



**Village Council**  
**Minutes for the Work Session of January 13, 2026**  
**Assembly Hall**  
**395 Magnolia Road**  
**Pinehurst, North Carolina**  
**04:30 p.m.**

The Village of Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 08:22 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in the Assembly Hall of Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

The following were present:

Mr. Patrick Pizzella, Mayor  
Mr. John Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ms. Barb Ficklin, Councilmember  
Mr. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Councilmember  
Mr. Jeremy Hooper, Councilmember

Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager  
Mr. Carlton Cole, Assistant Village Manager  
Mr. Dan Hartzog, Village Attorney  
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk  
Mr. Paul Conners, IT Systems Specialist

And approximately 1 member of the audience in attendance, in addition to 0 staff and 1 press. There were approximately 17 remote views.

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council Work Session to order at 08:26 p.m.

**2. General Business.**

**A. Review the Village's Recognition and Public Facility Naming Policy**

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a memo on the request from the Donald Ross Society to name a room within the renovated Tufts Archives the "Donald Ross Research Room".

Council deliberated the request and determined more concrete plans for the Tufts Archives renovations were needed before agreeing to the request. Council asked Mr. Willardson to research possible fundraising levels for naming rights within the Archives and to reach out to the Donald Ross Society to help foster a closer relationship between the Village and the Society.

**B. Correspondence with the Moore County Board of Commissioners Regarding Municipal Input in the Land Use Plan**

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a memo outlining the purpose behind the Village drafting a letter to the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Council agreed to have Mr. Willardson finalize the letter for Mayor Pizzella's signature and to have the letter shared with the mayors of other Moore County municipalities.

**C. Review Draft Growth Strategy Policy**

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a memo outlining the purpose behind the proposal for a draft Growth Strategy Policy.

Council deliberated minor revisions to the language of the draft policy and agreed to have Mr. Willardson present a revised draft to Council for consideration at the January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting.

**D. Review Draft Senior Advisory Committee Policy and Consider Establishment of a Senior Advisory Committee**

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a memo outlining the purpose behind the proposal for the establishment of a Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) and turned discussion over to Councilmember Fitzpatrick. Councilmember Fitzpatrick reviewed a Senior Advisory Committee: Initial Goals, Methods, and Objectives memo.

Council deliberated minor revisions to the language of the draft policy and roles / function of Village staff in supporting the proposed SAC. Council agreed to have Mr. Willardson present a revised draft to Council for further consideration at the January 27, 2026, Work Session.

**E. Discussion of Capital Projects Under Consideration**

Council and Mr. Willardson discussed potential capital projects to be reviewed and possible prioritization processes to be used during project reviews at the January 21, 2026, FY 2027 Strategic Operating Plan Retreat.

**F. Future Options for the Welcome Center**

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a memo outlining the background of the proposal to shift operation of the Welcome Center from the Theater Building to The Outpost until the renovation of the Archives is completed and the Welcome Center is relocated to this location.

Council and Mr. Willardson deliberated the potential pros and cons of the relocation. Council agreed to have Mr. Willardson gather more details on the set up of the Welcome Center materials and staffing within The Outpost should a relocation occur and to consider the relocation at a future meeting.

**3. Closed Session.**

**A. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(5)**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Hooper, Council unanimously approved to recess the Work Session and enter the Closed Session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(5) 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; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract by a vote of 5-0 at 09:18 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Ficklin, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session by a vote of 5-0 at 09:56 p.m.

**4. Motion to Adjourn.**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Ficklin, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session by a vote of 5-0 at 09:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou  
Village Clerk

*A recording of this meeting is located on the Village website: [www.vopnc.org](http://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*