



**MINUTES**  
**PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 3, 2020**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Paul Cain, Chairman, District III  
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV  
Mr. John Elliott, District I

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met at 4:30 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Clerk to Council, Katie D. Smith, present.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Adam Chapman, Planning Director  
Ms. Annie Caggiano, Economic Alliance Director

**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](http://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. Cain called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting as presented.

**Discussion Items**

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

**Update Regarding Corridor Planning**

Mr. Adam Chapman, Planning Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with backup materials] entitled “Corridor Planning” and gave a brief presentation.

Discussion continued to include

- Include County line to County line in the corridor plan
- Growth
- Internal corridors
- Primary and secondary corridor plan

Mr. Mike Johnson, Planning Commission member, addressed the Committee highlighting the following:

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- Subcommittee
- Building & design standards
- Traffic safety

Further discussion included the Planning Commission and the Planning Department not duplicating efforts and the Planning Commission suspend efforts or work to supplement efforts that staff is completing.

**The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.**

Discussion regarding revisions to Sign/Billboard Ordinance

Mr. Root addressed the Committee utilizing a handout [copy filed with backup materials] entitled “Sign Control Ordinance of Oconee County, South Carolina – DRAFT COPY]” and gave a brief presentation.

Discussion continued to include:

- Revision to the sign ordinance that prospectively had a ban on most or all billboards
- Revisions from a planning-land use perspective
- Highlighted portion of the Draft Ordinance
  - Sec. 32-519
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- Incorporated State language within maintenance requirements

Mr. Elliott distributed a handout [copy filed with backup materials] entitled “Sample Oconee County Sign Sizes & Alternate Commercial Building Standards” with a brief discussion regarding these materials.

**Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to draft the ordinance as discussed and send to full Council.**

Economic Development Activity & Opportunity Zone Update

Ms. Annie Caggiano, Economic Development Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with backup materials] entitled “OEA Activity Update: 03-03-20” and gave a brief presentation.

**The Committee took no action on this matter at this time.**

**Unfinished Business:**

None addressed at this meeting.

**New Business:**

None addressed at this meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Katie D. Smith  
Clerk to Council