

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, May 16, 2022

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members

Gary Gaulin

Frankie Pearson

Mike Johnson (absent)

Pat Williams

Mike Smith

David Nix

Alex Vassey (absent)

Staff Present

James Coley, Planning Director

Vivian Kompier, Senior Planner

Media Present – Lauren Pierce, The Journal

1. Call to order – Mr. Pearson called meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Gaulin.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Johnson.
4. Approval of minutes from April 18, 2022 – Mr. Gaulin made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously 5/0.
5. Public comment (non-agenda items): None
6. Commission member comments:

At this point Mr. Pearson made a motion to postpone Item #9 Oconee County Code of Ordinances Chapter 26-2(b)2, Chapter 26-2(c)2, 50 right-of-ways on private roads due to Mr. Johnson being absent. Mr. Nix seconded and was approved 5/0.

7. Staff comments: Mr. Coley thanked all those involved in creating the New Residential Address maps 2017-2022, Mr. Nix thanked all as well.
8. Subcommittee updates (Junkyards, Curb cuts, Subdivisions)
 - a. Public comment: Mr. Scott Durham spoke about new subdivisions and the need to address infrastructure and peoples' safety. Mr. Tom Markovich talked about subdivisions, zoning being land use, and that growth is going to happen we just need to say where it goes.
 - b. Junkyard update: Mr. Smith made a motion that the planning commission direct that the proposed junkyard ordinance only address commercial enterprises and not private property

yard junk. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearson. The motion passed 4/1 with Mr. Gaulin opposing.

Mr. Smith then made a motion that the junkyard sub-committee be disbanded and the subject be moved to the full planning commission for their consideration. The motion passed 5/0.

Curb Cut update: Mr. Smith said that the subcommittee met last week and it was a good meeting with Mr. Ben Olsen (SCDOT) and Mr. Kyle Reid (Oconee R & B) were both present. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26 at 9am.

Subdivisions – Mr. Williams said that it was a very productive meeting. Density, greenspace, and stormwater were some of the topics discussed.

Mr. Coley told the members that from now on all the subcommittee meetings will be held in Council Chambers.

13. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:25pm.