



**Village Council
Minutes for the Work Session of March 24, 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 06:50 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 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. Jeramy Hooper, Councilmember

Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Bonecutter, 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 19 remote views.

Mr. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Councilmember, was absent.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council Work Session to order at 07:04 p.m.

2. General Business.

A. Celebration of 20 Years as a Tree City USA Community and Arbor Day 2026

Mr. Willardson reviewed a memo on the Village's upcoming celebration of 20 years as a Tree City USA Community noting a reception will be held before the April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting when the Mayor will proclaim Friday, April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day within the Village of Pinehurst and the Village's annual Arbor Day celebration will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

B. Update on IAPs

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a memo with updates on the Villages Individual Action Plans (IAPs) consisting of the Given Memorial Library Construction (Archives Component and Next Steps) and Village Place Redevelopment (Current Status and Next Steps).

Council discussed considering the formation of a Friends of the Library & Archives group at a future meeting, current and potential future development / redevelopment occurring in the Village Place area, current and potential future development / redevelopment occurring in the Pinehurst South and south of Blake Boulevard on Hwy 5 areas, and a stormwater management IAP slated for Fiscal Year 2027.

C. Update on Granicus and STR Monitoring

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a memo with updates on short-term rental regulations within the Village, which highlighted Enforcement Approach (Monitoring Rental

Activity, Discontinuation of Use, Occupancy Limits, Prohibited Cooking Facilities, and Minimum Housing Standards), Ongoing STR Management Efforts, and Summary.

Mayor Pro Tem noted that a resident provided the information that 28% of roundabouts have two travel lanes and that the community is interested in the fate of the Pinehurst Traffic Circle.

Council and Mr. Willardson discussed potential topics for future meetings, which included the regulation of unpermitted work within the Village, the Sandhills Women's Exchange, and the Community Survey draft.

3. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Hooper, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session by a vote of 4-0 at 07:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Bonecutter

Village Clerk

A recording 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