



MINUTES

BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Council Chambers, Oconee Administrative Offices, Walhalla, SC

May 24, 2016

MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Chairman

Ms. Edda Cammick District I Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met at 1:30 PM in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Ms. Cammick], Administrator Scott Moulder, Finance Director Ladale Price and Josh Stephens Deputy Director of Community Development 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.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: Dick Mangrum – WGOG, Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent & Steven Bradley – Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Cain called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 3 – 0 – 1 [Mr. McCall abstained – form filed with these minutes] to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2016 meeting as presented.

Continued Budget Discussions re: Oconee County FY2016-2017 Budget

Mr. Cain opened the meeting for members of Council that may have questions regarding the proposed budget.

Lengthy discussion followed with various opinions offered regarding the various budget versions and the bonding proposal to include but not limited to: Local Government Funding by the State; the need for incremental millage increases as part of good planning and consistency; shells buildings; Oconee Tri-County Technical College Campus; purchase of the Patillo property along Hwy 123; possible funding mechanisms for Sewer South; etc.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, to adopt “*Oconee County Administrator’s Recommended Budget: Fiscal Year 2016-2017 **VERSION 2 as of April 26, 2016***” [copy on CD filed with May 5, 2016 Budget Committee minutes].

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, to amend the motion to [1] include the reclassification of a Clerk I from part-time to full-time in the Clerk of Court Department (\$14,564); and, [2] include one Planner I position in the Community Development Department (\$56,972). The motion passed 3 – 1 with Mr. McCall opposed.

[Please note these changes will be reflected in “*Oconee County Administrator’s Recommended Budget: Fiscal Year 2016-2017 **VERSION 4 as of May 24, 2016***”]

Mr. Cain called for the vote on the motion as amended. The motion passed 3 – 1 [Mr. McCall opposed].

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 1 [Mr. McCall opposed] to include a 1.5 millage increase in “*Oconee County Administrator’s Recommended Budget: Fiscal Year 2016-2017* **VERSION 2 as of April 26, 2016**” [copy on CD filed with the May 5, 2016 Budget Committee minutes].

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 3 -1 [Mr. McCall opposed] to accept the “*Fiscal Year 2017 General Obligation Bond Proposal*” [copy filed with the May 5, 2015 Budget Committee minutes].

Continued Budget Discussions re: SDOC FY2016-2017 Budget

Not discussed at this meeting.

Other Business

None discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joshua A. Stephens
Deputy Director
Community Development