



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
October 1, 2009

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Reg Dexter, District V, Council Chairman
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council met on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Interim Administrator Kendra Brown and Elizabeth G. Hulse, 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.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent and Carlos Galarza – The Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Dexter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Executive Session:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved unanimously to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:13 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Thrift, seconded by Mr. Suarez, approved unanimously.

Mr. Dexter stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Dexter stated that the purpose for the Executive Session had been to discuss the candidates for the open Administrator position and to decide on the next action. He noted that all four candidates have excellent resumes and that no negative feedback was received on the reference checks for any of the candidates. Mr. Dexter stated that one of the four candidates stood out from the rest however and that after careful consideration and discussion it was decided that Council would reopen the process with the understanding that the top candidate would remain as a finalist. He noted that Council felt that they needed a larger pool to select from.

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to extend the search utilizing a professional search firm to assist in the selection of a County Administrator and that Council will hire an experienced Interim Administrator to handle the day to day activities until a permanent Administrator is selected.

Mr. Dexter took this opportunity to extend the Council's sincere appreciation to Ms. Kendra Brown, Interim Administrator, for her dedication and hard work. He noted that she has done a fantastic job and that he feels confident that if she so chose in the future she would be an excellent Administrator. In addition, he also commended Ms. Hulse for her hard work and assistance during this time.

Each of the Council members echoed Mr. Dexter's comments noting that each have performed their duties in a professional and friendly manner and that they have could not have continued moving the County forward without their assistance.

Ms. Brown thanked Council for their remarks noting that it has been a pleasure to serve and a great learning experience and that she looks forward to a long career with Oconee County.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council