



OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

6:00 PM, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCONEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

Members Present: Mr. Ownbey
Mr. Gramling
Mr. Johnson
Mr. Kisker
Ms. Lyles
Ms. McPhail
Mr. Pearson

Staff Present: Gregory Gordos, Senior Planner – Community Development

Media Present: None.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Ownbey called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. Invocation by County Council Chaplain

In absence of Mr. Root, Ms. Lyles gave the invocation.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kisker motioned to approve the minutes from March 6, 2017 as amended. Mr. Gramling seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0 with Mr. Johnson absent.

4. Public Comment for Agenda and Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes)

None provided.

5. Discussion on Chapter 38 Article VIII – SIGN CONTROL

Mr. Gordos reintroduced the matter before the board, noting that the language in Sec. 32-520. - Requirements for billboards and other commercial signs was of particular relevance to his day-to-day management of the Planning and Zoning division. Mr. Gordos provided a draft of Article VIII – SIGN CODE reflecting the amendments made at the March 6, 2017 to the Planning Commission. Discussion followed on typical billboard dimensions and the size of signs required for certain land uses.

Ms. Pearson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kisker, to change the definition of *Billboard* under Sec. 32-519. - Terms and definitions. to the following:

“means any (off-premise) sign that advertises goods, products, or services, and that that directs persons to a different location from where the sign is located. The sign area of a billboard shall be not less than 250 square feet to a maximum of 672 square feet.”

The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pearson, to table changes to Sec. 32-520(c) until staff presents examples of signage around 75 square feet and signage located along two lane roads in Oconee County and to write a description for wall signs subject to Sec. 32-520(c).

The motion passed 7-0.

6. Old Business

Mr. Gordos reminded the Commission that Ord. 2016-41 was to be brought before the County Council the next day on March 21, 2017 for Second Reading. Mr. Gordos noted that the Ordinance addressed creating entirely new zoning districts (AD-5 and AD-50) would amend the Zoning Use Matrix of Chapter 38 of the Oconee County, South Carolina – Code of Ordinances, in addition to the changes in conditional uses that have been considered by the Commission over the past several months. It was described as a broad impact on the Code of Ordinances as a whole if adopted. Mr. Gordos recommended that current members read the Ordinance and to make sure it reflected their intent and requested that a Commissioner attend the County Council meeting in case there are any questions by the Council.

7. New Business

Mr. Pearson noted that he had been contacted by his Council representative regarding the progress on the topic of corridor planning and requested that the item be placed back on the agenda for discussion. Mr. Johnson also noted he had been contacted by a Council representative to discuss corridor planning.

Ms. Kisker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pearson, to add Continued Discussion on Corridors to the next scheduled meeting. The motion passed 7-0.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Ownbey motioned to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.