



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR WORK SESSION OF OCTOBER 27, 2020
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING

The Pinehurst Village Council held a work session at 6:55 p.m., Tuesday, October 27, 2020, in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor
Ms. Judy Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
n Drum, Councilmember
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Beth Dunn, Village Clerk

And approximately 11 attendees, including 6 staff and 1 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor John Strickland, called the Council work session to order.

2. Discuss Village Christmas Tree Lighting.

Megan McDonald, Special Event Coordinator, reviewed the timeline of Christmas events in the Village. The Village Christmas tree in Tufts Park will be plugged in before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 27th, the day after Thanksgiving. There are no other activities scheduled for that day to prevent gathering. Ms. McDonald explained that the Welcome Center is working on promoting a weeklong event, from November 22nd to November 28th, to promote small businesses which ties into the usual shop small event, held on Small Business Saturday on November 28th. Live Christmas music will be played from the balcony above the Villager Deli to add to the "hallmark" feel of downtown on November 28th.

Ms. Donald noted that on Friday, December 4th, Parks and Recreation will host a Hometown Holiday Drive Through in the parking lot of the Cannon Park Community Center from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cars will drive through and view Christmas scenes on display. Santa will be the final area, in which cars may stop at, to receive a treat bag and drop off their letter to Santa.

The Pinehurst Business Partners (PBP) will be hosting a Village Christmas on Friday, December 11th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is essentially an open house for local businesses in which they will remain open later to promote holiday sales and shop small. Ms. McDonald noted that each business is responsible for running a special promotion or providing a giveaway, the PBP are providing advertising. The Village of Pinehurst will add to the event by providing additional marketing through the Village website and e-newsletters, live music to set the mood, appearance by Santa, Police assistance to assist with extra foot traffic, and an opportunity to drop of a Christmas wish list.

Ms. McDonald stated that they are adding net lighting on some additional bushes this year. The Beautification Committee has added lights to the wreaths in the Village, which will add an additional 96 lights downtown.

3. BPAC Project recommendation for FY 21.

Mark Wagner, Parks and Recreation Director, noted that the crosswalk on Ritter Road is a high priority for Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). Council discussed re-engaging the Department of Transportation about installing a flashing light at that intersection.

Mr. Wagner stated that the BPAC is recommending installing sidewalks from the Pinehurst Elementary School to the Canon Park Community Center. He noted they would like to have the sidewalks in place before summer before the next school year starts. Mr. Wagoner stated they would also incorporate a crosswalk on Rattlesnake Road at the intersection of Woods and Magnolia. He suggested concrete sidewalks be install around the Community Center to keep with the existing material used on the opposite side of the road, then transition to screenings or other surface of choice. Mr. Wagner state they are currently studying different types of surfaces used and will let Council know of their findings. There was a consensus of Council to move forward with the RFP for the project and decided of surface material at a later time.

4. Discuss Library Needs Assessment.

Natalie Hawkins, Assistant Village Manager, sated this item to discuss the next steps in the Library Needs Assessment and identify any additional information needed for Council to move forward. Ms. Hawkins presented a list of potential solution options to Council. Council reviewed many options ranging from doing nothing, staying in the current facility, and building a new facility. Ultimately Council came to a consensus that doing nothing and waiting were not options they wanted to pursue. Ms. Hawkins reviewed a list of additional information needed by Council based on potential solutions options discussed and feedback from the last Council meeting.

5. Other Work Session Business

No other business was discussed.

6. Potential Future Agenda Topics.

- Councilmember Boesch stated she would like to hear from Kevin Brewer on the study completed on the trees in the Village.
- Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated she liked the idea mentioned previously of having quarterly amendments to Pinehurst Development Ordinance (PDO) come to Council. This will start the processes of cleaning up the PDO.

7. Motion to Recess Work Session and Enter Closed Session.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously approved to recess the work session and enter into a closed session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the Village Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the Village Attorney and the Village Council, and pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness and conditions of appointment of an individual public employee, specifically, the Council will discuss the Village Manager's performance review, by a vote of 5-0.

8. Closed Session.

Council held a closed session to discuss the Village Manager's performance review, to consult with the Village Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the Village Attorney and the Village Council, and to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations.

9. Motion to Adjourn the Closed Session and Re-enter Work Session.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously to adjourn the closed session and re-enter the work session, by a vote of 5-0.

10. Motion to Adjourn.

Council unanimously approved to adjourn the work session, by a vote of 5-0, at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Dunn,
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