



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2012

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney, County Administrator Scott Moulder, Assistant Administrator Glenn Breed, Executive Assistant Amanda Brock and Clerk to Council Elizabeth G. Hulse 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 Radio, Ray Chandler – Anderson Independent, Ashton Hester – Keowee Courier & Mike Eads - The Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session [related to specific agenda items]:

Mr. C. W. Richards addressed Council in support of the Fair Play Master Plan but voiced concerns regarding possible use of tax dollars for the project.

Mr. Brit Adams addressed Council in support of the Fair Play Master Plan but voiced concerns regarding possible use of tax dollars for the project. In addition, he voiced his opposition to use of tax payer dollars as an incentive for the Hampton Inn to locate in Seneca.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council in support of the Fair Play Master Plan but voiced concerns regarding possible use of tax dollars for the project.

Public Comment Session [related to non-agenda items]:

Mr. Clay Andrews, Upstate Alliance, Director Investor & Public Relations, addressed Council introducing himself in his new role with the Alliance.

Mr. John Dalen addressed Council in opposition to zoning.

County Council Response to Public Comment:

Mr. Dexter stated that the Fair Play Master Plan is in line with the established overlay in the Code of Ordinances; that it is an attempt by the community to establish standards to protect and maintain their rural look and culture; that it is a conceptual plan of what “could be”, and lastly that tax dollars are not planned to fund the project.

Meeting Recess:

Mr. Thrift announced a recess at 6:16 p.m.

Meeting Reconvene:

Mr. Thrift reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Barron led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Minutes: Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2012 regular meeting as presented.

Presentation to Council from Outside Organizations

Appalachian Council of Government [ACOG] 2013-2017 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy [CEDS] Report

Mr. David Shellhorse, ACOG Senior Economic Development Planner, addressed Council utilizing the 2013-2017 CEDS Report [copy filed with these minutes] and a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting key areas of the report and the strategies utilized. Mr. Shellhorse noted that the report is required to be rewritten every five years and updated annually. Discussion followed.

Council thanked Mr. Shellhorse for the presentation.

Mr. Baron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 5 – 0 to instruct the Clerk to Council to forward to ACOG a letter of support for the 2013-2017 CEDS Report.

Seamon Whiteside & Associates Golden Corner Commerce Park [GCCP] Master Plan

Mr. Chris Watson, Seamon Whiteside Design Team, addressed Council utilizing the GCCP Master Plan handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting several conceptual options for the park. Discussion followed. No action was taken on this Plan at this meeting.

Seamon Whiteside & Associates Fair Play Village Master Plan

Mr. Watson also addressed Council utilizing the Fair Play Village Master Plan handout [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting several conceptual options for the Fair Play community. Discussion followed. Mr. Thrift thanked Mr. Watson for both presentations. No action was taken on this Plan at this meeting.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

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| ✓ Proclamation P2012-07 | ✓ Ordinance 2012-31 |
| ✓ Resolution R2012-14 | ✓ Ordinance 2012-32 |
| ✓ Resolution R2012-15 <i>[details below]</i> | |

In addition, Mr. Moulder reviewed the following Action Items before Council.

1. 2012 General Election Part Time Employee / Registration & Elections / \$4,200
2. Local & State ATAX Recommendations / \$161,447.51

Resolution R2012-15:

Mr. Moulder addressed in greater detail issues surrounding Resolution R2012-15 to include why create a new Metropolitan Planning Organization [MPO] with Clemson. Mr. Moulder provided some background information related to census data as it relates to the establishment of MPO's. He stated that MPO's are designated with the review and recommendation of how Federal transportation funds are to be spent in an area. Mr. Moulder noted that after the recent 2010 census that the Greenville MPO [GPATS] would likely pull Clemson into their group. Clemson has voiced concern that their representation within the GPATS would not be significant; therefore they wish to establish an MPO encompassing parts of Pickens County [west of Easley but not encompassing Easley] and parts of Oconee County [north of 123/28, south of 28, and including Clemson University property in Oconee County].

Mr. Moulder stated that he felt it was in our benefit to be included as we would have equal representation within the MPO as any governing boards representation is based on population and at this time we have equal population with the Pickens County area affected. Discussion followed.

First & Final Reading of the Following Proclamations

Proclamation P2012-07 "A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE UPSTATE HERITAGE QUILT TRAIL UPON THE DEDICATION OF THE 100TH QUILT"

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Proclamation P2012-07** on first and final reading. Mr. Ken Sloan, Mountain Lakes Convention & Visitor's Bureau [CVB] Director & Ms. Martha File were present to accept the Proclamation.

Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

None at this meeting.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

[Note: Public Hearings will be scheduled at or before third & final reading for the following ordinances as required]

Ordinance 2012-31 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1-7, ENTITLED *GENERAL PENALTY; CONTINUING VIOLATIONS* OF CHAPTER 1, ENTITLED *GENERAL PROVISIONS*, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-31** on second reading.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2012-32 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 6-84, ENTITLED *VIOLATION AND PENALTIES* OF ARTICLE III, ENTITLED *ADMINISTRATION*, OF CHAPTER 6, ENTITLED *BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS*, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, TO PROVIDE FOR ONLY CIVIL PENALTIES IN THE EVENT OF A VIOLATION OF THE BUILDING CODES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 6 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2012-32** on first reading.

First Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution R2012-14 “A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE, TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2012-14** on first and final reading.

Resolution R2012-15 “A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF A TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) SEPARATE FROM THAT OF THE GREENVILLE-PICKENS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (GPATS) MPO TO CARRY OUT A CONTINUOUS, COOPERATIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM REQUIRED OF MPO’S UNDER FEDERAL LAW WITHIN A DESIGNATED PLANNING AREA TO INCLUDE OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA”

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution R2012-15** on first and final reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

2012 General Election Part Time Employee / Registration & Elections / \$4,200 from Contingency

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve up to \$4,200 from the Council Contingency account to cover a part time employee for the Registration & Elections Department for the 2012 General Election.

Local & State ATAX Recommendations / \$161,447.51

Mr. Phil Shirley, PRT Director, addressed Council regarding the Local & State ATAX Recommendations. He provided Council with an Amended Worksheet [copy filed with these minutes] noting that the two CVB requests are funded through ATAX as outlined in Ordinance 2011-12.

Mr. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve \$161,447.51 for Local & State ATAX grants as outlined on the Agenda Item Summary and attached amended worksheet.

Council Committee Reports

None scheduled for this meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

Library Board

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to appoint Mr. Martin Adelberg, Salem, SC, to the Library Board to complete Mr. Biff Kennedy's term.

Old Business

None scheduled for this meeting.

New Business

Mr. Thrift noted that Council participated in the announcement in Seneca earlier in the day regarding the new Hampton Inn to be located adjacent to Hwy. 123.

After that meeting, members of Council attended a Health & Safety Fair, lunch and tour of the plant at Schneider Electric Corporation. Mr. Thrift noted that the Plant Manager, Mr. Smith, voiced his appreciation to Oconee County; noting it was a pleasure to work with the county's Economic Development team. Mr. Smith also commented on the enthusiastic employees noting their dedication and hard work to keep Schneider competitive. Lastly, Mr. Thrift noted that Mr. Smith commended both the School District of Oconee County [SDOC] and Tri-County Technical College [TCTC] for their assistance in preparing and training their staff. Mr. Thrift said the day was an excellent experience and he thanked Schneider for their continued support of Oconee County.

Executive Session

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contractual matter.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., on a motion from Mr. Dexter, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barron, approved 5 – 0 to authorize the Administrator to negotiate a settlement in regards to the matter discussed in Executive Session up to the amount discussed.

Adjourn

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council