



MINUTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 21, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Chairman
Mr. Archie Barron, District III
Mr. Reginald T. Dexter, District V

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder and Clerk to Council, Elizabeth Hulse.

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.oconee.org/council]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Carlos Galarza – Daily Journal

Call to Order:

Chairman Corbeil called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 2 – 0 [Mr. Barron had not yet arrived to the meeting] to approve the minutes from February 3, 2011 meeting as presented.

Presentations [10 minute maximum]

Census Data Review

Ms. Art Holbrooks, Planning Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the initial release of information from the Census Bureau. Mr. Holbrooks noted that it is expected that the full release of data will be completed by the summer of 2011.

Mr. Holbrooks addressed potential redistricting questions centering on reapportionment. He stated that the State is working on redistricting and will provide this information to the county for review/implementation. Any changes to districts would require a Department of Justice review [which can take up to 60 days]. Mr. Moulder stated that in order to have everything in place for the 2012 general election cycle work needs to begin soon.

Mr. Corbeil directed the Administrator to have staff work on a timeline for presentation at the May 3, 2011 Council meeting regarding the anticipated process.

New Business:

No New Business was addressed at this meeting.

Department Reports / Updates:

Planning Department

Mr. Art Holbrooks, Planning Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and discussed the following topics:

- Development Activity
- FEMA
- Air Quality
- Keowee – Toxaway Relicensing
 - Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Aaron Gadsby, Planner, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and discussed the following topics:

- Zoning
- Joint Council/Planning Commission Workshop Issues

Mr. Corbeil noted that regarding issues addressed at the joint workshop and noted that with ongoing public education sessions and publications that confusion regarding zoning issues will be resolved.

Economic Development

Mr. Jim Alexander, Economic Development Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and discussed the following topics:

- Speaking Events
- EDC Newsletter
- Echo Hills Entrance
- CollinsCraft Expansion
- US Engine Valve Expansion
- Altera Polymers Update
- Golden Corner Commerce Park Entrance Road
- Upstate Alliance
- Oconee County Shell Building
- Sheep Farm Road Expansion

In addition, Mr. Alexander provided the Committee with a handout including Oconee County total personal income, Per Capita Personal Income and unemployment statistics as they relate to the rest of the Upstate,

Old Business:

No Old business was addressed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved unanimously to adjourn at 5:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council