



**Village Council
Minutes for the Work Session of December 10, 2024
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
04:30 p.m.**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 05:14 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2024, in the Assembly Hall of Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The following were in attendance in Assembly Hall:

Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor
Ms. Barb Ficklin, Councilmember
Mr. John Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Jack Farrell, Councilmember
Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager
Mr. Mike Newman, Village Attorney
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk
Mr. Josh Dockery, IT Specialist

And approximately 2 attendees in addition to 3 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council Work Session to order at 05:24 p.m.

2. General Business.

A. Review and Approval of the 2025 Key Partners and Collaborators Assignments

Council agreed to amend the 2025 Key Partners and Collaborators Assignments to show Councilmember Farrell as an additional representative for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Mr. Willardson stated “Historic District” would be added to the “What We Collaborate On” section of the National Park Service “Collaborators” line and Councilmember Farrell asked that Landmark Status be added to the National Park Service “Collaborators” line making it National Park Service (NPS) / Landmark Status (NLS). Council agreed to include these changes in future Key Partners and Collaborators Assignments documents.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Ficklin, Council unanimously approved the amended 2025 Key Partners and Collaborators assignments by a vote of 4-0.

B. Review Summary of Decisions from the FY26 Council Retreat

Mr. Willardson reviewed a Retreat Decision Summary Table outlining the decisions made for each Goal and Strategic Objective covered at the December 03, 2024, Special Meeting – Strategic Planning Retreat and gathered additional feedback from Council.

C. FY 2026 SOP Draft Five-Year Forecast Discussion

Ms. Dana Van Nostrand, Financial Services Director, reviewed a memo on the FY 2026 SOP Draft Five-Year Forecast; a Five-Year Income and Expense Projections Summary of Revenues and Expenditures FY 2026-2030; a Fire Station Cost Analysis; and a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Methodology, FY 2026-2030 Summary, and Major Capital Needs.

Council agreed to move Other Business to after the Closed Session.

3. Closed Session

A. Closed Session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3): NC Citizens v Village of Pinehurst

NC Citizens v Village of Pinehurst: The Village Council will hold a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Ficklin, Council unanimously approved to recess the Work Session and enter the Closed Session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged, by a vote of 4-0 at 06:34 p.m. The parties to the lawsuit being discussed are NC Citizens and the Village of Pinehurst.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Ficklin, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session by a vote of 4-0 at 07:40 p.m.

4. Other Business.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor asked Council to consider a potential parking solution for Downtown that would entail building a subterranean parking structure below the Village Green lot.

5. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Ficklin, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session by a vote of 4-0 at 07:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou

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