

# OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Minutes

5:00 pm- Thursday, February 23, 2023

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

### Members

Gary Gaulin

Frankie Pearson

Mike Johnson

Teresa Spicer

David Nix

Pat Williams – Absent

### Staff Present

James Coley, Planning Director

Elise Dunaway, Assistant to Planning & Codes

David Root, County Attorney

### Media

Lauren Pierce, The Journal

1. Call to order – Mr. Pearson called meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Mr. Pearson moved to swap item 8 and 9 on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Gaulin. Approved 5/0
2. Invocation was led by Mr. Root.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Coley.
4. Approval of minutes from January 5, 2023 – Mr. Gaulin moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved unanimously 5/0
5. Public comment (non-agenda items):  
None
6. Commission member comments:  
Mrs. Spicer gave an update on Comp Plan achievements; including completion of 7.3.1.2, 4.1.1.6, 11.1.6.4.
7. Staff comments:  
Mr. Coley presented the yearly review to the members. He also reviewed the student housing development on Shiloh Rd. Discussion followed
8. Discussion regarding amending Chapter 32 of the Oconee County Code of Ordinances by adding a provision proving for preapproval by South Caroling Department of Transportation – guest speaker Joel Smith, SCDOT
  - a. Public Comment was held until after the presentation by Mr. Smith

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b. Discussion / Vote:

Mr. Smith gave an overview of how South Carolina Department of Transportation and Oconee County work together and what is looked at from an access to a state road perspective. Discussion Followed.

Mr. Gaulin made a Motion to direct the Planning Director and County Attorney to work with SCDOT to come up with language for an ordinance revision to apply to all state roads for SCODT approval and process. Seconded by Mr. Johnson, discussion followed Motion Approved unanimously 5/0

Mr. Tom Markovich expresses his concern with some of the wording of the adopted Ordinances 32-222,a.10 (preliminary plan and supporting data submittal requirements).

9. Discussion regarding draft Junkyard ordinance revisions with County Attorney

Mr. Root reviewed the redline draft of the Junkyard ordinance

Mr. Gaulin moved to strike the definition of re-inspection fee. Seconded by Mr. Nix. Approved 5/0.

Mr. Nix moved that Mr. Root add verbiage to the ordinance to give citizens relief for stacking cars. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Approved 4/1.

Mr. Nix moved to strike section with the exception of a clause that includes an expansion clause of change of ownership clause that would trigger compliance with Section 4. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Approved 3/2.

10. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:15 PM.