



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
October 17, 2017

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II
Ms. Edda Cammick, Chairwoman, District I
Mr. Julian Davis III, Vice Chair, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chair Pro Tem, 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 Katie D. Smith, 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.oconeesc.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: Norm Cannada / Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Ms. Cammick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Mr. Jerry Barnett addressed Council regarding County payroll, school budget, and Heritage Corridor.

County Council Response to Public Comment

None at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

Ms. Cammick asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to approve the October 3, 2017 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:

- First Reading of Ordinance: 2017-26
- Board & Commission Appointments
- Council Committee Reports

Mr. Moulder noted there was a scrivener's error on the Agenda under the Council Committee reports, which has been corrected to read Planning & Economic Development instead of Planning Commission.

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2017-26 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2017-01 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND PROVIDED FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES, FOR THE TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE VICTIM SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, FOR THE BRIDGE AND CULVERT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AND FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, ALL IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve **Ordinance 2017-26** on first reading.

Mr. McCall noted he wanted to amend the Ordinance to include veterans to be eligible for annual pass to County Parks free of charge. Discussion followed to include:

- Small token to give back to the veterans
- Current fee schedule allows reduced annual pass for senior citizens 62 years or older, legally disabled, and veterans
- Consider providing the annual pass free of charge to senior citizens and legally disabled as well
- Normal annual pass for access to all County Parks is \$25 and reduced for qualifying individuals to \$15
- Day use is \$2 per entry
- Anyone that is with the individual is accompanied in at the same rate
- Potentially sign up at the gate for pass
- Revenue Impact

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to amend **Ordinance 2017-26** to include senior citizens 62 years and older, legally disabled, and veterans to be eligible for annual pass to County Parks free of charge.

Ms. Cammick called for the vote on the motion as amended. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Board & Commission Appointments

Building Codes Appeal Board

No nominations were made. Mr. Moulder noted he spoke with Mr. Markovich and he was going to announce the opening through the Homebuilders Association and also noted Mr. Scott Carroll would submit an email over the list serve to all the builders that have signed up as well.

Conservation Bank Board

No nominations were made.

Board of Zoning Appeals

No nominations were made.

Agricultural Advisory Board

No nominations were made.

Old / Unfinished Business

Mr. Davis made a nomination, approved 5 – 0, to appoint Ms. Marty Jennings, Interim City of Salem Manager, to the Recreation Review Task Force Committee.

Mr. Davis also noted the first meeting for the Recreation Review Task Force has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. and will take place in Council Chambers. He further noted the meeting is open to the public but there will be no public comment. The meeting reminder will go out on 10-18-2017 via email to all members of the committee.

New Business

None at this meeting.

Council Committee Reports

Mr. Cain read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the discussions held at the October 3, 2017 Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting.

Mr. Davis read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the discussions held at the October 10, 2017 Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee meeting [Mr. McCall was not present for this meeting].

Mr. Hart read from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] outlining the discussions held at the October 10, 2017 Transportation Committee meeting.

Executive Session:

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0 to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

- [1] discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Omega.*
- [2] discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Lodge.*
- [3] to receive legal advice and discuss Pioneer water treatment plant litigation.*

Council entered Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by

Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0.

Ms. Cammick stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjourn

Mr. McCall made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council