



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Special Meeting

December 06, 2024

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I
Mr. Matthew Durham, Chairman, District II
Mr. Don Mize, Vice Chairman, District III
Mr. Julian Davis III, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chairman Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Amanda F. Brock, County Attorney David Root, & Jennifer C. Adams, 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: Dick Mangrum / 101.7 WGOG

Call to Order

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Durham asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation.

Invocation

Mr. David Root, County Attorney, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Brock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Attorney's Comments

None for this meeting.

Administrator's Comments

None for this meeting.

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Public Comment Session

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by contacting our Clerk to Council, Jennifer C. Adams at jennifercadams@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023, so that she may receive your comment and read it into the record.

1. Ms. Catherine Oakes expressed her appreciation to Mr. Davis for his service to the citizens of Oconee County.

Council Members Comments

Mr. Hart made note that he received a call from a citizen with concerns over punctured tires after visiting the Oconee County Landfill.

Public Hearing for the Following Ordinances *If you would like to be heard during either of the public hearings, please contact Clerk to Council Jennifer C. Adams at jennifercadams@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023 so that your participation by may be coordinated.*

ORDINANCE 2024-24 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND PROJECT MAYFLOWER, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE CURRENT OR FUTURE AFFILIATES AND OTHER PROJECT COMPANIES (COLLECTIVELY, “COMPANY”); PROVIDING FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT; DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY OF THE PROJECT AS PART OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE GRANT AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FOR PROJECT MAYFLOWER; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS..

Mr. Durham opened the floor for Public Comment.

Noting that no citizens signed up to address Council; Mr. Durham opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address Council regarding this ordinance. No citizen addressed Council and no citizen submitted or presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. Durham closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2024-24**.

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2024-24 (*see caption above*)

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, approved 5 - 0, to approve **Ordinance 2024-24** on third and final reading.

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Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2024-26 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CORINTH-SHILOH SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION; ESTABLISHING THE CORINTH-SHILOH SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5- 0, to approve **Ordinance 2024-26** on second reading.

ORDINANCE 2024-27 AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE 2024-05, WHICH APPROPRIATED AND AUTHORIZED THE EXPENDITURE OF FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$56,000.00) DOLLARS OF FUNDING UNDER THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FOR THE SENECA LIBRARY ADA RAMP PROJECT, BY APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL NINETY THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE, AND 50/100 (\$90,173.50) DOLLARS, SO THAT THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE FOR THE SENECA LIBRARY ADA RAMP PROJECT EQUALS ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 50/00 (\$146,173.50) DOLLARS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve **Ordinance 2024-27** on second reading.

Mr. Hart offered his opinion regarding the engineering plans for the Seneca Library ADA Ramp and stated, "he did not want his name associated with this request."

Mr. Mize inquired if Ms. Brock had received an email from a gentleman regarding a proposal for an elevator for this project.

Ms. Brock noted, that while she did receive an email regarding elevators, it was not a proposal and she did forward this email on to the Procurement Director.

Mr. Davis recommended a complete replacement facility for the Seneca Library, noting that a satellite tax and tag office would be beneficial to include, as well.

Mr. Elliott inquired what the monthly visiting volume is at the Seneca Library.

After trying to locate a report to answer Mr. Elliott's question, Ms. Brock noted that she would provide this information when she could retrieve it from her office computer.

Ms. Brock reminded Council that this vote was not for the bid to construct the ramp, it is actually for the expenditure of ARPA funds.

Short discussion by Council and Ms. Brock followed regarding **Ordinance 2024-27**.

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Mr. Elliott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to table **Ordinance 2024-27**.

Mr. Davis moved that Council invite Mr. Blair Hinson, Oconee County Library Director, to attend Council's Strategic Planning Meeting to provide an overview of the libraries and their facilities.

Mr. Root, County Attorney, asked if Council wanted to table **Ordinance 2024-27**, which would kill the ordinance if not brought back before Council, or if they would just like to postpone the reading.

Mr. Elliott made motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, approved 5 – 0, to postpone first reading of **Ordinance 2024-27**.

Executive Session

None for this meeting.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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