

# OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Minutes

6:00 pm, Monday, July 15, 2019

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

## Members Present

Gwen McPhail

Alex Vassey

Mike Johnson

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Andrew Gramling

Stacy Lyles

## Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Vivian Kompier

## Media Present

None

1. **Call to Order - Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm**
2. **Invocation by Ms. Lyles**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person)**

Mr. Barnett – Government needs to remember – Of the people, for the people, by the people.

5. **Approval of minutes from 07012019**

Mr. Gramling made a motion to approve, Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0 in favor to approve.

- Mr. Smith made a motion to include the Bill of Rights into the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Lyles seconded and was approved 7/0.

6. **Transportation discussion** – Mr. Smith made a motion to ask Alta to research the millage along with the C funds to find where they come from. Also to create a chart to show the data. Mr. Johnson seconded and was approved 7/0.

7. **Comprehensive Plan 2030**

a. **Public Comment** – Mr. Markovich mentioned that the transportation element says there are 9 miles of I85 with 4 intersections, but there are actually 4 miles of I85 with 3 intersections and that needs to be corrected. Mr. Markovich went on to say that the retirement industry is the largest industry in this county and it needs to be recognized. Also, the dropout rate should be in the Economic element. Also in goal 4.3 - Countywide loan pools need ACOG as an accountable agency.

**b. Public Outreach** – Salem had a great turn out with 35 people. We have two more meetings

- July 18, 2019 – 6pm - Westminster Depot, Main Street, Westminster, SC
- July 25, 2019 – 6pm - Fair Oak Youth Center, 150 Schoolhouse Rd.  
Westminster, SC

**c. Executive Summary** – Mr. Smith stated that they started a 1,3, and 5 year of priorities. The next meeting is Thursday, 9am in the conference room.

**d. Economic element** –

1) Mr. Johnson made a motion for the consultants to review table 4.1 and the paragraph above as it relates to owner occupied principle residences vs 6% for non-principle residences as it compares to 4.2 which only references owner occupied. Mr. Smith seconded and was approved 7/0.

2) Mr. Pearson made a motion to include the retirement industry in the comp plan. Seconded by Mr. Vassey and approved 7/0.

3) 4.2.1.1 & 4.2.1.2 - To be combined, using the Accountable Agencies of 4.2.1.2. Motion made by Ms. McPhail, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 7/0.

4) 4.2.1.2 - Add Clemson University to Accountable Agencies and revisit other strategies to include Clemson University. Motion made by Ms. Lyles, seconded by Mr. Gramling, approved 7/0,

5) Add strategy - Work to improve the completion rate including alternative credit sources. Motion made by Mr. Vassey seconded by Mr. Smith approved 7/0.

6) 4.2.2.5 – Ms. McPhail made a motion to change the wording to: retail, hospitality, and biosciences. Seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 7/0.

7) 4.3.2.4 – needs more detail. OneTone for example.

**8. Old Business** – None

**9. New Business** – None

**10. Adjourn**- The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments to the Planning Commission can send their comments to the Planning Department by mail or by emailing them to the email address below. Please Note: If you would like to receive a copy of the agenda via email please contact our office, or email us at [achapman@oconeesc.com](mailto:achapman@oconeesc.com).