



**Village Council**  
**Minutes for the Work Session of January 27, 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 06:22 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, 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  
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk  
Mr. Paul Conners, IT Systems Specialist

And approximately 2 members of the audience in attendance, in addition to 2 staff and 1 press. There were approximately 8 remote views.

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council Work Session to order at 06:31 p.m.

**2. General Business.**

**A. Discussion of Next Steps for the Tufts Archives Renovation and Related Fundraising**

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a memo outlining the Project Context and Budget Framework, Archives Scope and Design Considerations, Funding and Fundraising Approach, and Discussion Purpose and Next Steps.

Council and Mr. Willardson discussed the fact that the renovation of the Archives includes making the building American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, the impact fundraising would have on the renovations and / or furnishing of the Archives, what rooms are potentials for naming rights, whether the National Park Service would be amenable to expanding the Archives, whether the cost of expanding the Archives is justified given the modest increase in usable square footage, the potential pitfalls that may be encountered during the renovation of an existing building compared to what may be encountered during the construction of a new building, and fleshing out what the interior spaces of the Archives will look like.

Council agreed to seek professional guidance from a real estate developer or architect regarding renovation options for the Archives and to have conversations with the Given Tufts Foundation regarding next steps for their involvement in the projects and fundraising events.

Council further agreed to have a list of what rooms are potentials for naming rights in the new Given Memorial Library compiled.

**B. Review Senior Advisory Committee Policy and Implementation Steps**

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a memo outlining the Summary of Proposed Policy Refinements, Rollout Framework, Attachments, and Recommendation.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick read a prepared statement on the intention behind the establishment and the function of the proposed Senior Advisory Committee (SAC).

Council and Mr. Willardson discussed whether Village staff has the knowledge to provide support to and meet the expectations of the SAC, potential amendments to the “Village Support to SAC Members” section, the role and function of SAC members in the rollout of the Committee, the meeting schedule potentially mimicking the Neighborhood Advisory Committee’s meeting schedule, researching more metrics and data on Village of Pinehurst residents, researching ways to direct residents to Senior related resources within the area or provide an inventory of programs, and what Senior related programs are offered by FirstHealth.

Council agreed to have Councilmember Fitzpatrick and Mr. Willardson conduct further research and make additional revisions to the proposed SAC Policy for consideration at a February 2026 meeting.

Mr. Willardson reminded everyone to attend the “Beyond the Liberty Tree” event on Friday, January 30, 2026, at 10 a.m. in Marshall Park.

Council discussed the importance of continuing to provide specific feedback to NCDOT on the Pinehurst Traffic Circle redesign project.

**3. Motion to Adjourn.**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Ficklin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session by a vote of 5-0 at 07:22 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*