



MINUTES
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING

August 16, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Chairman

Mr. John Elliott, District I

Mr. Julian Davis, District IV

The Planning and Economic Development Committee met at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, as well as County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council, present.

Staff Present: Jamie Gilbert / Economic Development Director
James Coley / Planning and Zoning Director

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

Members of the press present: Riley Morningstar / The Journal

Call to Order

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Cain asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation by County Council Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 - 0, to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes as presented.

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Discussion & Action Regarding the Following Items

Planning and Code Enforcement Update

Mr. James Coley, Oconee County Planning and Zoning Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a power point presentation entitled, “Planning, Zoning, and Code Enforcement 2022 Overview and Update” [copy in backup].

Mr. Coley addressed the following topics briefly to the Committee:

1. IPMC [International Property Maintenance Code]
2. Sheriff’s Department involvement with Code Enforcement
3. Code Enforcement Process

Mr. Coley also updated the Committee on the Code Enforcement caseloads, along with the Planning and Zoning Department’s year-to-date plat reviews and subdivision applications.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Coley what he thinks, from his experience, is the reason for the large jump in the plat review over the last few years.

Mr. Coley explained that the number of plat reviews have risen due to the tremendous amount of land transactions that are happening.

Mr. Elliott stated one of his concerns is the density around the lake overlay.

Economic Development Update

Mr. Jamie Gilbert, Oconee County Economic Development Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a handout entitled, “Oconee County Department of Economic Development County Council Economic Development Committee Report” [copy in backup].

Mr. Gilbert addressed the following topics briefly to the Committee:

1. Business Attraction
2. Business Retention and Expansion
3. Operation and Projects

Mr. Cain thanked Mr. Gilbert for his update to the Committee and welcomed him aboard the Oconee County team.

Mr. Davis echoed Mr. Cain’s welcome of Mr. Gilbert and all the Economic Development team.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 3 – 0, to explore site enhancements and grading options of existing industry sites, as well as explore spec building sites.

Mr. Elliott commented that he is looking forward to the great things to come and welcomed Mr. Gilbert to Oconee County.

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Adjourn:

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn, approved unanimously at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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