

# OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Draft Minutes

6:00 pm, Monday, August 19, 2019

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

## Members Present

Alex Vassey

Mike Johnson

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Andrew Gramling

Stacy Lyles

Gwen McPhail

## 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. Jerry Barnett is pleased that the Bill of Rights have been included in the Comprehensive Plan. The 123 Corridor Plan needs more work to better improve the Hartwell Village area. Mr. Barnett mentioned that the county wants to ban billboards for private business, but says it's ok to put a Welcome to Seneca billboard.

Mr. Adam Moore attended representing the younger community and agrees with what Mr. Barnett says. Also the younger people want the tenets of libertarian conservatism in government and that is their number one goal.

5. **Approval of minutes from 08052019** – Ms. McPhail made a motion to amend the minutes to read 6/0 on all votes because she was not present at the last meeting. Seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 7/0.
6. **Joint Planning Commission/County Council meeting regarding the 123 Corridor** – Mr. Chapman explained that there will be a brief meeting before the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Please R.S.V.P.
7. **Planning Commission purpose statement** – No comments.
8. **Transportation Element – financing language**  
**Public comment (3 minutes per person)**

Mr. Tom Markovich refers to Section F paragraph 3 called Exactions (page 18). We have a road upgrade fee. Developers pay for this.

**Discussion/Vote**

Mr. Smith is pleased with the new wording in this section.

Mr. Gramling questioned why does the County only request \$600,000, when we can get 1.9 million? Mr. Chapman will look into this.

Ms. McPhail made a motion to strike the first sentence of 3. Exactions (page 18) reading "While Oconee County has not adopted an impact fee in association with transportation, it experienced in the adoption and administration of such fees." Mr. Vassey seconded and was approved 7/0.

Mr. Smith made a motion to add the Transportation Element – Financing language with amendments. Seconded by Mr. Vassey and approved 7/0.

**9. Economic Element – retirement language**

**Public comment (3 minutes per person) - None**

**Discussion/Vote** – Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt the addition into the Economic Element. Seconded by Mr. Vassey and approved 7/0.

**10. Modification of standing agenda items** – Mr. Smith made the suggestion to move the old and new business, along with Planning updates, be moved further up on the agenda. Discussion followed and this will be revisited December or January.

**11. Old Business** – Mr. Chapman mentioned that the rest of the Comprehensive Plan will be coming the next few weeks and should go to Council the first meeting in November.

Mr. Pearson suggested that the commission read the Agricultural Element. The Agricultural Board have made great suggestions and it's looking good.

**12. New Business** – None

**13. Adjourn-** The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.

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).

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