



Village Council
Minutes for the Work Session of February 25, 2025
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
04:30 p.m.

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 05:47 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 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
Mr. John Taylor, Mayor Pro Tem
Ms. Barb Ficklin, Councilmember
Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager
Ms. Shannon Konstantinou, Village Clerk
Mr. Paul Conners, IT Specialist

And approximately 6 members of the audience in attendance, in addition to 3 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council Work Session to order at 06:01 p.m.

2. General Business.

A. Discuss Draft Financial Policies – Debt and Donations

Ms. Dana Van Nostrand, Financial Services Director, reviewed a memo detailing the proposed debt and donations policies and purpose behind the Village adopting these policies.

Council and Ms. Van Nostrand discussed revisions to the proposed policies and agreed to consider final drafts of the policies for approval at a future meeting.

B. Discussion Regarding Focus Area Five and Potential Collaboration with Other Jurisdictions

Council agreed to move discussion of this item to March 2025 so Councilmember Farrell may participate in the discussion.

C. Review of the 2026-2035 NCDOT STIP

Mr. Willardson reviewed a memo detailing the 2026-2035 NCDOT STIP.

Council agreed to have Mr. Willardson submit a request to NCDOT to fund project R-5892: Modernization of Hwy 5 from Trotter Drive to NC 211 in Pinehurst as soon as possible and to proceed with construction after the 2029 U.S. Open as originally planned.

Mayor Pizzella further stated there is a Public Comment period for the 2026-2035 NCDOT STIP open online until April 04, 2025, with a drop-in period from February 24th to the 28th at the NCDOT office in Carthage.

D. Discussion Regarding Adding a Greenway Connection at 455 Adams Circle in Village Acres

Mr. Willardson reviewed a memo and map detailing the proposed Greenway connection at 455 Adams Circle (Village Acres), which is a Village owned lot.

Council agreed to have Mr. Willardson proceed with construction of the proposed Greenway connection at 455 Adams Circle in Village Acres.

E. Discussion of Potential Projects to Submit to the SMPO TCC for Carbon Reduction Program Funding

Mr. Willardson reviewed a memo detailing the Carbon Reduction Program (CPR), CPR funds available to the SMPO, and proposed Greenway connection project between the Village of Pinehurst and the Town of Southern Pines, which would run along Airport Rd.

Council agreed to have Mr. Willardson present the proposed Greenway connection project to the SMPO TCC for consideration.

3. Motion to Adjourn.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Work Session by a vote of 4-0 at 07:13 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