



MINUTES

BUDGET, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

November 14, 2017

MEMBERS, ALL OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Ms. Edda Cammick District I, Chairwoman
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II Mr. Paul Cain, District III
Mr. Julian Davis, District IV Mr. Glenn Hart, District V

The Oconee County Budget, Finance & Administration Committee met Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 5:30 PM [immediately preceded the Real Estate, Facilities, & Land Management Committee meeting, which is also scheduled at 5:30 pm] in Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with Committee members Ms. Cammick; Mr. McCall [came in late]; Mr. Hart, Mr. Cain and Mr. Davis, as well as Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney David Root, and Katie 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.

No media was present at this meeting.

Call to Order:

Ms. Cammick called meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the May 9, 2017 minutes as presented.

Ms. Cammick noted there was discussion in the minutes that needed clarification regarding the revenue & expenditure statement. Discussion continued.

Regarding the previous motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was approved 4 – 0, to approve the May 9, 2017 minutes as presented.

Discussion Items

Fees, Impact Fees, & Fines

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the topics indicated below, with various opinions expressed, to include but not limited to:

Park fees for non-residents

- Complaints from residents due to fees to attend parks
- Levy taxes to pay for maintenance of the parks
- Other surrounding states & counties have non-resident park fees

- In researching other counties, most of the county parks that had non-resident fees applied them to annual passes
- One standard fee for each classification
- Reserve America
- Out-of-county residents annual pass is a little higher than in-county residents

Impact fees for new developments, shopping centers, etc. to offset increase in law enforcement & emergency services [fire & EMS]

- Revenue to help with increasing cost of law enforcement & emergency services
- Recreation
- Alternative revenue sources
- New ambulances, stormwater facilities, etc.
- Capital Improvement Planning, Planning Commission, public, etc.
- Future growth in certain areas and identifying what facilities will be needed to accommodate
- Development impact fee is broken down by category [i.e. recreation, roads, stormwater, etc.]
- General Assembly
- Assess impact fees with some mathematical certainty
- Resolution from County Council to Planning Commission
- Capital Project Improvement Plan
- Comprehensive Plan Development
- Type of tax
- New development & new housing
- Economic development projects
- Existing infrastructure
- Affordable housing

Mr. Root noted he would send a memo to Council members with the information discussed and potentially put a Resolution on the Council agenda for December.

Mr. McCall arrived during this discussion.

Fine/Penalties for lake overlay violations

This topic will be discussed at a later time.

Other

None at this meeting.

Discussion Regarding Vehicle Replacement Plan

- Capital Vehicles and Equipment [copy filed with these minutes]
- Purchased 17 vehicles for Sheriff's Department [some vehicles are on grants]
- Replaced Coroner's vehicle and kept the old vehicle as a spare
- Spent roughly \$1.2 million on replacement vehicles
- Capital lease
- Equipment
- On average, \$2 to \$3 and a half million worth of needed equipment replacement over a time period

Discussion regarding potential funding for priorities identified by recreation task force

- Committee meeting minutes will be discussed at County Council meeting on 11/21/2017 during the Committee meeting reports
- Funding
- Identify issues and projects
- Costs
- Budgets calculated, where do the costs go, how do they support County residents, etc.
- County residents vs. City residents
- City Recreation Data form sent to Recreation Review Task Force members
- Net cost cities are absorbing on behalf of County residents
- Adding cost to the next budget
- Future leaders of Oconee County
- Senior citizens

Other Business

The Committee discussed recycling and if staff was permitted to discuss this with the residents. Mr. Moulder noted the attendants are encouraged to guide and direct the residents to dispose correctly. However, the attendants are getting discouraged at times because there are some residents that will not recycle.

Mr. McCall noted the staff is doing an excellent job. He also noted the attendants will remove the contents from the wrong container and deposit in the correct container if they can.

Mr. Cain noted the County needed to have the strictest laws with regard to littering and recycling.

Mr. Root noted the solid waste ordinance and the litter ordinance is being reviewed by Mr. Swain Still and will be added to the Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare Committee agenda in the near future.

Adjourn

Mr. Davis made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council