

**MINUTES OF
VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION
April 23, 2013**

**395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
ASSEMBLY HALL
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
9:00 A.M.**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in the Assembly Hall of the Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Ms. Nancy Roy Fiorillo, Mayor
Mr. Douglas A. Lapins, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mr. John R. Cashion, Councilmember
Mr. Mark W. Parson, Councilmember
Mr. John C. Strickland, Councilmember
Mr. Andrew M. Wilkison, Village Manager
Ms. Lauren M. Craig, Village Clerk
And approximately 17 attendees, including 7 staff and 2 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Nancy Roy Fiorillo called the meeting to order.

2. Reports:

- Manager-

- Village Manager, Andy Wilkison reported that under other business, Jeff Batton would report on the proposed location of the kiosk in downtown and Council will also discuss the budget.

- Council

- Councilmember Strickland reported that he met with CAC regarding fencing and they have suggestions to bring to Council in a month. He also met with the Greenway Commission and they have ideas of reducing the requests to complete the Greenway section.
- Councilmember Parson inquired about the bolts that were removed on the traffic circle. Walt Morgan confirmed that he had them removed and they plan to plant in this location.
- Mayor Fiorillo shared about the 3rd Annual Celebration of Military Children which was held this past Saturday. Mayor Fiorillo read a letter of appreciation from a military family who attended this event. She also noted receiving her first request to book the Village Green and suggested we develop a process for booking this soon. Mayor Fiorillo noted that June 15 is the Pops on the Green Concert.

3. Presentation of Proclamation for Arbor Day

Mayor Fiorillo presented a Proclamation stating April 26, 2013 will be designated as Arbor Day in the Village of Pinehurst and she urged all citizens to support the efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, to support our village's community forestry program, and to plant trees to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Wayne Haddock accepted this Proclamation and spoke about the upcoming events at Pinehurst Elementary School for Arbor Day. He also shared with the Council his experience on the Historic Preservation Committee. Mr. Haddock stated the number of plans that each individual is required to

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submit is excessive but he explained the importance of this committee for the future of Pinehurst. Mr. Haddock suggested perhaps the plans could be submitted electronically reducing the number of paper copies and Councilmember Cashion agreed that it would be a good change.

4. Presentation: Report of activities by Beautification Committee.

Bart and Martha O'Connor presented on the activities of the Beautification Committee. The presentation covered the committee's objectives and responsibilities, a summary of the 2012 activities, a list of members and sub committees, funds raised by the committee, a Spring 2013 flower plan, the plans for the 2014 US Opens, and a photo essay.

Virginia Fallon added that the long-range plan for beautification is one that is lasting and ongoing. Bart O'Connor suggested perhaps the kickoff of the US Open fundraising campaign could be tied into the Pops on the Green concert. Mayor suggests Council give blessing to go forward and to see how we can help raise these funds and perhaps incorporate this project into Pops on the Green.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor also discussed the plans for Christmas including: 1) instead of a Christmas tree on the new Green, perhaps a cluster of trees so it does not take away from the main Christmas tree, 2) adding water proof Christmas wrapped boxes under the trees, 3) red ribbons for the tree decorations. Council by consensus stated that it approved the plans for the Christmas decorations, but needed to study the plans for overall beautification of the Village more carefully.

5. Presentation: Report of activities by Alternative Energy Committee.

Village Manager Andy Wilkison announced that this presentation would be rescheduled.

6. Presentation/Discussion: Quarterly Financial Report.

Assistant Village Manager Natalie Dean and Director of Financial Services John Frye presented the Financial Statements for the quarter ending March 31, 2013. John Frye reported that the Village is \$142,000 ahead of our quarterly targets for the General Fund operating revenues.

Mayor Fiorillo asked Assistant Village Manager Jeff Batton to give a report on the Village Green. Jeff Batton reported that the parking surfaces will be installed next week and they should be on target for the completion by the end of May.

7. Ordinance #13-15: An Ordinance Amending the Budget of the Village of Pinehurst (Appropriate FY 2012-2013 Restricted Donations).

The Manager explained the need for Ordinance #13-15. Upon the motion of Councilmember Cashion, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, Ordinance #13-15 was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Ordinance Book)

8. Ordinance #13-16: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Pinehurst. (Temporary Event Permits)

The Manager explained the need for Ordinance #13-16. Upon the motion of Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Parson, Ordinance #13-16 as amended was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Ordinance Book)

9. Ordinance #13-17: An Ordinance accepting the dedication of a portion of Carolina Vista

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The Manager explained the need for Ordinance #13-17. Upon the motion of Councilmember Lapins, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, Ordinance #13-17 was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Ordinance Book)

10. Resolution #13-18: A Resolution regarding a re-appointment to the Community Appearance Commission. (McChesney)

The Manager explained the need for Resolution #13-18. Upon the motion of Councilmember Cashion, seconded by Councilmember Lapins, Resolution #13-18 was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Resolution Book)

11. Resolution #13-19: A Resolution regarding re-appointments to the Village of Pinehurst Community Watch Board. (Lemke, Gaida)

The Manager explained the need for Resolution #13-19. Upon the motion of Councilmember Parson, seconded by Councilmember Strickland, Resolution #13-19 was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Resolution Book)

12. Resolution #13-20: A Resolution regarding re-appointments to the Village of Pinehurst Historic Preservation Commission. (Smith, Thigpen, Holstein)

The Manager explained the need for Resolution #13-20. Upon the motion of Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Lapins, Resolution #13-20 was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Resolution Book)

13. Preview of Regular Meeting Agenda.

The Council previewed the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 23, 2013 and made no changes. Andrea Correll, Director of Planning and Inspections, corrected the memo distributed in the agenda packets regarding the vote from the Planning and Zoning Board on the Midland Road project passed 7-1.

14. Other Business.

Assistant Manager, Jeff Batton discussed the proposed location of the downtown kiosk recommended by the Village Center Enhancement Committee which would be in the lawn area near BB&T. There was general agreement from Counsel on the location of the kiosk.

Village Manager Andy Wilkison reported on the past meetings with the Council regarding the priorities and initiatives for the 2013-2014 Strategic Operating Plan. Senior Staff plans to have a draft of the strategic plan to Council in early May. Mr. Wilkison suggested the Council give feedback and direction before staff drafted this document. Assistant Manager Natalie Dean explained that since the last meeting staff was able to balance the budget.

After general discussion about the long-term planning process specifically regarding the Baldrige model, Village Place, and the Carriage House, John Frye stated that this is the first year that we have connected budget with strategic initiatives. Mr. Frye plans to deliver the budget at the first Council Work Session in May.

Comments from attendees.

Jeanne Casinella commented that she has spent time studying the Village of Pinehurst pay structures and she is appalled the annual salaries of our policemen. She noted they make less than Southern Pines. She also noted that Pinehurst needs bomb sniffing dogs. She encouraged the Council and staff to get to

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know the policemen and make them a priority. She urged Council to consider giving a \$1,000 gift to each individual on our police force.

Doug Middaugh inquired about \$170,000 planned in 2014 for furthering the Carriage House design and with Council direction this would be deferred. Council confirmed the design will still be in the budget but not the construction. Mr. Middaugh also noted the need for ADA standard restrooms in the Village. He suggested the Village find a second location for these needs before the 2014 US Opens.

- 15. Motion to go into Closed Session 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.**

Councilmember Lapins moved to recess the Work Session and enter a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the Village Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parson and carried unanimously.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

The Council discussed with the Village Attorney the status of litigation between Mr. Mike McCrann and the Village of Pinehurst.

- 16. Motion to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session.**

Councilmember Lapins moved to adjourn the Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Strickland and carried unanimously.

- 17. Adjournment.**

Councilmember Strickland moved to adjourn the Work Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lapins and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren M. Craig
Village Clerk