of Midland County Club explained getting out of her neighborhood onto Midland Road is difficult and there has been a fatality at their entrance. She suggested getting the speed limit lowered on Midland Road and take down just 5-6 trees for better visuals at the entrance to Midland Country Club.

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Audience member Laurie Wiles explained in the 6 year period between 2010 and 2015 there were 157 crashes on Midland Road and less than half resulted in injuries. 33 trees were struck in the 6 year period and there was one fatality. She explained a similar issue that occurred in New Jersey that was not solved correctly due to trees being a natural way to stop accidents by slowing people down. She said taking down trees is not the answer and suggested installing street lamps.

Councilmember Bouldry thanked Gene Maples for his presentation and asked about the next steps. Mr. Maples suggested for the Council to come up with a priority list while the Southern Pines Town Council also does the same before discussing with NC DOT.

Audience member Bob Klug explained this study was started because Gene Maples had angst with NC DOT regarding the Walker Station intersection. Mr. Klug suggested slowing the process and the speed and see what happens in a few years.

Audience member Rick Finnin asked if a special designation of this road would do anything for the NC DOT. Councilmember Berggren said Midland Road is marketed as the "Fifth Avenue of Golf" and she will do anything to keep this in tact with integrity. Ms. Berggren gave her perspective on the accidents and thinks the phased approach, reducing the speed limit and lighting are good ideas and the clearance of 500 feet should be negotiable.

Councilmember Cashion said any turns onto Midland should be right turns only because it will give the best line of sight.

Audience member Molly Rowell suggested making Midland Road a special designated historic district.

Audience member Judy Davis said in Virginia they had byways which were historic roads and she suggested looking into this as an opportunity.

3. Discussion on downtown parking in the Village of Pinehurst.

Village Manager Jeff Sanborn explained Council and staff have received complaints about downtown parking and have been looking into options to address this. Mr. Sanborn shared information gathered by the Police Department regarding available parking spaces in each of the designated parking areas over a period of time to give data to the situation. Mr. Sanborn noted the Village turned away from the two hour parking approach a few years ago and gave data regarding citations written from 2004-2007 and fees collected. He explained staff has considered examining options with Citizens on Patrol but we are limited on staff capacity. Mr. Sanborn also explained a solution called The Barnacle which can be affixed to a windshield and helps collect payment more effectively. Another suggestion is to increase the number of handicap designated spaces. Assistant Village Manager Natalie Hawkins explained how the "Put the Customer First" program was implemented and communicated as a voluntary program. Council determined for Councilmember Berggren to talk to the Pinehurst Business Partners.

Audience member Bob Barmore said you cannot rely on the business owners to self-police and he has been championing something to be done. He said the parking is a big issue for customers and we need to do something for the people who don't park in the appropriate locations.

4. Presentation of Quarterly Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016

John Frye, Financial Services Director, presented the financial statements for the six months ended December 31, 2016 for the Village of Pinehurst. Mr. Frye noted the Village remains in a very good financial position through the first half of the fiscal year and revenues exceeded expenditures by a larger margin than anticipated. Operating expenses are below the expected levels and revenue outlook is on target which will position the Village well to carry out objectives for the FY 2017 Strategic Operating Plan. Mr. Frye covered details in revenues, expenditures, and the general financial outlook for the Village of Pinehurst.

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5. Presentation of Mid-Year Financial Projections and Budget Amendment

John Frye, Financial Services Director, presented the projected year-end financial results for FY 2017. Mr. Frye estimated the Village's revenues will exceed its expenditures at year-end by approximately \$100,000 which is in line with the estimates when the budget was adopted. He also projected that the fund balance will increase to \$9,444,000 by the close of this fiscal year which will leave the ending fund balance for the General Fund at 49.6% of expenditures. Mr. Frye also explained the reasons for Council to consider a mid-year budget adjustment and the details that the ordinance includes. Upon a motion by Councilmember Berggren, seconded by Councilmember Cashion, Council unanimously approved Ordinance 17-01 amending the budget for the Village of Pinehurst by a vote of 4-0.

6. Village Council's work session discussion.

- a. Council determined to discuss the Key Partners and Collaborators list at a later date.

7. Review the preliminary list of items for the 2/28 Regular Meeting agenda.

Village Manager Jeff Sanborn submitted the following list of items for the February 28 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Bouldry explained his excused absence from the meeting on February 28.

1. Presentation of resolution honoring Joel Shriberg for his service on the BOA and P&Z.
2. Present resolution honoring Richard Ashton for his service on the Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Board.
3. Consent Agenda: Approval of Draft Village Council Meeting Minutes
4. Consent Agenda: Public Safety Reports
5. Consent Agenda: Budget Amendment to Reclassify Capital Items as Operating
6. Consider awarding the contract for the greenway extension.
7. Consider awarding the annual audit contract for Fiscal Year 2017.
8. Discuss proposed updates to Finance policies for the Village of Pinehurst.

8. Motion to Adjourn.

Councilmember Cashion moved to adjourn the Work Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bouldry and carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lauren M. Craig
Village Clerk