



MINUTES

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

October 17, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Don Mize, Chair, District III

Mr. Durham, District II

Mr. Hart, District V

The Planning and Economic Development Committee met at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council, present.

Staff Present: James Coley / Planning and Zoning Director
Jamie Gilbert / Economic Development 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]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Press Present: Riley Morningstar / The Journal, Dick Mangurm / 101.7 WGOG

Call to Order

Mr. Mize called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Mize asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mize led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Durham, approved 3 - 0, to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes as presented.

Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items

Planning and Code Enforcement Update

Mr. James Coley, Oconee County Planning and Zoning Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, "Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement Planning

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and Economic Development October 2023” [copy in backup] and provided details related to the following topics:

1. Plat Reviews
2. Subdivision Applications
3. Variances and Special Exemptions
4. Buffer Permits
5. Year to Date Overview
6. New Residential Addresses by Year
7. Code Enforcement Case Overview

Short discussion between Mr. Coley and the Committee followed related to variances and the possible implementation of a fee schedule for the Planning and Code Enforcement Department.

Economic Development Update

Mr. Jamie Gilbert, Oconee County Economic Development Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, “Economic Development Update” [copy in backup] and provided the Committee with a detailed second quarter update related to business development activity, real estate product, infrastructure and operations.

Discuss Agriculture Related Industry

Ms. Kim Alexander, Oconee County Agriculture Advisory Board Chair, addressed the Committee with a request for support of recruiting agriculture related business to Oconee County, noting this is the most requested business by citizens during the Agriculture Advisory Board meetings.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion to adjourn, approved unanimously, at 5:55p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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