



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Workshop with the Planning Commission

January 17, 2019

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, Chair Pro Tem, District I

Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chair, District III

Mr. Julian Davis III, Chairman, District IV

Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council and Oconee County Planning Commission held a workshop at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. McCall], Interim County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

Planning Commission Members Present: Mike Smith; Andrew Gramling; Alex Vassey; Frankie Pearson; Stacy Lyles; Mike Johnson; & Gwen McPhail. Planning Commission staff liaison Adam Chapman, Planner was also present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Davis opened the discussion noting this was a joint meeting with the Oconee County Planning Commission & the Oconee County Council and turned the meeting over to representatives of the Orion Planning & Design and The Matheny-Burns Group.

Ms. Carol Rhea, Orion Planning & Design and Ms. Cheryl Matheny, The Matheny-Burns Group, addressed County Council and the Planning Commission utilizing a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- Project Scope
- Working Schedule
- Required Plan Elements
- Development of Goals and Objectives
- Staff, Planning Commission, & County Council responsibilities & tasks
- Development, Review, and Adoption Process

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the above topics, with various opinions expressed to include but not limited to:

- Goals, Objectives, Strategies
- Data
- Economic Development
- Community Involvement
- Budget
- Population Element
- Surveyor Questionnaire would be helpful
- Social Media

Adam Chapman, Planner with Oconee County, noted he has attended a Latino Advisory meeting, Youth Advisory Group through School District of Oconee County, and the Agriculture Advisory Board had a Farmer and Rancher Listening Session. He further noted the NAACP and Future Farmers of America [FFA] has invited him to come and talk with them. Additionally, Mr. Chapman noted he is open to come and talk with any existing group to gather data.

Mr. Davis wrapped up the meeting thanking Ms. Rhea, Ms. Matheny, and the Planning Commission and staff for helping with this process.

Adjourn

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously 4 – 0, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council