



**Village Council
Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2025
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
4:30 p.m.**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Regular Meeting at 04:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 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
Dr. Jeff Morgan, Councilmember
Ms. Barb Ficklin, Councilmember
Mr. John Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Jack Farrell, Councilmember
Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk
Mr. Paul Conners, IT Systems Specialist

And approximately 18 members of the audience in attendance, in addition to 6 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council meeting to order at 04:31 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Invocation by Ms. Katie Hoerster, Associate Pastor for the Pinehurst United Methodist Church

Mayor Pizzella announced that the Applicant for Public Hearing No. 1 for an Official Zoning Map Amendment (agenda item 6.A.) has withdrawn their application from consideration and Public Hearing No. 1 is cancelled.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pizzella, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, and upon the request of the Applicant to withdraw consideration of the proposed Official Pinehurst Zoning Map amendment as it pertains to the rezoning of approximately 0.7 acres located at the intersection of Kelly Road and McIntyre Road consisting of Moore County Parcel ID # 00018470, Council unanimously approved to remove "Public Hearing No. 1 for an Official Zoning Map Amendment" from the January 28, 2025, Council Regular Meeting agenda by a vote of 5-0.

3. Reports:

Village Manager

- Mr. Doug Willardson reported on the February 01, 2025, Kid's Saturday event at Given Memorial Library; the registration for the Spring programs with Parks & Recreations

being open; the Neighborhood Advisory Committee recruiting for new representatives to fill vacancies; and Wednesday, January 29, 2025, being the last day Solid Waste will pick up live Christmas trees.

Village Council

- Mayor Pizzella reported on the January 28, 2025, tour of the FirstHealth Central Energy Plant facility; the January 27, 2025 Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting; the January 28, 2025, Tri-Cities meeting in Aberdeen; Moore County Commissioner Tom Adam's recent comments in The Pilot regarding State legislation; the January 22, 2025, Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization Regular Meeting; and recent comments on NextDoor praising the Village's inclement weather notifications.
- Councilmember Morgan reported on the January 22, 2025, Central Pines Regional Council meeting and on the January 28, 2025, Friend to Friend luncheon at the Fair Barn.
- Mayor Pro Tem Taylor reported on the January 08, 2025, Technical Coordinating Committee Regular Meeting; the recent design change meeting for Moore County Airport (second of three); the January 27, 2025, Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting; and the January 28, 2025, tour of the FirstHealth Central Energy Plant facility.
- Councilmember Ficklin reported on the January 28, 2025, tour of the FirstHealth Central Energy Plant facility and on the "Living in Deer Country" section of the vopnc.org "Hot Topics" page.
- Councilmember Farrell reported on the January 21, 2025, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting; the January 27, 2025, Neighborhood Advisory Committee meeting; and on the January 28, 2025, tour of the FirstHealth Central Energy Plant facility.

Mr. Willardson, also, stated the Village is aware of the issues with the traffic signal at the intersection of Spring Lake Rd. and HWY 15-501 and NCDOT is looking into this issue along with other traffic signal issues along HWY 15-501.

4. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

All items listed below are considered routine or have been discussed at length in previous meetings and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held unless requested by a member of the Village Council.

A. Approval of Village Council Meeting Minutes

- January 14, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes
- January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
- January 14, 2025, Work Session Minutes

End of Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor verified with Mayor Pizzella that he should refrain from voting on approval of the past meeting minutes due to being absent from the meetings in question.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Farrell, seconded by Councilmember Ficklin, Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda by a vote of 5-0 (automatic "yes" vote for Mayor Pro Tem Taylor due to an unexcused absence from voting).

5. Public Comments.

Mr. Lew Maurer, Juniper Creek Blvd. resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian path for the Pinehurst No. 6 neighborhood.

Ms. Valerie Mead, Kelly Rd. resident, spoke in favor of the withdrawal of Public Hearing No. 1 for the proposed Official Zoning Map Amendment.

Mayor Pizzella expressed the need for thoughtful review of proposed developments and detailed consideration of the impact developments may have on a neighborhood, and verified with Mr. Alex Cameron, Planning & Inspections Director, what options the Applicant for Public Hearing No. 1 would have for development of the property now that the proposal for an Official Zoning Map amendment has been withdrawn.

6. Public Hearing.

A. Public Hearing No. 1 for an Official Zoning Map Amendment

Removed from the January 28, 2025, Regular Meeting agenda by a previous motion.

7. Ordinance.

A. Consider Ordinance 25-01 Zoning Map Amendment (Kelly & McIntyre Rd.)

Mayor Pizzella stated consideration of Ordinance 25-01 was no longer necessary due to the removal of Public Hearing No. 1 from the January 28, 2025, Regular Meeting agenda.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, Council unanimously approved to recess the Regular Meeting and enter into Public Hearing No. 2 by a vote of 5-0.

8. Public Hearing.

A. Public Hearing No. 2 for a Major Site Plan Review

Mr. Alex Cameron, Planning & Inspections Director, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the Major Site Plan Review for the demolition of an existing specialty building to be replaced with an additional 201 parking spaces to the FirstHealth Hospital campus.

Council discussed the decision on the proposed Major Site Plan being a legislative decision aimed at providing more public transparency for these types of projects.

Mr. Tom Reoch, Administrative Director of FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc., iterated the fact that additional parking is critical to the functioning of the FirstHealth Hospital campus and the additional spaces will primarily be used by employees of the hospital, which will allow for more patient and visitor parking closer to the hospital entrances.

Mayor Pizzella asked anyone wishing to speak on the matter being considered during Public Hearing No. 2 to come forward. No one came forward.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Councilmember Farrell, Council unanimously approved to adjourn Public Hearing No. 2 and re-enter the Regular Meeting by a vote of 5-0.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Council unanimously approved the proposed Major Site Plan for FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc. located at 155 Memorial Drive, Moore County PID# 00023475 by a vote of 5-0.

9. Regular Business.

A. FY 2025 Bi-Annual Public Safety Reports

1. FY 2025 Bi-Annual Fire Report

Fire Chief Derrick Clouston reviewed a PDF of the FY 2025 Bi-Annual Fire Report and discussed the percentage of false calls / alarms, the decline in the Plan Reviews /

Compliance / Consultations number, the busiest day of the week changing to Thursday, immediate needs the Fire Department has to improve safety for both the public and staff, staffing strategies used during multiple or difficult calls, and equipment “useable life” terms / replacement schedules with Council.

2. FY 2025 Bi-Annual Police Report

Mr. Willardson stated the FY 2025 Bi-Annual Police Report will be moved to the February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting due to Police Chief Webb being ill.

10. Other Business.

Mayor Pizzella asked for an update on the addition of a female resident member to the Focus Group for the Pinehurst Development Ordinance update. Mr. Willardson stated he and Mr. Cameron were still trying to determine who would be a good addition to the Focus Group and asked Council to provide recommendations as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor stated Public Hearing No. 1 illuminated the need for current and future Councilmembers to acknowledge the difficulty they face when making decisions involving the scale of proposed developments while relying on 2D renderings and plans.

Councilmember Farrell reminded everyone that the February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting coincides with the birthday of Mr. James Walker Tufts, founder of the Village of Pinehurst, who was born on February 11, 1835, and asked that the Village recognize Mr. Tufts on his birthday. Mr. Willardson stated Village staff would work on organizing recognition for Mr. Tufts.

11. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Farrell, seconded by Councilmember Ficklin, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 5-0 at 05:47 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