

**MINUTES OF  
VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
May 14, 2013**

**395 MAGNOLIA ROAD  
ASSEMBLY HALL  
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA  
4:30 P.M.**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Work Session at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in the Assembly Hall of the Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

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 20 attendees, including 8 staff and 2 press.

Excused absence: Ms. Nancy Roy Fiorillo, Mayor

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Douglas A. Lapins called the meeting to order.

**2. Motion to go into Closed Session.**

Councilmember Cashion 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 between the Village Attorney and the Village Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Strickland and carried unanimously.

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

Village Attorney Mike Newman briefed the Council on the status of litigation between the Village of Pinehurst and Mr. Mike McCrann, and litigation between the Village of Pinehurst and the estate of Mr. Hank Armstrong. The Village Council also consulted with Attorney Christopher Bolen.

**3. Motion to adjourn the Closed Session and Reconvene in Open Session.**

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

**4. Call to Order of Work Session (5:30 p.m.).**

Mayor Pro-Tem Douglas A. Lapins called the meeting to order.

**5. Reports:**

– **Manager**

- Updated Council that the Village will be closing part of the parking lot tonight and downtown employee parking is now planned for the Holly Inn parking lot. Merchants

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have been notified and the new Village Green portion will be available by the beginning of next week.

- Andy Wilkison introduced Matt Shuster as the Village of Pinehurst Intern for the summer.

**- Council**

- None

**6. Ordinance #13-21: An Ordinance Amending the Budget of the Village of Pinehurst (Carolina Vista Resurfacing and Drainage).**

Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager of Operations, explained the need for Ordinance #13-21. Upon the motion of Councilmember Parson seconded by Councilmember Cashion, Ordinance #13-21 was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. (A copy of the ordinance is found in the Ordinance Book).

**7. Ordinance #13-22: An Ordinance Amending the Budget of the Village of Pinehurst (Atlantic Coast Contractors, Inc.).**

Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager of Operations, explained the need for Ordinance #13-22. Upon the motion of Councilmember Cashion seconded by Councilmember Strickland, Ordinance #13-22 was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. (A copy of the ordinance is found in the Ordinance Book).

**8. Resolution #13-21 A Resolution honoring the service of Mr. James Williford to the Pinehurst Community Watch Board. (Williford)**

The Manager explained the need for Resolution #13-21. Upon the motion of Councilmember Parson seconded by Councilmember Strickland, Resolution #13-21 was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Resolution Book).

**9. Resolution #13-22: A Resolution honoring the service of Mr. Carl Holstein to the Historic Preservation Commission. (Holstein)**

The Manager explained the need for Resolution #13-22. Upon the motion of Councilmember Cashion seconded by Councilmember Parson, Resolution #13-22 was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Resolution Book).

**10. Resolution #13-23: A Resolution regarding an appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission. (Farren)**

The Manager explained the need for Resolution #13-23. Upon the motion of Councilmember Strickland seconded by Councilmember Cashion, Resolution #13-23 was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Resolution Book).

**11. Resolution #13-24: A Resolution concerning Fair Housing in the Village of Pinehurst.**

The Manager explained the need for Resolution #13-24. Upon the motion of Councilmember Parson seconded by Councilmember Strickland, Resolution #13-24 was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Resolution Book).

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**12. Resolution #13-25: A Resolution to maintain and support the current integrity and funding for The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF).**

Jeff Batton, Assistant Village Manager of Operations, explained the need for Resolution #13-25. Upon the motion of Councilmember Cashion seconded by Councilmember Strickland, Resolution #13-25 was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Resolution Book).

**13. Presentation: 2014 Strategic Operating Plan – including the FY 2014 Budget and FY 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan.**

As required by North Carolina General Statute 159.11 (b), the Manager submitted the proposed 2014 Strategic Operating Plan – including the FY 2014 Budget and FY 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan for the Village of Pinehurst to the Council and presented the highlights of his message contained in the document. (Copy of budget document is in the Clerk's office and is available for public inspection at the Customer Service Desk at Village Hall and on the Village website [www.vopnc.org](http://www.vopnc.org)).

The Manager explained that the FY 2014 recommended Net Budget totals \$17,807,875, a 0.60% decrease from the current year's amended Net Budget. The recommended General Fund tax rate remains \$0.28 per \$100.00 valuation for the seventh straight year. The proposed budget also maintains the General Fund Balance at 35% of FY 2014 expenditures, well within the Council set parameters of the Village's Fund Balance policy. Andy Wilkison reminded the Council that the priorities and Strategic Areas of Focus for the proposed budget have been prepared with greater Council direction than ever before, which strengthens this plan as a policy document beyond which it has been before.

After general discussion, there was a consensus from the Council for staff to consider a way to summarize the strategic plan for the public and that perhaps the process of this strategic planning was overtaxing the staff. It was noted that the Village improved in its debt rate which is a very admirable financial position. Councilmember Cashion specifically recognized the opportunity for growth due to the US Opens and the importance to align the Village priorities with this. The Budget Public Hearing will be held on May 28, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. A Budget Work Session will be held Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. All these meetings will be held in the Assembly Hall of Village Hall.

**Audience Comments:**

**Lois Eggers** of 36 Beryl Circle expressed her desire to stop all plans for a walking trail through the backside of Lake Pinehurst. Ms. Eggers also expressed concern that the Greenway Committee meetings are noticed well in advance with the public. Ms. Eggers submitted a petition including 128 signatures objecting to this Greenway. Councilmember Strickland confirmed that there is no plan budgeted for expanding the greenway on Beryl Circle this year.

**Mrs. Cropley, a Burning Tree Road resident** shared that her property is on the easement and there is a major drainage issue. The resident explained that she would love a walking trail but not behind her house.

**Councilmember Parson** said that he has never seen the Greenway plan and a resolution should be created that mandates everything that goes through a right of way should go through the Council first.

A motion was made by Councilmember Parson, seconded by Councilmember Cashion, for everything that happens in the right of way come before Council. Staff was asked to draft a Resolution regarding this to be voted on at the next meeting. Before a vote was taken, the motion and second were withdrawn.

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**Julia Smires** from 1220 Burning Tree Road explained that due to the poor drainage on her property, she has lost all of her grass that was planted and she is very concerned with adding a greenway also in her yard.

**Dick Bisbey** from Pinehurst #7 commented that direction of this plan should be focused on the long range plan that was developed years ago. He expressed a sense of frustration for digesting this document but wants to figure out how to meet the needs of an interested public. He reiterated that the key word for this is “focused.”

**14. Preview of Regular Meeting Agenda.**

The Council did not preview the Regular Meeting Agenda. Manager Andy Wilkison noted that a new presentation will be added to recognize a firefighter for 30 years of service.

**15. Other Business.**

- **Jeff Batton**, Assistant Village Manager of Operations, requested direction from the Council regarding right of ways, specifically for the painting of crosswalks in the downtown area. He reviewed a map that identified areas of existing crosswalks, recommended crosswalks, and optional crosswalks.

Audience member **Debbie Barr** commented that cars would have to stop for people at a crosswalk so having too many crosswalks may not be good.

**Doug Middaugh** inquired about the need for the signs rather than only painted on the roads.

After general discussion, Council determined to proceed with all painted crosswalks that were provided on the map.

- **Andrea Correll**, Director of Planning and Inspections, presented a briefing on the State Legislation that could take away the Village’s design control over single-family homes. Ms. Correll noted specifically that there would be no local government design regulations on 1 and 2 family dwellings. Specifically, the only area where the Village could regulate design is if it’s in a historic district.
- **Manager Andy Wilkison** shared that two commercial properties in the Village Center are seeking a change to the first floor zoning requirements. These items may be brought forward as a text amendment at a future meeting.

Councilmember **Lapins** requested to see the data of how many types of properties we have so the Council will know how much of the square footage is being impacted for future zoning proceedings.

- **Jeff Batton**, Assistant Village Manager, requested direction from the Council regarding the yard debris evaluation process specifically around loose vs. non-loose yard debris. After general discussion it was determined that loose yard debris should not be an option going forward and encouraged Mr. Batton and his team to focus on non-loose yard debris.

**16. Comments from Attendees.**

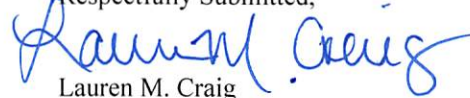
None.

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**17. Adjournment.**

Councilmember Parson moved to adjourn the Work Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Strickland and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren M. Craig  
Village Clerk