

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC



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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, January 31, 2022

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members Present

Alex Vassey

Mike Smith

David Nix (via telephone)

Gary Gaulin

Frankie Pearson

Mike Johnson

Staff Present

James Coley

Media Present

Lauren Pierce – The Journal

1. Call to order – Mr. Coley called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Gary Gaulin
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pearson.
4. Election of Officers – Mr. Coley called for nomination for Chair. Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Gaulin for Chair; Mr. Gaulin accepted. Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Pearson for Chair; Mr. Pearson accepted. Mr. Coley called for a vote for Mr. Gaulin; 3 votes cast. Mr. Coley called for a vote for Mr. Pearson; 3 votes cast. Mr. Coley called for a revote due to tie. Mr. Gaulin stated his objectives and qualifications for the Commission if he is elected. Mr. Pearson stated his qualifications for the position. Mr. Coley called for a revote for Mr. Gaulin; 3 votes cast. Mr. Coley called for a revote for Mr. Pearson; 3 votes cast. Mr. Gaulin conceded to Mr. Pearson. Mr. Coley called for a revote for Mr. Gaulin; 1 vote cast. Mr. Coley called for a revote for Mr. Pearson; 5 votes cast. Mr. Pearson is the new Chair. Mr. Pearson called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Nix nominated Mr. Johnson; Mr. Johnson declined. Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Gaulin; Mr. Gaulin accepted. Mr. Pearson called for a vote; 6 votes cast. Mr. Gaulin is new Vice-Chair. Mr. Coley was named Secretary.
5. Approval of minutes for December 6, 2021 – Mr. Nix made a motion to approve the minutes for December 6th; seconded by Mr. Vassey. Mr. Pearson called for a vote; motion was approved unanimously 6/0.
6. Public comment (non-agenda items) – None
7. Commission member comments
 - a. Mr. Johnson stated he is looking forward to a good year.

8. Staff comments

- a. Mr. Coley updated the members on his positive conversations with community stakeholders with respect to the Junkyard Ordinance.

Mr. Gaulin made a motion that the Junkyard Ordinance be an item on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting; Mr. Pearson seconded. No discussion. Mr. Pearson called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously 6/0.

Mr. Gaulin asked Mr. Coley if a County Council-approved study, including sewer expansion in the Fair Play/I-85 overlay, had been given to the Planning Department. Mr. Coley agreed to investigate.

9. Adjourn – Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Pearson seconded the motion. Mr. Pearson called for a vote. The motion was approved unanimously 6/0 at 5:30 PM.

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Non-Agenda Item Public Comment Sign-Up

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