

**MINUTES OF
VILLAGE COUNCIL WORK SESSION
May 28, 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, May 28, 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 33 attendees, including 10 staff and 2 press.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Nancy Roy Fiorillo called the meeting to order.

2. Reports:

– Manager-

- The Manager noted that under Other Business we have suggested changes to the temporary signs regulations in Village Center that the staff would like to share with Council.

– Council

- Councilmember Strickland has participated in discussions related to fencing with the Community Appearance Commission and has received information from the commission that should be brought forward to Council before the PDO rewrite is completed.
- Mayor Fiorillo attended an IT conference and Director of IT, Jason Whitaker did a great job serving as President of the association.

3. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

All items listed below are considered routine or have been discussed at length in previous meetings and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held unless requested by a member of the Village Council.

- A. Resolution #13-26: A Resolution regarding a re-appointment to the Village Center Enhancement Committee. (Batton)

End of Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Cashion moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Strickland and passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

4. Discussion: Roadside beautification by Beautification Committee.

Manager explained the purpose of the discussion with the Beautification Committee to discuss the Committee's plans for the US Opens. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor provided maps and cost estimates for

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sites around the Village. Councilmember Strickland updated Council on his involvement with the Beautification Committee. Mayor Fiorillo commented that overall Council is not in support of the Midland Road plantings. Mayor Fiorillo suggested creating a small steering committee with the Beautification Committee chairs, including Joyce Franke, John Strickland, Mark Parson, and Andrea Correll to review and give us a plan.

Linda Tucker, a new member of Beautification Committee, encouraged Council to look at a nice, broad view of this plan going forward. She commented on the hard work of Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor and the hard work of the Beautification Committee and how it all affects our property and experiences here in Pinehurst.

Mayor Fiorillo reminded the audience that An Evening on the Village Green concert will be held on Tufts Memorial Park on June 15 and this new area will make us all proud.

Doug Middaugh commented that the ongoing maintenance should be a concern. He commented that there are two places in the budget planning for outside contracted services.

Councilmember Strickland asked for Andrea Correll to send out a calendar meeting to get this steering committee meeting scheduled.

5. Discussion: Council policy on projects in Village of Pinehurst right of way.

Manager Andy Wilkison introduced the purpose of creating a policy regarding projects in the Village's rights-of-ways. Assistant Village Manager, Jeff Batton presented the proposed policy formatted in a resolution and also suggested that staff create a guide or policy specific to Pinehurst that would help the process of requests being sent to Council.

Mr. Hoffman noted a historic marker of the Old Time Paths on Magnolia Road which explains the original plan for the paths. Mr. Hoffman also submitted a complaint regarding the removal of shrubs at 185 Everette Road that were never replaced as promised. Due to the length of the comment, the Mayor suggested Mr. Hoffman hand this document to the Manager. Mr. Hoffman also commented that we have an opportunity to restore the arteries of Pinehurst with the walkways and pathways and he suggests the right of ways in Chapter 10 should be restored in the PDO.

Upon discussion, Council decided to delay the drafted resolution pertaining to this project.

6. Discussion: Proposed design changes for Chinquapin Road streetscape and Dogwood Road traffic islands.

Assistant Village Manager, Jeff Batton explained the need to enhance and re-curb the existing streetscape and traffic islands, commenting that the Village can keep the maintenance plan but there is an opportunity for improvement at the flagpole area due to driver confusion. Staff will make suggested modifications to the plans and bring them back to the Council at their next meeting.

7. Discussion: Traffic circle tree transplanting.

Assistant Village Manager, Jeff Batton discussed the traffic circle tree transplanting project at the traffic entrance points of the circle. The circle has become more transparent and staff suggests relocating the trees in December or January from other areas on the circle to give a consistent look. Council formed general consensus for moving forward with this project.

8. Discussion: Boundaries of Local Historic District.

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Director of Planning and Inspections, Andrea Correll outlined the process for changing the boundaries of the local historic district. Mayor Fiorillo reminded Council and the audience that this original conversation was brought up among the Council when it seemed that the historic district had been overly expanded. Andrea suggested the need to change the Era of Authenticity which is 1895-1970. Councilmember Cashion commented the smaller the district, the more valuable. Councilmember Strickland discussed the Senate Bill regarding the landscaping and architectural standards in single and two family residential areas that could be taken away if passed.

Jack Farrell commented that some reduction of the historic district is appropriate but somewhere in the middle is probably best. He suggests a third alternative that is between the two options.

Doug Middaugh noted his concern that the revised Local Historic District does not include the Village Place area.

Council approved sending the proposed new historic district map to the Historic Preservation Commission to prepare a report on the significance. This would then be followed by public hearings at the planning board level with the intent to reduce the size of the local historic district.

9. Presentation: Garden Club Presentation

Dolores Muller from the Pinehurst Garden Club presented the accomplishments of the club in 2012-2013 to the Council.

10. Public Hearing: FY 2014 Village of Pinehurst Budget.

Councilmember Strickland moved that the Village Council recess the Work Session and enter into a Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cashion and passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

Manager Andy Wilkison highlighted the FY 2014 Budget. The Manager noted that at a work session on May 20, 2013, Council decided to remove the funding for the design of the Carriage House and an additional \$75,000 for greenways. Mayor Fiorillo commented regarding the Carriage House project and the need to plan for the future.

Audience Comments:

Tim Moore commended Council for deferring the expenses in 2014 for design of the Carriage House but is concerned that it is still in the CIP. He is concerned about the lack of knowledge and information that has been provided to the public. He believes a public hearing would be needed at this time. He submitted a petition to the Council that there should be a public hearing and background information provided to the public regarding the Carriage House.

Jack Farrell commented that he has expressed his feeling on the document and the content but would like to address the Carriage House issue. He stated that this is an unusual situation and complex in its legal requirements but we haven't established a documented deed for this yet. He said the small amount of money budgeted gives the misconception that it is "full steam ahead." Regarding the budget, the operating numbers within departments are not detailed well and he would like a separate schedule for where the money is going for outside firms. He noted that we are documenting the 12 largest tax payers but not the 12 largest firms receiving our money. He also commented that the message is that the Village considers the parking garage important but not a recreation facility or moving public services facility. He does not feel like the parking garage is the right priority. He gave the example of the Rattlesnake Trail outdoor swimming pool that is closed this year due to it not being a priority.

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Mayor Fiorillo noted that all consultant information, who are awarded contracts, is public information and can be found at Village Hall. Mayor Fiorillo also commented on the focus of the downtown area and Council's plan to evaluate the CIP each year to take a careful look at the priorities.

Doug Middaugh stated that as mentioned at the May 20, 2013 meeting, he was not in favor of the discussion pertaining to greenway from Linden to Statler. He stated that this provides a need for the lake area regardless of the six miles and asked Council to reconsider their stand on this greenway area. He noted that in the Budget in Brief there is no funding proposed for Phase 2 Village Place study and he asked if this could be confirmed. The Manager confirmed that this was not budgeted. Mr. Middaugh also believes there needs to be a public hearing before the design of the Carriage House is committed to and demonstrate need for additional parking spaces. He also suggested that before we enter into contract with other places for activity rentals, we need to have a definite reason the Fair Barn is not adequate.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Lapins presented a letter opposing the FY 2014 Strategic Plan and Budget. Councilmember Lapins explained that the size is too large and does not deliver a strategic direction or an effective budget. This letter can be found in the Meeting Docket File. Councilmember Parson also agreed with Councilmember Lapins and also does not want to vote for the budget. Mayor Fiorillo stated the Village can make adjustments in the fleet and perhaps we need to look at the Fair Barn use more closely. Councilmember Cashion noted the need to get started on this earlier next year. Councilmember Strickland pointed out the changes that had been made after the previous meeting. He stated there may be other ways to adjust and we are moving in the right direction.

Council discussed a potential rebate idea for the citizens using the funds from the US Opens but it was noted the need to keep a strong fund balance to achieve our double A bond rating.

Pat Kelly from Pinewild commented that she would like to fix the pool for the kids.

Councilmember Strickland clarified that we are being paid a flat fee for the US Opens and in turn need to pay for things that we have been reimbursed dollar for dollar in the past with the tournaments. Perhaps after a surplus is determined, then Council can evaluate the opportunity to do something with this for the residents.

Jack Farrell stated that the pool on Rattlesnake was built in 1961 and recently the pool has been used for swimming programs and is owned and operated by one family in the area. Mr. Farrell noted the idea to give funds to the pool since the Village uses part of their acreage. The pool is now run down and will not open this year.

Tim Moore: said the danger in a process like Baldrige is in the strategic initiatives. He suggested a good initiative for next year is to make it 20% more effective for the tax payer. Regarding the budget dilemma, he suggested for staff to find half million dollars of savings and propose these by Friday. He noted surprise for how much this Council drops down into the details instead of staying in the higher levels and the goals.

Doug Middaugh commented about the lease funding in the budget. He noted a contingency budget for \$50,000 that could be moved.

Assistant Village Manager, Natalie Dean commented that we can continue this conversation in at the Regular Meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m. under Other Business.

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Councilmember Strickland moved that the Village Council close the Public Hearing and re-enter the Work Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Parson and passed unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

11. Ordinance #13-23: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Pinehurst (Residential Speed limits).

The Manager explained the need for Ordinance #13-23. Councilmember Strickland explained that the majority of Pinehurst already has 25mph speed limits but there have been concerns in districts that are 35 mph. Councilmember Cashion clarified the 25 mph does not affect Pinewild, CCNC, #7, or Midland Country Club and state roads will remain the same. Councilmember Lapins commented that this solution does not fix the problem.

Doug Middaugh commented that there are selected roads that are more thoroughfares that should remain 35 mph.

Tim Moore commented that a blanket approach may create unintended consequences and would be better to be road specific rather than a dedicating a blanket speed limit.

Police Chief Earl Phipps commented that the neighborhood changes are very reasonable. Upon the motion of Councilmember Strickland, seconded by Councilmember Cashion, Ordinance #13-23 was approved by a vote of 3-2. (A copy of the resolution is found in the Ordinance Book)

12. Preview of Regular Meeting Agenda.

The Council did not preview the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 28, 2013.

13. Other Business.

Council agreed to handle the items planned for Other Business in the Regular Meeting due to time.

14. Comments from attendees.

15. Adjournment.

Councilmember Cashion moved to adjourn the Work Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lapins and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren M. Craig
Village Clerk