



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING / STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT MEETING

February 27, 2019

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, Chairman Pro Tem, District I

Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Mr. Paul Cain, Vice Chairman, District III

Mr. Julian Davis, Chairman, District IV

Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

Oconee County Council met on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 2:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Interim County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, and Clerk to Council, Katie D. Smith 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.

Member of the press present: Caitlin Herrington / Daily Journal & Dick Mangrum / WGOG.

Call to Order:

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Davis thanked everyone in attendance for being present and also thanked the Administration staff for their hard work.

Mr. Davis asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session due to time restraints.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to amend the agenda to enter into Executive Session first.

Executive Session:

Mr. McCall 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] To receive legal advice and discuss personnel matters related to the following departments: The Rock Quarry, Auditor, Finance, Assessor, Information Technology, Finance, Human Resources, Sheriff's Office, Airport, Treasurer, Facilities Maintenance, Roads and Bridges, Planning, Solid Waste, Registration & Elections, Procurement, and Administration.

Council entered Executive Session at 2:03 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 3:19 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr.

Elliott, approved 5 – 0.

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

Mr. Root asked for a motion to direct the County Administrator to hire an independent forensic auditor to conduct an employee compensation review including salary increases and checks and balance in relation thereto.

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0, to direct the County Administrator to hire an independent forensic auditor to conduct an employee compensation review including salary increases and checks and balance in relation thereto.

Strategic Planning Session began addressing the topics listed below:

- Current Initiatives
- Budget Analysis
- District Discussion
- Oconee County Priorities
- Departmental Needs

Ms. Brock’s final report will be attached into these minutes as part of the permanent record.

Mr. Davis thanked Council members, Administration Staff, Finance Staff, & Clerk to Council for all of their hard work.

Adjourn: Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council