



Village Council
Minutes for the Work Session of April 22, 2025
Assembly Hall
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
04:30 p.m.

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session Meeting at 07:18 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 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. Josh Dockery, IT Specialist

And approximately 0 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 19:30 p.m.

2. General Business.

A. FY2026 Budget Review and FY26-30 SOP Forecast

Mr. Willardson and Ms. Dana Van Nostrand, Financial Services Director, reviewed a Proposed FY 2026 Strategic Operating Plan and Budget Work Session PowerPoint presentation highlighting Operating Revenue & Expenditures; Sales Tax; Key Highlights of the Proposed FY 2026-2030 Forecast; Operating Revenues vs. Expenditures Scenarios: Scenario A (Baseline), Scenario B (Half Cent Reduction), Scenario C (Remove Fire Facility & Ladder Truck), Scenario D (Remove Noted Items and Reduce Library Sidewalks to \$95K), Scenario E (C & D Combined), and Scenario F (Mayor's Request).

Mr. Glen Webb, Police Chief, provided an overview of the License Plate Reader (LPR) technology, benefits, and potential utilization by the Village and answered Council questions on the specific capabilities of the technology, how the data captured by the readers is utilized by Law Enforcement, what surrounding municipalities and businesses are utilizing LPRs, the cost / length of the contract being \$30,000 / 1-Year, what determines whether use of the readers is successful, and the location / visibility of the readers.

Council agreed to support pursuing LPRs for use within the Village and asked Chief Webb to provide a structured review of the LPR program prior to renewing the contract.

Mr. Willardson asked Council to consider whether to remove the proposed sidewalk along Rattlesnake Trail from the corner of Magnolia Rd. to McCaskill Rd., the proposed salt & brine building for Public

Services, and the proposed removal of the water tanks on the Village-owned lot on Power Plant Rd. from the FY 2026 budget.

Council agreed to remove the proposed salt & brine building for Public Services and the proposed removal of the water tanks on the Village-owned lot on Power Plant Rd. from the FY 2026 budget and utilize the fund balance if the salt & brine building is needed before FY 2027 and to keep the proposed sidewalk along Rattlesnake Trail from the corner of Magnolia Rd. to McCaskill Rd. (without inclusion of the cost to bury the utilities).

Council deliberated on leaving funding for renewal of the Short-Term Rental (STR) monitoring software in the FY 2026 budget.

Council agreed to leave the funding for the STR monitoring software in the FY 2026 budget but to have a discussion on the efficacy of the software before renewing the contract later this year.

Council, Mr. Willardson, and Ms. Van Nostrand discussed Operating Revenues vs. Expenditures Scenarios A-F and deliberated on the impact each scenario may have on the Village's financial health. Mr. Willardson noted the main concern is not the amount of capital in the General Fund Balance but the ongoing operating expenditure versus revenues.

Council agreed to build the FY 2026 budget based on Operating Revenues vs. Expenditures Scenario A and to continue to have discussions with Village staff on ways to reduce the Village's operating budget.

3. Closed Session.

A. Closed Session § 143-318.11(a)(5)

Village Council will hold a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Morgan, Council unanimously approved to recess the Work Session and enter the Closed Session pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract by a vote of 5-0 at 09:01 p.m.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Morgan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Taylor, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session by a vote of 5-0 at 09:13 p.m.

4. 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 09:13 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