



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

September 17, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Public Comment Session *[Limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.]*

Council Member Comments

Moment of Silence

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

- September 3, 2019 Regular Minutes

Administrator Comments

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2019-20 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO OR RATIFYING THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF AN INTEREST IN THAT CERTAIN FEE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2008, AND AN INTEREST IN THAT CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2007, SUCH ASSIGNMENT FROM LIFT, LLC, AND SUCH ASSUMPTION BY LIFT TECHNOLOGIES, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT MEMORIALIZING SUCH ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION, AND CONSENT OR RATIFICATION, AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEE AGREEMENT AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2019-22 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO FINANCE AND ACQUIRE CERTAIN FIRE TRUCKS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$2,300,000; TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FINANCING AND ACQUISITION; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.”

First & Final Reading for the Following Resolutions

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Millage Proposal for Tax Year 2019 – Ms. Christy Hubbard, Oconee County Auditor

Request Council approval for 1st year funding a 4 person Special Traffic Enforcement Unit [STEU] to include three [3] STEU Corporals and one [1] STEU Sergeant in an amount not to exceed \$46,560

STEU is designed to reduce fatalities/collisions, reduce speeding, reduce DUI's/Impaired Driving, and increase seat belt and helmet usage. After the conclusion of South Carolina Department of Public Safety [SCDPS] Office of Highway Safety and Justice [OHSJ] "Highway Safety" funding, the Sheriff's Office will commit to funding all STEU efforts, which include personnel salaries/benefits, any replacement/replenish costs for grant purchased items, continue educational awareness efforts, and any STEU vehicle's equipment costs/maintenance.

Request for the Council to commit matching funds, not to exceed \$30,000.00, toward the SC Department of Agriculture Community Grant Program application, to be submitted by the Foothills Agriculture Resource and Marketing Center for \$100,000.00. Allocation of these funds is contingent upon the Grant being awarded to the FARM Center

The FARM Center needs to expand the footprint of the fairgrounds in order to enlarge the educational/agricultural displays available during major events, including the fair. The FARM Center will also need an access road across the rear of the property and expanded parking in order to increase the number of visitors and provide safe access to all parts of the grounds for the Foothills Heritage Market, the SC Foothills Heritage Fair and other events planned for the future. The county's committed funds will go toward improving the safety of the public and expanding their access to the fairgrounds during events such as the annual Foothills Heritage Fair and during the Saturday Farmers Market, which provides fresh, local produce and more to the Oconee County community.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council commit matching funds, not to exceed \$30,000.00, toward the SC Department of Agriculture Community Grant Program application, to be submitted by the Foothills Agriculture Resource and Marketing Center for \$100,000.00. Funds committed by the Council are contingent upon award from the SC Department of Agriculture Community Grant Program.

Local ATAX Grants / Fall 2019 Cycle / \$72,000

Beginning Local ATAX balance	\$322,576
If all grants/projects approved/new balance will be:	\$250,576

Local ATAX Grants worksheet included in backup materials

A portion of Local ATAX revenues received by Oconee County are made available for ATAX grants through Ordinance 2011-12. ATAX grants are to be tourism related grants that meet the ATAX guidelines specified by local and State mandates. Grants are recommended by the PRT Commission based on tourism impact of the project and approved by County Council. All external ATAX grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant.

It is staff's recommendation of approval of ATAX grant recommendations per the attached spreadsheet.

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Discuss authorizing the County Administrator to issue a letter to Mt. Nebo Baptist Church assuring it and its members that it is not now, and has never been, the intent of Oconee County to condemn, take, relocate, or demolish Mt. Nebo Baptist Church as a result of Oconee Regional Airport expansion, operation, or otherwise.

Request Council approval for funding allocation for Ride to Work Ministry – Ms. Amanda Brock, Oconee County Administrator

Ride to Work Ministry Nonprofit Inc. provides affordable transportation to and from work for Oconee County residents who want to work, and can find a job, back lack transportation. Ride to Work Ministry provides rides for up to three [3] months and coach riders along the way to help them transition. Since beginning operations in February 2017, we have received over 200 applications, accepted over 105 people into the program, provided over 5,000 rides, and had 46 graduates.

Documentation for Ride to Work Ministry included in backup materials

Request Council approval for funding allocation for Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund – Ms. Amanda Brock, Oconee County Administrator

Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund [OPSF] has provided emergency aid to Oconee County residents since 1981. OPSF’s organization cares for person on the basis of need rather than racial or religious affiliation. OPSF is particularly concerned about families with children and the elderly.

Documentation for Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund included in backup materials

Council Committee Reports

Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management / Mr. Davis.....[09/03/2019]

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare / Mr. McCall.....[09/03/2019]

Board & Commission Appointments (IF ANY) [Seats listed are all co-terminus seats]

***Building Codes Appeal Board.....1 At Large Seats**

***No questionnaires on file for the seat listed above**

Unfinished Business [to include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion, if required] [None scheduled.]

New Business [may include items which may be scheduled for final action at a future meeting, if required] [None scheduled.]

Executive Session

[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] Discuss personnel matter related to the County Administration.

[2] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Trout.

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[3] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project Aztec.

[4] Discussion regarding an Economic Development matter, Project ACI.

[5] To discuss a contractual matter related to the potential purchase of property for public safety purposes.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances [cont'd]

Ordinance 2019-21 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND ACI PLASTICS SOUTH, LLC, INCLUDING THE INCLUSION OF ACI PROPERTIES SOUTH, LLC, AND GREENCYCLE U.S. HOLDING, INC. AS CO-SPONSORS, AND AMENDING THE FEE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2014; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.”

Adjourn

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