



**MINUTES**  
**OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 7, 2015**

**MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Council Chairman  
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Edda Cammick, District I, Chairman Pro Tem  
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV  
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, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney Thomas Martin 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](http://www.oconeese.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: Dick Mangrum/WGOG Radio, Ray Chandler/Anderson Independent & Steven Bradley/The Daily Journal.

**Call to Order**

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

**Public Comment Session**

Ms. Nancy Farrar discussed the importance of having safe means of travel for bicyclists and runners. She also asked Council to prioritize funding for bike lanes, sidewalks and other items that address safety issues.

**County Council Response to Public Comment**

Ms. Cammick asked that Council consider the installation of floating platform between Falls Creek Landing and "The Rock" as way to reduce accidents in this area.

**Moment of Silence**

Mr. McCall asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

**Invocation by County Council Chaplain:**

Mr. Tom Martin, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Thrift led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, to approve the March 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.

## 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:

- Public Hearings: 2015-11, 2015-12, 2015-13
- Third & Final Readings: 2015-11, 2015-12
- Second Reading for Ordinances: 2015-08, Reconsideration of 2015-13, 2015-14
- First & Final Reading of Resolutions: R2015-07
- Discussion Items
- Council Committee Reports
- Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an economic development matter and a pending litigation matter

## Public Hearings regarding the Following Ordinances

**Ordinance 2015-11** "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND **BORG WARNER TORQ TRANSFER SYSTEMS, INC.**, WHEREBY OCONEE COUNTY AND BORG WARNER TORQ TRANSFER SYSTEMS, INC. WILL AGREE TO A MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT AND WILL INCORPORATE THE TERMS OF ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. McCall opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. McCall asked if any citizens wished to address Council – no citizens addressed Council.

Mr. McCall asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. McCall closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2015-11**.

**Ordinance 2015-12** "AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND SECTION 34-1 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY DELETING AND RESCINDING THE SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. McCall opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. McCall asked if any citizens wished to address Council – no citizens addressed Council.

Mr. McCall asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. McCall closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2015-12**.

**Ordinance 2015-13** "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **PROJECT MOLD** AND INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES RELATED TO THE PROJECT; EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK FOR THE PROJECT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO"

Mr. McCall opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. McCall asked if any citizens wished to address Council – no citizens addressed Council.

Mr. McCall asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. McCall closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2015-13**.

### **Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Ordinance 2015-11** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND **BORG WARNER TORQ TRANSFER SYSTEMS, INC.**, WHEREBY OCONEE COUNTY AND BORG WARNER TORQ TRANSFER SYSTEMS, INC. WILL AGREE TO A MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT AND WILL INCORPORATE THE TERMS OF ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2015-11** on third & final reading.

**Ordinance 2015-12** “AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND SECTION 34-1 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY DELETING AND RESCINDING THE SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2015-12** on third & final reading.

### **Second Reading of the Following Ordinances**

**Reconsider & Amend Second Reading of Ordinance 2015-13** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **PROJECT MOLD** AND INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES RELATED TO THE PROJECT; EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK FOR THE PROJECT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0, to reconsider **Ordinance 2015-13** on second reading.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0, to amend **Ordinance 2015-13** as presented at this meeting.

Mr. McCall called for the vote. The motion to approve **Ordinance 2015-13** as amended was approved 5 - 0.

**Ordinance 2015-14** “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 "ZONING" OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ALL ZONING MAPS INCORPORATED THEREIN AND THEREBY, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” *[2015 SUB01]*

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2015-14** on second reading.

### **First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions**

**Resolution R2015-07** “A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA DESIGNATION PETITION” and Agreement

In response to questions from Council, Mr. Trent Acker, Executive Director of WorkLink, detailed the reason for the resolution and makeup of the board members.

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Resolution 2015-07** on first & final reading.

## **Discussion Regarding Action Items:**

### **Planning Commission Recommendation / Capital Project List [CIP v2014-01]**

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0, to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

### **Old Business:**

*[None scheduled at this meeting.]*

### **New Business:**

#### **TIGER Grant Funding**

Ms. Cammick asked Mr. Moulder to look into applying for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funds for road improvements.

### **Executive Session:**

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an economic development matter and a pending litigation matter.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0, to authorize and direct the Administrator to proceed pursuant to the terms discussed in Executive Session regarding the potential litigation matter.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joshua A. Stephens  
Deputy Director of Community Development