



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT
February 20, 2014

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Oconee County Council met on February 20, 2014 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder; Public Information Officer 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 & Carlos Galarza - Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Thrift called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report [CAFR] Presentation

Mr. Moulder turned the floor over to Mr. Mark Pullium, Administrative Services Director, who addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013” [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report [CAFR], ending June 30, 2013. Discussion followed.

Financial Analysis

Mr. Moulder addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Oconee County Pre-Budget Workshop: Annual Budget for Year Ending June 30, 2015” [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following key areas:

- Cash Flow Projection
- Expenditure History
- Personnel v. Operations
- Personnel Expenses
- Number of Personnel by Function
- Revenue History
- Millage Rate Trends
- Debt Margin
- Fund Balance Breakdown
- Capital Projects Fund
- Budget Calendar
- Upcoming Revenue Projections

Some discussion followed regarding various aspects of Mr. Moulder’s presentation.

2013 Strategic Plan Progress & Accomplishments / Mr. Moulder

Mr. Moulder addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation entitled “2013 Priority Policy Areas: Update on Progress” [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following key areas related to 2013 Short Term Policy Areas:

- Economic Development
- Jail
- Library / Former Courthouse
- Zoning
- Recycling
- Communications
- Transportation

Mr. Moulder addressed progress made toward accomplishing the directives to staff for each policy area and additionally included comments on each policy area’s relationship to implementation of the goals established in the Comprehensive Plan.

Some discussion followed regarding various aspects of Mr. Moulder’s presentation.

Breaks

Council took two breaks throughout the meeting:

- 10:24 a.m. and returned at 10:37 a.m.
- 1:21 p.m. and returned at 1:29 p.m.

Lunch

Council recessed for lunch between 11:17 p.m. and returned at 12:16 p.m.

Discussion of Short & Long Term Goals for Oconee County / Mr. Dennis Lambries

Mr. Dennis Lambries, Research Associate, Survey Research Laboratory, Institute for Public Service & Policy Research, University of South Carolina, led Council through discussions reviewing and where applicable updating the short term goals [12 months] and long term goals [2-4 years]. He utilized several methods including SWOT [strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats] and stakeholder analysis to engage Council in identification of these goals. This process lasted approximately 2 ½ hours with lively discussion and various opinions offered.

Mr. Thrift along with other Council members thanked Mr. Lambries for facilitating another successful strategic planning retreat.

Mr. Lambries final report will be incorporated into these minutes as part of the permanent record of the meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council