



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
November 7, 2017

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Ms. Edda Cammick, Chairwoman, District I
Mr. Julian Davis III, Vice Chair, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chair Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root, and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council present.

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: Norm Cannada / Daily Journal & Dick Mangrum / WGOG.

Call to Order

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Mr. Tom Markovich addressed Council regarding zoning and noted his opinion would be that only a single parcel would be necessary to rezone.

Mr. Ben Turetzky addressed Council regarding the October 24, 2017 workshop between Council and the Planning Commission, Duke Energy, zoning, Economic Development, & Hamilton Career Center.

County Council Response to Public Comment

None at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

Ms. Cammick asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Jerry Barnett 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. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the October 17, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the October 24, 2017 Workshop Meeting with Planning Commission minutes as presented.

Executive Session:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0 to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

- [1] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Omega.*
- ~~*[2] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Blue Bell.*~~
- [3] Receive legal advice in relation to and discuss Multi-County Industrial Park revenue.*

Council entered Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0.

Ms. Cammick stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. McCall recused himself from discussion during Executive Session regarding Project Omega due to potential economic conflict [copy of recusal form filed with these minutes].

Agenda was amended to remove Project Blue Bell from Executive Session.

Mr. Moulder excused himself from the meeting at this time.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0, to amend the agenda to add **Ordinance 2017-27**, to be read in title only due to time constraints faced by Project Omega in the development of the project, as follows: “An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) by and between the Oconee Economic Alliance (“OEA”), Oconee County, and Project Omega which memorializes and authorizes certain economic development incentives for Project Omega, including the transfer by the County to the OEA of approximately twenty-two acres of County-owned real property located within the Oconee Industry and Technology Park, along with economic development funds to be determined on the basis of three appraisals for the purpose of OEA facilitating the construction of a building to house the expansion of Project Omega’s manufacturing facilities, and authorizing the acceptance by the County of ownership of Project Omega’s existing manufacturing facility for future use or resale; also authorizing the execution of all other agreements necessary to give effect to the MOU; all contingent on certain investment and the creation of jobs by Project Omega; and all other matters related thereto.”

Mr. McCall recused himself from the motion to amend the agenda and recused himself from the vote regarding **Ordinance 2017-27**.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-27 [title only] “An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) by and between the Oconee Economic Alliance (“OEA”), Oconee County, and Project Omega which memorializes and authorizes certain economic development incentives for Project Omega, including the transfer by the County to the OEA of approximately twenty-two acres of County-owned real property located within the Oconee Industry and Technology Park, along with economic development funds to be

determined on the basis of three appraisals for the purpose of OEA facilitating the construction of a building to house the expansion of Project Omega's manufacturing facilities, and authorizing the acceptance by the County of ownership of Project Omega's existing manufacturing facility for future use or resale; also authorizing the execution of all other agreements necessary to give effect to the MOU; all contingent on certain investment and the creation of jobs by Project Omega; and all other matters related thereto."

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 4 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-27** on first reading.

Proclamation 2017-09

PROCLAMATION 2017-09 A PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Mr. McCall read the proclamation into the record.

Veterans that were present came forward to accept **Proclamation 2017-09** from Mr. McCall.

Presentation to Council

Senior Solutions / Doug Wright, President & CEO

Mr. Doug Wright, President & CEO of Senior Solutions, addressed Council utilizing a handout and a PowerPoint presentation [copies filed with these minutes] highlighting the following:

- Oconee Senior Center
- Walhalla Senior Activity Center
- Home Delivered Meals
- Insurance Services
- Adult Day Care
- Senior Transportation
- Lakeview Assisted Living
- Sloan Street Housing Development
- Home Care
- Oconee County Impact
- Great Partnership

Mr. Davis & Mr. Cain thanked Mr. Wright and his staff for what they do and continue to do for the seniors in Oconee County.

Ms. Cammick noted the road in front of the building needed to be a little bit safer, especially since people park across the street. She noted she has spoken with Mr. Moulder about some ideas they may be able to complete. Additionally, she noted Mr. Moulder and Mr. Wright would need to get together and discuss these ideas further.

Discussion continued.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

None at this meeting.

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances:

None at this meeting.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances:

None at this meeting.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances:

Ordinance 2017-26 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND **ORDINANCE 2017-01** WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND PROVIDED FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve **Ordinance 2017-26** on second reading.

Mr. Root noted Mr. McCall made a motion at the last Council meeting to amend the Ordinance to reduce the annual park pass for senior citizens, legally disabled, and veterans to free and the document is attached to show the change. However, there are some text that need to be changed and will be corrected for final reading at the next meeting.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, approved by Mr. Hart, it was approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-26** on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances [continued]:

Ordinance 2017-25 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO “AMENDMENTS AND REZONING” GENERALLY AND “METHODS OF INITIAL REZONING” IN PARTICULAR; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0, to approve **Ordinance 2017-25** on first reading.

Board & Commission Appointments

Building Codes Appeal Board

No nominations were made.

Conservation Bank Board

No nominations were made.

Board of Zoning Appeals

No nominations were made.

Agricultural Advisory Board

No nominations were made.

Old / Unfinished Business

None at this meeting.

New Business

Ms. Cammick noted Ms. Sharon DeRidder, Grants Administrator, needs a letter of support for a grant application to Palmetto Community Pride to install 14 large trash bins to be placed at 4 boat landings on Lake Hartwell.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the letter of support for a grant application to Palmetto Community Pride.

Council Committee Reports

None at this meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. .

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council