



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

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 07:37 p.m., Tuesday, March 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. Jack Farrell, 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 4 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Pizzella called the Village Council Work Session to order at 07:43 p.m.

2. General Business.

A. Report from the Beautification Committee

Ms. Cara Mathis, Beautification Committee Chair, thanked Village staff for their support and provided a brief report to Council on the Beautification Committee's role within the Village, the annual grants given to Village residents or businesses to beautify public spaces, the annual Christmas wreath hanging event and decorating contest, the annual Warren H. Manning award program, and the annual Downtown Planting Day event.

In addition to these ongoing events, the Beautification Committee collaborated with NCDOT to paint some of the lamp posts along HWY 5 and with Pinehurst Elementary to beautify the circle in front of the school; commissioned a Warren H. Manning plaque to be installed at Tufts Park and larger metal pinecone art pieces to be installed on the HWY 5 train trestle; is revising the planting pamphlet; and will participate in the April 2025 NCDOT litter sweep.

Ms. Mathis stated the Beautification Committee's recent member recruitment was successful and the Committee is now at capacity for membership.

Council thanked Ms. Mathis for the work the Beautification Committee does throughout the Village of Pinehurst.

B. Capital Planning Process Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor reviewed an Improving the Capital Projects Decision-Making Discussion presentation highlighting Improving Decision-Making, Projects for Consideration from FY25 SOP, Public Services Complex Relocation, and Downtown Parking Structure.

Council and Mr. Willardson agreed to have Mr. Willardson select one or two projects from the existing capital budgeting decision to explore using the process that Councilmember Taylor outlined.

C. Discuss Improving Resident Street Lighting Satisfaction

Mr. Willardson reviewed a memo detailing the results of the resident survey on residential street lighting satisfaction and proposed steps to be taken to improve resident satisfaction.

Council agreed to have Mr. Willardson pursue the proposed steps to be taken to improve resident satisfaction with residential street lighting, which will entail the installation of approximately 40 street lights in new locations throughout the Village.

D. Review of Village-owned Lots

Mr. Willardson reviewed a map and spreadsheet outlining the Village-owned lots, which consist of both developed and undeveloped lots.

Council asked staff to evaluate the vacant lots to determine what, if any, are surplus and suitable for sale or may be used for another purpose (such as dog parks or “pocket” / community parks).

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 5-0 at 08:19 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