



UPDATED AGENDA

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

March 19, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Public Comment Session *[Limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.]*

Council Member Comments

Moment of Silence

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

- February 27, 2019 Strategic Planning Retreat Minutes
- March 5, 2019 Regular Minutes
- March 8, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Administrator Comments

Presentation to Council

- Hwy 123 Corridor Update – Alta Planning & Design

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2019-13 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT PLAN 4; THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT; THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; THE INCLUSION OF PLAN 4 IN A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN MCIP AGREEMENT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES.”

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2019-14 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND **ORDINANCE 2018-01** WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND PROVIDED FOR

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THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PROTECTION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2019-05 will be addressed as part of the Transportation Committee Report

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Council consideration of Foothills YMCA Sponsorship request for the Oconee campus of the YMCA in the amount of \$57,500 in stone, rock, and erosion control materials

[Request in Backup Materials]

Execution of contract and agreement with American Credit Financial Services [ACFS] for the Auditor, Treasurer, and Delinquent Tax Offices as stated in Vendor Services Agreement

The mission of the Delinquent Tax Office is to fulfill its legal obligation to collect and protect the vital revenues of Oconee County, to listen and be responsive to its valued customers, and to create an environment which promotes efficiency and competence while delivering the highest quality service. The Delinquent Tax Office is charged with the responsibility of tracing, billing, and recovering delinquent taxes.

American Financial Credit Services, Inc., is an agency, duly licensed in the State of South Carolina which provides delinquent tax skip tracing, billing, and recovery services. The Oconee County Auditor, Delinquent Tax Collector, and Treasurer desire that Oconee County enters into the Vendor Service Agreement, in substantially the same form as attached, so that delinquent business and personal property tax accounts may be referred to the Agency. The Agency shall work these accounts, utilizing acceptable methods and procedures in a professional and ethical manner, in accordance with all federal and state laws.

Request Council approval for the commitment not to exceed \$300,000 in matching funds for the application of SC Rural Infrastructure Authority grant in the amount of \$500,000 for water and sewer infrastructure expansion in the Seneca Rail Park

Oconee County and Oconee Economic Alliance (OEA) request the commitment of the balance of funding needed for the Seneca Rail Park waterline and sewer infrastructure project from the Economic

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Development Millage Fund, which was established solely for Economic Development investments within the County.

Oconee County owns the Seneca Rail Park, a 111-acre industrial park located along Shiloh Road. Although sewer and water lines run to the edge of the property, there is currently no water or sewer within the Park. The City of Seneca commissioned a master plan to get needed water and sewer in to the park. This plan included two phases; the estimated construction cost for phase 1 is \$763,650.00, which includes engineering, design, permitting, and construction of water and gravity sewer lines. Oconee County and Oconee Economic Alliance applied for the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority FY19 Economic Infrastructure grant for \$500,000 to offset the cost of construction of this critical water and sewer infrastructure.

It is the staff’s recommendation that Council approve the commitment of matching funds, not to exceed \$300,000, toward the application to SC Rural Infrastructure Authority for water and sewer infrastructure expansion in the Seneca Rail Park.

PRT Commission-Local ATAX Recommendations / Spring 2019 Cycle / \$83,500

A portion of Local ATAX revenues received by Oconee County are made available for ATAX grants through Ordinance 2011-12. ATAX grants are to be tourism related grants that meet the ATAX guidelines specified by local and State mandates. Grants are recommended by the PRT Commission based on tourism impact of the project and approved by County Council. All external ATAX grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant.

It is staff’s recommendation of Council approval of local ATAX recommendations per the attached spreadsheet.

Discuss Sewer South Transfer

Board & Commission Appointments (IF ANY) [Seats listed are all co-terminus seats]

- *Building Codes Appeal Board**.....Districts I & III
- Arts & Historical Commission** [staggered terms].....2 At Large Seats
- *Conservation Bank Board**.....District I

***No questionnaires on file for any of the seats listed above with exception to the Arts & Historical Commission**

Council Committee Reports

- Transportation / Mr. Hart.....[02/19/2019]
- Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management / Mr. Davis.....[03/05/2019]
- Planning & Economic Development / Mr. Cain.....[03/05/2019]

Request Council approval for conditional acceptance of Savannah Drive (P-3050) into the rudimentary road program in accordance with Section 26-12 of the Code of Ordinances contingent on all required right-of-way being obtained per unanimous recommendation by the Transportation Committee on February 19, 2019.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2019-05 “A RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT SAVANNAH

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DRIVE, INCLUDING BRADY DRIVE AND AUSTIN DRIVE WHICH ARE EXTENSIONS OF SAVANNAH DRIVE, ALL BEING CONSIDERED ONE ROAD FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION (COLLECTIVELY “SAVANNAH DRIVE”) INTO THE OCONEE COUNTY RUDIMENTARY ROAD PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-12 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES.”

Unfinished Business *[to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required]*
[None scheduled.]

New Business *[may include items which may be scheduled for final action at a future meeting, if required]*
[None scheduled.]

Executive Session

[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]
For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

~~*[1] Discuss contractual matter related to transfer and operation of the “Sewer South” sewer system.*~~

[2] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Aztec.

[3] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Plan 4.

[4] To receive legal advice and discuss personnel matters related to the following departments: The Rock Quarry, Auditor, Finance, Assessor, Information Technology, Finance, Human Resources, Sheriff’s Office, Airport, Treasurer, Facilities Maintenance, Roads and Bridges, Planning, Solid Waste, Registration & Elections, Procurement, and Administration.

Adjourn

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