



MINUTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
June 20, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Cain, District II, Chairman

Mr. Julian Davis, District IV

Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Planning & Economic Development Committee met at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present, Administrator Scott Moulder [came in late], County Attorney David Root and Clerk to Council, Katie D. Smith.

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Richard Blackwell, Oconee Economic Alliance [OEA] 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.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Steven Bradley – Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 3 – 0, to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2017 meeting as presented.

Discussion Regarding Scenic Highway Committee Meeting

Mr. Root updated the Committee regarding the Scenic Highway. Lengthy discussion followed to include:

- Difficulty populating the scenic highway committee
- Drafted Ordinance that caused concern about removing the program vs. the committee
- Combine tasks of committee with an existing committee, such as Planning Commission
- Scenic Highway Committee is modeled after state law
- Planning department receives application for scenic highway designation; it is forwarded to scenic highway committee which makes a recommendation based on criteria which then goes to the Planning Commission; Planning Commission makes a report that comes to full Council
- Ad hoc Committee made up of Planning Commission members and one to three other citizens at large

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 3 – 0, to direct the County Administrator to speak with the Planning Commission for their consideration of operating on an ad hoc basis as needed and get recommendation and report to full Council.

Economic Development Update

Mr. Richard Blackwell, Oconee Economic Alliance [OEA] Director, addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes].

- Logos
- Destination Oconee
- Gateway Signage
- OITP Workforce Campus
- GCCP Spec Building Update

Mr. Moulder came in at this time.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Hart thanked Mr. Blackwell for his work on these projects.

No action taken at this time.

Corridor Planning Update

Mr. Moulder updated the Committee regarding the Corridor Planning.

- Alta Planning Consultant
- Planning Commission member reached out to other communities; found one where they went through a commercial corridor and put together an ordinance
- Getting copy of ordinance to use as a model
- Planning Commission to begin discussion of modifying ordinance to fit the needs of Oconee County

No action taken at this time.

Planning Staff Update

No update from Mr. Greg Gordos.

No action taken at this time.

Unfinished Business:

None addressed at this meeting.

New Business:

None addressed at this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council