



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2016

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Chairman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, 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 David Root 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 [upon request] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Ray Chandler / Anderson Independent & Stephen Bradley / The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. Cain called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Ms. Jean Jennings requested Council consider lapel microphones for Council members, Administrator & County Attorney positions to assist citizens in hearing the meetings.

County Council Response to Public Comment

Several Council members concurred with Ms. Jennings comments.

Moment of Silence

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

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

The County Council Chaplain gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Ms. Hulse 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. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve the March 1, 2016 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:

- Third Readings: Ordinance 2015-34 [this ordinance as presented requires an amendment to approve in the form presented]
- Second Readings: Ordinance 2016-05, 2016-06, 2016-07, 2016-12 & 2016-13
- First Readings: Ordinance 2016-10 & 2016-14; both in title only
- First & Final Readings for Resolutions: R2016-04
- Discussion Regarding Action Items
- Council Committee Reports
- Board & Commission Appointments

Third and Final Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2015-34 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FEE-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX ARRANGEMENT ON BEHALF OF **PROJECT MACKINAW** ("COMPANY") PURSUANT TO A FEE-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ("COUNTY") AND THE COMPANY; AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING"

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift to approve **Ordinance 2015-34** on third and final reading.

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to amend **Ordinance 2015-34** [1] as presented in the meeting, and [2] adding the following language to Section 5 / Fee Agreement Section 4.13. *"The initial conveyance of the Project Site is subject to the County's right to ensure the Project is (x) completed in a timely manner and (y) transferred to the Company in a form mutually agreeable to the County, the Company, and the developer in a timely manner. If (a) the Project is (i) not completed in a timely manner and (ii) the Project Site is not conveyed to the Company in a timely manner, or (b) the County does not receive payment at an agreed on value for the Project Site, then the County has the right to have the Project Site, with all improvements thereon, vested in the County."*

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to table **Ordinance 2015-34** as amended at this meeting on third reading and to schedule both the public hearing and third & final reading for the next regular Council meeting to be held April 5, 2016.

Second Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-05 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 2, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-05** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-06 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 5, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO GROUP HOME DEVELOPMENTS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-06** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-07 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 7, OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS PERTAINING TO TATTOOING FACILITIES, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2016-07** on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-12 “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF EASEMENT RIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILITY CONSTRUCTION AT THE OCONEE INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY PARK”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve

Ordinance 2016-12 on second reading.

Ordinance 2016-13 “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENT RIGHTS TO BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE NEAR THE OCONEE REGIONAL AIRPORT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELOCATING EXISTING ABOVE-GROUND ELECTRICAL LINES TO UNDERGROUND LINES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve

Ordinance 2016-13 on second reading.

First Reading for the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2016-10 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **PROJECT SWITCH**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES; THE PLACEMENT OF THE PROJECT IN A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK; AND RELATED MATTERS”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve

Ordinance 2016-10 on first reading in title only.

Ordinance 2016-14 [in title only] “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND OCONEE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2015-01, THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2016, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve

Ordinance 2016-14 on first reading in title only.

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

Resolution R2016-04 “AN INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION BY OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA RELATING TO THE COUNTY'S EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT, THE FEES IN LIEU OF TAXES THEREUNDER PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, AND THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, ALL AS TO **PROJECT SWITCH**; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve

Resolution R2016-04 on first & final reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

Local ATAX Grants / Spring 2016 Cycle / \$60,000

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to approve the Local ATAX grants as presented on the provided worksheet.

Old Business:

None at this meeting.

New Business:

Mosquito / Infectious Disease Awareness: Mr. McCall

Mr. McCall reminded all about the need to mitigate standing water in yards and public areas in order to minimize mosquitos and the diseases that they carry.

Council Committee Reports

Planning & Economic Development / Mr. Dexter

Mr. Dexter read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the activities and discussions at the March 8, 2016 committee meeting.

Transportation / Mr. Thrift

Mr. Thrift read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the activities and discussions at the March 8, 2016 committee meeting.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to affirm the committee’s recommendation to direct staff to conduct an investigation and develop a resolution for County Council to consider consenting to the judicial abandonment and closure of **Hetrick Street** at the April 5, 2016, County Council Meeting.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cammick, approved 5 – 0 to affirm the committee’s recommendation to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance for action at the April 5, 2016 regular Council meeting as discussed at this meeting regarding “**Minimum Maintenance Road Standards**”.

Board & Commission Appointments

Capital Projects Advisory Committee

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to re-appoint Mr. Franking Pearson to an At Large Seat on the Capital Projects Advisory Committee for his second term.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to appoint Ms. Lisa Bisuel to an At Large Seat on the Capital Projects Advisory Committee for her first one year term beginning with the June 2016 meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council