



Village Council
Minutes for the Work Session of July 14, 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 06:41 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 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. Jeramy Hooper, Councilmember

Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager
Mr. Carlton Cole, Assistant Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Bonecutter, Village Clerk
Mr. Paul Conners, IT Specialist

And approximately 2 members of the audience in attendance, in addition to 3 staff and 1 press. There were approximately 12 remote views.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council Work Session to order at 06:55 p.m.

2. General Business.

A. Engineering Standards and Specifications Manual Update

Mr. Mike Apke, Public Services & Engineering Director, and Mr. Alex Cameron, Planning & Inspections Director, reviewed and discussed an ESSM Project Update PowerPoint presentation highlighting Overview; Objectives; Table of Contents; Sections 1 – Preliminary Considerations and Instructions & 2 – General Provisions; Section 3 – Streets and Public Rights-of-Way; Sections 4 – Curb and Gutter, Driveways, Greenways, and Sidewalks & 6 – Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection; Section 5 – Stormwater Conveyance and Management; Appendices and Details; and Next Steps.

Council deliberated changing curb and gutter waiver requests from a Council level decision to a staff level decision and adding a “Payment In-Lieu of Improvements” provision to Section 3. Council agreed to the curb and gutter waiver change and not to add the in-lieu provision.

Council deliberated the costs versus benefits of becoming an NC Department of Environmental Quality local delegated program and adding additional requirements for stormwater management on infill lots. Council asked Mr. Willardson, Mr. Apke, and Mr. Cameron to further research options available to the Village for greater stormwater and erosion controls.

Council asked that a redline version be provided along with the final draft of the ESSM.

B. Foliage Protection Fence Draft PDO Update

Mr. Willardson and Mr. Cameron reviewed and discussed a memo on the proposed amendment to the Pinehurst Development Ordinance, which consists of adding Section 10.8 Plant Protection Devices.

Council deliberated adding a maximum square footage of protective fencing provision. It was determined that administering such a provision would be a heavy burden on Code Enforcement staff.

Council agreed to consider approval of the proposed amendment at a future meeting.

C. Beautification Grants Awarded by the Beautification Committee

Mr. Willardson reviewed and discussed a Beautification Committee Awarded Grant Projects PowerPoint highlighting Projects Completed (Pinehurst Elementary School, Courtney's Shoes, Market Street Awnings, and 100 Magnolia), Projects 50% Completed (Agora Building HVAC Screening), Projects Approved (Agora Building Alleyway, Adams Law Office, and Market Street Alleyway), Projects Requested (Coldwell Banker), New Applications (Window Replacement – Back of Building), and Potential Applications - In Development (Alley Near Drum & Quill and Walkway Between Outpost & Department Store).

Council verified the annual budget for Beautification Committee Grant projects is \$10,000 and agreed to consider an increase in the annual budget should the popularity of the program continue to grow.

D. Council Update on Meetings with NCDOT Regarding the Traffic Circle

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor and Councilmember Hooper provided an update on the July 01, 2026, meeting regarding the redesign of the Pinehurst Traffic Circle with representatives from NCDOT and a timeline for the proposed NCDOT redesign project, which includes a tentative start date of August 2031.

Council agreed to continue researching and gathering data on alternatives to the proposed NCDOT redesign.

Council and Mr. Willardson discussed the Village applying for the Moore County Tourism Development Authority's Tourism Enhancement and Area Marketing (T.E.A.M.) grant program. Mr. Willardson noted he is gathering ideas from Village staff.

3. 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 08:33 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